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**Wishing you
and yours a
Happy New Year!**

Halifax EMC
will be closed on
Friday, December 31,
for the New Year
and Monday,
January 17, for
MLK Day!

First Annual "Women of Warren"

Celebrating Our Passions

Halifax EMC was recently a donor to the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County's first ever "Women of Warren—Celebrating Our Passions" event on Saturday, October 2, 2010, at the Warren County Armory. It was a sell-out crowd. Arnetta Yancey was the guest singer, and performed Whitney Houston's song, "The Greatest Love of All."

Jana Miller, the Executive Director of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, envisioned a way to honor women of achievement in Warren County and to help mentor high school senior girls at this special event. Twenty-five nominations were received from individuals in the county recognizing women of achievement in eight categories to include: business, government, education, the arts, sports, the faith community, non-profit, and health care.

The following were the "Woman of The Year" in each of those categories: **Education**—Daniela Hundley, Retired Warren County School Principal; **Non-Profit**—Cathy Alston-Kearney, Warren Family Institute; **Health Care**—Allison Brame, Warren County Health

Department; **Faith Community**—Gwinnett Tunstall, Guardian Ad Litem; **Government**—Linda Worth, Warren County Manager; **The Arts**—Dianne Rodwell; **Athletics/Sports**—Stephanie Wheeler; and **Business**—Gerri Nicholson.

A Life Time Achievement Award was given to former Congresswoman Eva Clayton for her many years of work helping Warren County. Mrs. Clayton was in attendance to receive her award and added some words of encouragement to those in the audience.

Kelcey Carlson, WRAL-TV was the honored guest speaker. Her talk was extremely appropriate, because she expressed how a lot of her own success was due to the fact that she "Just Showed Up" and how important it is to know that you don't have to be the smartest or the best educated, but have the willingness to do a good job, show up and accomplish the tasks that are required. All of the Warren County High School senior girls were invited, recognized and had an opportunity to meet successful women in the county who could possibly mentor them.

Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President
& General Manager*

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Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or e-mail them to bamartin@halifax-emc.com. Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



Electric Lines

“Halifax EMC is now in the process of retiring capital credits.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

One of the benefits of being served by an electric cooperative like Halifax EMC is something called “capital credits.” Capital credits are the operating margins generated during the years you received electric service from Halifax EMC. They are retained by the cooperative for a num-



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ber of years as operating capital, to help reduce the amount of money borrowed to run the business thus helping to keep rates as low as possible. When Halifax EMC makes more money than it needs for operating costs, capital improvements and cash reserves, we return that money to you, our members, in the form of capital credits.

Capital credits are allocated to each individual member based on how much the individual paid the cooperative during a particular period. Halifax EMC is now in the process of retiring capital credits allocated during 1984, 1985 and part of 1986. The amount of the individual capital credits refund depends on the length of time the member has been served by Halifax EMC and the amount the member purchased from the cooperative during those three years.

So, if you were an active

Halifax EMC Member receiving electric service during 1984, 1985 and part of 1986 you should be receiving a capital credits allotment either in the form of a check or a credit on your bill this month.

Your capital credits remain in your name until they are retired and it is important that Halifax EMC has your current address so that

capital credits can be returned to you. Upon the death of a member, capital credits are refunded to that member's estate. If it is a joint account, and one spouse dies, we continue to retire capital credits to the surviving member. If both members pass away, we refund credits to the beneficiary of the estate.

Since capital credits are generally retired after 20 or more years, often members who are entitled to capital credits have moved. If the Postal Service returns a mailed check to the cooperative, we make every effort to locate that person. If we cannot establish the individuals' current address after three years, the money goes into what is called an “escheat” fund in the State Treasurer's office.

Please contact our office at (252) 445-5111 should you need to update your account information or if you have any questions.



Annual Meeting 2011

Halifax EMC's 2011 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Now is the time to begin thinking about nominations for the Board of Directors. This year, seats for Districts 3, 5 and 7 will be open for nominations and the incumbents for these seats are Jerry Packer, District 3; Robert Harris, District 5; and Richard Greene, District 7.

Director Qualifications

- must be a bona fide member of Halifax EMC in his/her own name;
- must have their primary residence in the directorate district for which he/she seeks election

Candidates may be nominated for the Board by two methods:

1) By Petition

Any 30 or more members of the co-op acting together, may make nominations by petition. The petition must include the member's legal signature and name printed legibly, member number, listing of nominee(s), the directorate district(s) for which they would represent, and the name of the incumbent director(s), if any. The petition must be filed with the Corporate Secretary, Stan Brothers, 113 Roanoke Circle, Macon, NC 27551 no later than 5 p.m. March 22, 2011.

2) By Committee

The second method for nominating candidates is by a Committee on Nominations - consisting of nine members appointed by the Board, one each from Districts 1-7 and two at large from District 8. The appointments to this committee are made no more than 135 days nor less than 115 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee on Nominations

then meets and prepares a slate of candidates that is posted in the Enfield office no later than 5 p.m. on March 22, 2011.

The Committee on Nominations will meet in March to make their nominations. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 3, 5, and 7 of the Halifax EMC Board of Directors may contact the cooperative office after March 1 for the names of the members of the Committee on Nominations, and then contact the committee member in their district to indicate his or her desire to be a candidate.

Floor Resolutions

Any proposed resolutions of matter for consideration to be acted upon by the membership must be submitted in writing to the Corporate Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the meeting.

New Meeting Location

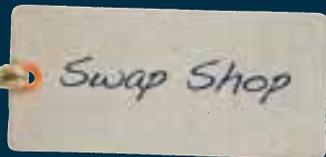
Don't forget, this year's meeting will be held at a new location: Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School located on Highway 481 in Enfield. Please join us there on May 21!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Corn Dip

- 8 oz cream cheese
- 4 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1½ tsp garlic salt
- 1 lb bag frozen white corn
- 2 tbsp chopped jalapeno
- ½ can (small) green chilis

Melt butter and cream cheese over medium heat. Add remaining ingredients. The longer you heat the dip, the spicier it will be. Serve with tortilla chips.



For sale: Singer electric sewing machine, ex. condition, \$100; gas heat w/frame (not vented), ex. condition, \$75; recliner, beige fabric, good working condition, \$75. Call 252-257-4594 (Warrenton)

For sale: Free standing corner fire place w/ gas logs, ex. condition, \$200. Call: 252-586-4657 (Hollister)

For sale: Antiques – Edison Phonograph circa 1916, mahogany finish w/ 70 records, ex. cond., plays; bookcase & desk set combined, oak, good cond., Birdseye maple bedroom set includes dresser, chest w/ mirror, 1 rocker and 1 chair. Located on Lake Gaston. Call 757-436-2271 (Chesapeake, VA)

Lawn maintenance: Complete lawn maintenance for commercial/residential, fully insured, free estimates. For more details, call 252-904-1598 or 252-826-3957 (Lawn Ranger, Sonny Padgett, Scotland Neck).

Local Teachers Awarded Bright Ideas Grants

Throughout the month of November, North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives, including Halifax EMC, awarded Bright Ideas education grants to deserving teachers. The grants make possible innovative, classroom-based projects that would otherwise go unfunded. This year, Halifax EMC contributed \$5,929 to six teachers in Halifax and Warren Counties. North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives will collectively contribute nearly \$600,000 to fund more than 550 Bright Ideas projects this year.

Halifax EMC presented grant awards at a dinner on Wednesday, November 17, at the City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville. The dinner has become an annual event that Halifax EMC hosts in conjunction with five other eastern North Carolina cooperatives.

Employees Recognized for Service & Safety

At the December safety meeting, employees were recognized for their years of service and safety. Receiving service and safety awards were Mike Epps, Stephanie Green, Beth Keeter and Brady Martin for 10 years; Shirley Carter for 20 years and Arthur Bailey for 30 years. Receiving safety plaques were Wanda Cooke for 15 years; Debra Montgomery for 25 years; and Leona Padgett and Jerry Roberson for 35 years.

Throughout the year employees were recognized for their safety record at the safety meeting held during their anniversary month. Safety is an important fundamental when working around electricity.



Receiving grants this year were: Petrina Evans at Northwest High for her project "Vikings Me Books"; Pamela Flack at Halifax Academy for her project "Cultural Characters"; Nerisa Pampilo at Pittman Elementary for her project "Read Me A Dr. Seuss Book"; Cheryl Sebrell at Warren New Tech High for her project "It's So Easy Going Green"; Dr. Willie Woodard at Northwest High for his project "Explore Learning Through Nature"; and Vivian Oatis at Inborden Elementary for her project "Reading Can Be Fun." Presentation of the grants was made by Brady Martin, Manager of Marketing and Charles Guerry, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Halifax EMC.

Volunteers In Action Decorate Office for the Holidays

One of the many projects sponsored by the Volunteers In Action is decorating the offices of Halifax EMC. This year was no exception. The offices were beautifully decorated in the spirit of the season.

And in the spirit of the season, the Volunteers also sponsored goodwill boxes that were given to eight families living in the counties served by Halifax EMC. The food was donated by employees, directors, and volunteers of Halifax EMC and was delivered the day before Thanksgiving.