

ROANOKE ELECTRIC Flashes



Roanoke Electric Cooperative

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Milestone: Roanoke EC makes first connection for high-speed internet service

On April 20, Roanoke Electric Cooperative marked a major milestone in its ongoing Roanoke Connect initiative. After a year of constructing its fiber-optic network, the co-op connected the first member-owner's home to receive high-speed internet service.

Currently, the co-op is allowing a small group of member-owners to test the internet service during a 60-day trial period. Information gathered during the trial period will guide the co-op in evaluating the system's design and considering a plan and timeline for full deployment across the co-op's service territory.

"We are excited to be entering into this phase of the co-op's Roanoke Connect initiative," said Roanoke Electric Cooperative President & CEO Curtis Wynn. "I see this pilot as a learning phase, a good opportunity to begin evaluating the many benefits broadband technology holds for the future of our cooperative and community."

Once the co-op's pilot phase of the project is complete, the internet service will be offered to all co-op member-owners.



Congratulations to member-owner Teresa Watford of Aulander, whose home was the first to be connected to the co-op's high-speed internet network.

To learn more about Roanoke Connect, please visit roanokeelectric.com/RoanokeConnect.

Want savings? Sign up to 'Upgrade'

Is your home overdue for an energy efficiency upgrade? If the answer is "yes," Roanoke Electric's Upgrade to \$ave program offers a win-win solution.

Through Upgrade to \$ave, the co-op will make energy efficiency investments to your home that will improve efficiency and lower your electric bill. Energy efficiency upgrades available through this program include insulation, duct and air sealing, heat pump upgrades, water heater wraps, and LED lighting. These upgrades are available to member-owners regardless of credit score or financial status.

The co-op allows member-owners to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes and businesses without paying anything upfront. In turn, participants agree to pay a voluntary tariff on their electric bill. This tariff will share the energy efficiency savings with the co-op at a level



where participants see immediate savings and the co-op can fully recover its investment.

If you would like to enjoy the benefits of this program, visit roanokeelectric.com/UpgradeToSave.

Connections Card offers discounts on everyday expenses

Roanoke Electric's Co-op Connections Card offers member-owners valuable discounts from local and national businesses. The program helps member-owners save money while shopping for everyday expenses, such as prescription medications.

By simply presenting this card to participating businesses, members can receive special discounts on purchases. Discounts range from automotive services, florists, healthcare, lodging, photography, restaurants to a wide variety of retail services.

These special discounts can be found at the the participating businesses listed on this page.

The card is free for member-owners to use and free for businesses to participate.

If you don't see a business where you frequently shop on our list, simply mention the program to the local business and tell them to contact us if they are interested.

2nd Amendment Creations
Gatesville

AFLAC
Weldon

A-1 Unlimited Bail Bond Services
Windsor

Amaz'n Buys
Weldon

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Sunbury

Arbonne
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Jackson

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Williamston

Janet's Bookkeeping Service
Gates

Jermonico's Café
Weldon

Jerry's Mobile Car Wash
Murfreesboro

Jordan Auto Repair & 24 Hour Towing
Rich Square

Joyful Vitality: Yoga and Coaching
Roanoke Rapids

Kee Builders
Murfreesboro

King's Top Dog
Jackson

L&M Printing
Windsor

L&M Printing & Technology Solutions
Ahoskie

Lake Gaston Construction
Henrico

Lee Insurance Agency
Gatesville

Lewiston Garage & Used Cars
Lewiston

Little Blessings Soaps
Gates

M.A.C. Brothers Services
Ahoskie

Martin Exterminating Company
Roanoke Rapids

Martino Masonry
Lewiston

Mason's Heating Cooling & Electrical
Weldon

Maybelline's Cleaning Services
Aulander

Mr. Sparkle
Aulander

Native Wings C & C
Winton

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Jackson

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Pendleton

Phillips Lawn Service
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Roanoke Rapids

Ron Properties Inc.
Windsor

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Roanoke Rapids

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Merry Hill

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Skinner's Home Energy Conservation Services
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Rocky Mount

Studio 32, Inc.
Sunbury

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Scotland Neck

Taylor Made Candles
Gates

Taylor Recording Studio
Jackson

Upper Cutz Barbershop
George

Uptown Café
Ahoskie

Uptown Discount & Motor Sports
Roanoke Rapids

Vaughan's Heating & Air Conditioning
Murfreesboro

Watson Steam Cleaning
Garysburg

Whispering Pines Taxidermy
Rich Square

Whitaker Driving Improvement Clinic
Roanoke Rapids

If you're a business owner and you'd like to participate in this program, visit roanokeelectric.com/promote to complete your registration form.

Member-owners give back

More than \$10,000 goes back to community



Sheriff Jack Smith accepts a \$2,000 Operation RoundUp grant. The grant will allow the Northampton County Sheriff's Department to purchase portable radio devices to improve communication with state and local agencies.

The Roanoke Electric Cooperative Care Trust Board recently awarded \$10,743.11 in support of efforts to better serve the community, as part of Operation RoundUp.

Through this charitable program, the co-op "rounds up" the monthly electric bills of participating member-owners to the next highest dollar. Those funds are then offered to help community programs and services.

"A special thanks goes to all of the member-owners who commit to rounding up their bills each month," said co-op President and CEO Curtis Wynn. "Your selfless contributions go a long way to help meet the critical needs of our communities."

The following six organizations were awarded first quarter Operation RoundUp grants:

- **Northampton County Sheriff's Office (Jackson):** Awarded \$2,000 to purchase portable radio communication devices. These devices will improve the radio communications with state and local agencies.
- **Tillery Spectrum Connections (Tillery):** Received \$2,000 to purchase educational STEM Walking kits for their upcoming annual Summer Enrichment Camp. Students in grades 1-12 will use these kits to enhance health, physical activity, literacy, environmental stewardship and STEM skills.
- **Como Volunteer Fire Department (Como):** Granted \$2,234.11 to purchase National Fire Protection Association Personal Alert Safety devices. These devices assist in locating downed or disabled firefighters.
- **Eastside EMS (Rich Square):** Awarded \$1,990 to purchase two ambulance suction units. These units are critical when treating patients.
- **Roanoke Rapids Public Library (Roanoke Rapids):** Received \$544 to fund educational activities for this year's Summer Learning Program. Activities will encourage literacy among young readers in the region.
- **Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Department (Murfreesboro):** Granted \$1,975 to purchase lighting equipment that will enhance scene safety and operational capabilities for volunteers.

Learn how to participate in Operation RoundUp. Call (252) 209-2236 or visit roanokeelectric.com/RoundUp.

Get ready for hurricane season

June marks the start of hurricane season, and Roanoke Electric wants our member-owners to be well-prepared for the stormy weather. Here are some ways you can take action now:

- **Make a plan:** Identify the safest spots in your home, designate a meeting place, and write down emergency contact information.
- **Make an emergency kit:** Include water and food (for humans and pets), batteries,

flashlights, a first aid kit and other items your family might need.

- **Review storm safety tips:** Learn how to stay safe through hurricanes and adverse weather at the co-op's website roanokeelectric.com.
- **Connect with us:** See the latest outage updates and important info on our social channels at [facebook.com/RoanokeElectric](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeElectric) or on twitter [@Roanoke_EC](https://twitter.com/Roanoke_EC).



Local students chosen to participate in upcoming Youth Tour



Robinson



Lynch

Two local students will represent Roanoke Electric Cooperative at the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, set for June 10-16 this year in the nation's capital.

Destiny Robinson of Halifax and Conner Lynch of Roanoke Rapids will join more than 1,600 youth tourists from across the United States to experience the nation's capital. During their week in Washington, D.C., Destiny and Conner will meet elected officials, tour Smithsonian museums, visit the Washington Monument and so much more. Along the way, they will build

remarkable connections with their peers and future leaders across the nation.

"Join your cooperative in congratulating Destiny and Connor in being chosen to nurture their leadership skills and ambitions through this tremendous opportunity," said Marshall Cherry, chief operating officer. "We know that they will represent their cooperative well at our nation's capital."

Learn about the co-op's long-standing tradition with the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour: roanokeelectric.com/youthtour.

Upcoming Straight Talk Forums

You are invited to join us for the upcoming Straight Talk forums to learn about all of the great benefits of being a member-owner.

Schedule

- The Halifax Agriculture Center in Halifax, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 29.
- Northampton County Cultural & Wellness Center, 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11.
- Hertford County High School, 10 a.m. Saturday, August 26.

During the series of meetings, you will have the opportunity to pre-register for high-speed internet service and sign

up for the co-op's Triple Savings Deal. With Triple Savings, member-owners receive a free ecobee3 thermostat and Wi-Fi enabled water heater control device, as well as free installation and additional savings for internet service.

Dinner will be served!

Call or email the co-op to make your reservation. Please include your name, telephone number, and the number of guests who will be attending.

For info and to reserve your seat call (252) 209-2267 or email: RSVP@roanokeelectric.com.



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