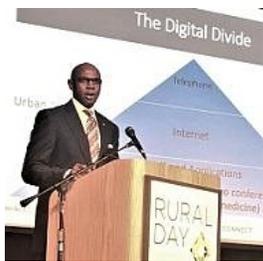




# THE CALL

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## MEETING OF MINDS

### **N.C. rural advocates aim to bridge digital divide**

What will it take to extend broadband connectivity to all rural consumers in North Carolina? Leaders from across the state, including Roanoke Electric CEO Curtis Wynn, gathered recently to examine this issue and offer possible solutions to help close the digital divide. [Read more.](#)

## YOUTH TOUR

### **Bon Voyage Ashley Bell!**

This week, local student Ashley Bell is in the nation's capital, on what promises to be a trip of a lifetime. The remarkable teen was selected by Roanoke Electric Co-op to serve as its representative at the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington D.C. To learn more about why she was the chosen one, [read more.](#)



## AT LAST

### **Straight Talk series wraps up June 21**

This year's final Straight Talk forum is set for 6 p.m., June 21, at the Northampton County Culture & Wellness Center in Jackson. If you can't make the trip, check out the live stream on the co-op's Facebook page. For more information, [read more.](#)



## EASY ACCESS

### **Want a free home energy assessment? Sign up online**

Signing up for the co-op's Upgrade to \$ave program is now a whole lot easier. Check out its new online sign-up process to get started with a free home energy assessment. [Read more.](#)



## IT'S ACADEMIC

### **June 30: Free Youth STEAM Summit**

For middle and high school students curious about careers in science, technology, engineering, agriculture and mathematics, the upcoming Youth STEAM Summit is just for you. Participants will have the opportunity to explore these fields in a day-long program



on June 30, featuring exhibits, breakout sessions and a variety of speakers. [Read more.](#)

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**TODAY'S TIP**

**You dig? What you need to know to protect yourself**

Are you eager to venture outside and put your green thumb to good use? Before you grab those gardening tools and start digging on your property, Roanoke Electric Co-op strongly urges you to heed this safety warning: Call 811. Find out what's below, so you can avoid a potentially hazardous situation.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**



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