



THE CALL

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The Dan River

COSTLY CONSIDERATIONS

Proposed rate hike could raise electric bills

North Carolina co-ops are bracing for higher energy costs, amid ongoing discussions about a proposed rate hike. This comes four years after one of the nation's worst coal ash spills devastated the Dan River, giving way to costly new regulations. What is the potential impact of this huge price tag for Roanoke Electric Co-op and its member-owners? To find out, [read more](#).

STRANGER DANGER

Cops issue warning about bandits posing as utility workers

Local authorities have issued a warning to residents in Halifax and Northampton counties about perpetrators posing as utility workers. The scam artists are approaching unsuspecting residents with the intent to commit burglaries. For more about this recent crime alert, [read more](#)



REC SOLUTIONS

New funding opportunity for forest landowners

Are you a local forest landowner in need of a funding boost to restore and preserve your land? For the second consecutive year, Roanoke Electric Co-op's Sustainable Forestry program is offering financial assistance to forest landowners. Don't miss out on this special funding opportunity. Applications are due March 2. [Read more](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

President's Day office closing: Feb. 19

Roanoke Electric Co-op's offices will close Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of the President's Day federal holiday. Normal business operations will resume Feb. 20.



Black History Month Spotlight: Lewis H. Latimer

This year marks 100 years since Lewis H. Latimer was named a member of the "Edison Pioneers," the only African American in an elite group of inventors acclaimed for creating the nation's electric industry. Latimer was working as a manager and draftsman for the U.S. Electric Lighting Company, when it sought to improve upon Edison's electric light bulb, which had a very short lifespan. Latimer devised a way of prolonging the life of the bulb, making it more economical and energy-efficient. Today, he is revered as one of the most important black inventors of all time.



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