



Louisburg office to close Customer payments to be accepted at the Youngsville office

Wake Electric's Louisburg customer service office will close at the end of March.

The Louisburg office opened in 1997 and, for a time, was a popular destination for Wake Electric members in the Louisburg area. Members' use of the Louisburg office has declined in recent years and dropped 7.5% in 2007. The decline follows a trend of members using online services rather than visiting an office to conduct business.

As recently as 2003, 40% of Wake Electric's members visited an office each month. In 2007, just four years later, that percentage has declined to 25%. During the same period, online payments [such as electronic banking or payments made over the

Internet] have increased from essentially zero to over 20%.

While online payments are certainly an efficient way to conduct business and one that Wake Electric has encouraged, the declining number of office visits make it difficult for a small office, like Louisburg, to remain cost effective.

Wake Electric's Youngsville Operations Center at 228 Park Avenue opened in 1987 and an administrative office building was added in 2001. The front lobby of that building will be adapted for customer service activities. If you have any questions, call 1.800.474.6300 or 863.6300 or visit us on-line for payment options at www.wemc.com.

Attention Members:
Wake Electric's Annual Meeting is scheduled for
Friday, March 28, 2008 at the Louisburg College Auditorium.
Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the
business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a number of prizes, including \$5,000 in cash prizes. The Grand Prize will be \$1,000 and 2 second place prize of \$500 each. There will be 4 third place prizes of \$250 each and 20 fourth-place cash prizes of \$100 each.

Wake Electric Foundation awards \$5,000 in grants

Wake Electric awards grant to N.C. Coop Extension Franklin County Center

Wake Electric awarded a \$3,500 grant to the N.C. Cooperative Extension Franklin County Center. The grant supports the Annual 4-County Junior Livestock Show and Sale to be held in April near Louisburg at the Double D Equestrian Center. The program reaches approximately 60 youth from ages 5-17 and increases their knowledge of sportsmanship, leadership, farming, and industry. “Without Wake Electric’s grant, we simply couldn’t have this program,” said Martha Mobley, Ag Extension Agent. “This grant program is wonderful program for our community.” The Wake Electric Foundation granted a total of \$5,500 for the January quarter, including to Franklin County Social Services for a medication program, and to the Boys and Girls Club of Wake County, for an after-school youth tutoring program.

Each quarter of the calendar year, non-profit organizations in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Wake and Vance counties are invited to submit grant applications to Wake Electric’s Operation RoundUp program. WEMC’s Wake Electric Foundation board considers grant requests for non-profits that:

- serve a broad range of individuals
- use funds for educational, charitable, or economic development purposes.

Grant requests can be made for up to \$5,000 and are given out in January, April, July, and October. The next grant application deadline is Friday, March 14, 2008 at 5 p.m.

The funds for the Operation RoundUp grants come from WEMC members who agree to round up their light bill to the nearest whole dollar. For example, if the bill is \$84.91 – the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$85.00.

In order to receive an application, sign-up to contribute to RoundUp, or learn if your organization qualifies to apply, visit www.wemc.com.



Participants in the Franklin County Junior Livestock Show and Sale show off some of the animals they work with. From left to right: Faith Dunbar, 9, Joey Moore, 11, Angela Perez, PR Specialist for Wake Electric, Luke Dunbar, 6, Martha Mobley, Ag Extension Agent, Carter Dunbar, 3, and Wesley Dunbar, 11.

40 local students to be awarded \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds!

That’s right. 40 students’ names will be drawn in mid-March to receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Students in Wake Electric’s service territory should submit their most recent report card showing at least one grade of an “A” (or the equivalent). For more info. go to www.wemc.com.

Funded through voluntary contributions to Operation RoundUp.



Last month to apply DEADLINE IN MARCH



Coach Roy Williams Basketball Camp for boys OR Coach Kay Yow Basketball Camp for girls

Wake Electric is proud to announce two basketball funding programs for 2008.

Your co-op is offering female students in rising grades 6-8 the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to the Kay Yow basketball camp and male students in rising grades 6-8 the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend the Roy Williams basketball camp.

The Kay Yow camp will be held June 22-26, 2008 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh and the Roy Williams camp will be held June 21-25, 2008 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill. All expenses for the camps will be paid

for by Wake Electric.

The deadline for students to apply to either camp is March 28, 2008. To download an application, go to www.wemc.com. For more information, call Angela Perez at 919.863.6376 or 1.800.474.6300.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camps Scholarship winners will learn fundamental basketball skills, teamwork and develop new friendships. Camp graduates will learn new skills that will enable them to excel on and off the basketball court.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship Program is an expression of the electric cooperatives' historic commitment to the community on behalf of their 2.5 million North Carolina members.

Seniors and College-Students, scholarship deadline approaching!

Apply now for Wake Electric college funding for students planning to attend either an accredited four-year college, community college, technical or vocational school in North Carolina.

The Fred Alford \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the top candidate selected by an independent judging panel. Requirements for this scholarship include the following criteria:

- Must be a child of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- Must be a high school graduating senior
- Must pursue a regular four-year undergraduate course leading to a baccalaureate degree
- Must plan to attend an accredited four-year institution in North Carolina

Eight Touchstone Energy Scholarships of \$500 or more will also be awarded. These are not limited to recent high school graduates, and may be used at one

of the state's community colleges, vocational or technical schools, as well as at a four-year college. The requirements for these scholarships are:

- Must be a child of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- Must use these funds at a N.C. college or university, community college, vocational or technical school.

To apply for any of the scholarships, go to www.wemc.com or call 919.863.6376 or 1.800.474.6300 for more information.

The deadline is March 28, 2008.

Applications are available on the cooperative's web site: www.wemc.com.

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Energy Efficiency—Up on the Roof

Roofs are perhaps the important component of an energy-efficient building. Unfortunately, compared to items like doors, windows, and lighting, roofs are generally much less durable and much less energy efficient. Over the lifetime of a building, a roof needs to be replaced an average of four times. More than 75 percent of the roofing work in the United States involves reroofing, and roofing materials are the second-largest contributor to solid waste in the United States.

Energy-efficient roof technologies are fairly straightforward. Manufacturers have developed lighter-colored shingles and tiles, usually containing a coating of titanium dioxide, since they absorb less heat than a typical asphalt shingle and can last twice as long. Since lighter surfaces are easily discolored by fungus, a fungicide coating normally gets added. Many of the new roof coatings are even self-cleaning to retain reflectivity properties and reduce air conditioning requirements.

Lighter-colored roofs are slightly more expensive. However, the small cost difference—\$25 for a 1,000-square-foot roof—will easily pay for itself in one summer.

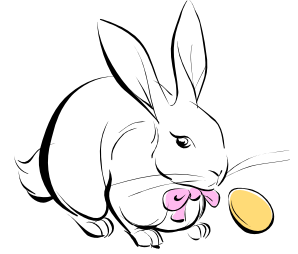
Roof overhangs are another way to trim summer cooling bills. For many homes and businesses in warmer climates, overhangs reduce solar heat gain and interior temperatures. They can also be designed to let direct sunlight into a living space during winter, but keep things shaded in summer.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at www.eere.energy.gov.



DOE/NREL

Wake Electric
and its
subsidiaries
will be closed
on Good Friday, March 21,
in observance of Good
Friday. Regular office
hours will resume on
Monday, March 24.



Call to report outages:

919.863.6499 or 800.743.3155

**Regular Office Hours:
M– F, 8 am—5 pm**

**Telephone Hours:
M– F, 7 am—9 pm
863.6300 or 800.474.6300**

**Underground locating service
call N.C. One-Call Center, 811**

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