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Halifax Helps, Inc. Donates \$25,000 To Local Organizations

Halifax Helps, Inc., awarded grants during a luncheon held at Halifax EMC on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Debbie Hardy, Halifax Helps Board President, along with Charles H. Guerry, Executive Vice President of Halifax EMC, presented the checks to the recipients.

The following organizations were awarded grants: Warren County Rescue Squad, Friends of Lake Gaston Association, Our Lady of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council #9309, RiseUp! Elite Sports Academy, Inc., Child Abuse Resource and Education (C.A.R.E.), William R. Davie Middle School, Choanoke

Area Development Association, Warren County Schools on behalf of Roanoke River Valley Education Consortium, Mariam Boyd Elementary School, Trail Life USA/American Heritage Girls, Warren County Middle School Teacher Lauren Foster, Warren County Habitat for Humanity, Pittman Elementary School (Pre-K playground), and Pittman Elementary School (technology).

Funds for the Halifax Helps grants are voluntarily generated through Operation Round Up by rounding up Halifax EMC members' electric bills to the next nearest dollar. At the present time grants are awarded twice a year. Applications are available at www.halifaxemc.com. The deadline for the spring submission is March 25, 2016.



Pictured left to right are Charles Guerry, Halifax EMC Executive Vice President; Shannon McAllister, C.A.R.E. Executive Director and Debbie Hardy, Halifax Helps President.

Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

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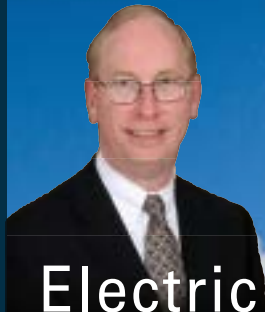
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Electric Lines

“Just round up the co-op member’s electric bill to the next dollar, and then use it to do good work in your community.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

It started as a simple idea 27 years ago at one co-op in South Carolina. Just round up the co-op member’s electric bill to the next dollar, and then use it to do good work in your community. Today, hundreds of electric co-ops throughout the country, including Halifax EMC, use this idea to help members and organizations close to home.

All co-ops adhere to the seven cooperative principles, including “Concern for Community.” The Operation Round Up program is the perfect embodiment of this core principle. The average co-op member donates \$6 with a maximum possible contribution of \$11.88 per year. This may not seem like a large amount, but when combined with 9,100 participating members, it adds up to make a significant impact.

Each co-op decides how it wants to operate the program, and the vast majority is governed by a board of volunteers that is different from the board of directors for the electric co-op. Halifax EMC created a separate board, Halifax Helps, Inc. made up of five member volunteers. This ensures that the decisions are made in the best interest of the community.

The program is always voluntary, and at any time, members can change their minds about

participating. Once folks see the good work the program does in their community, they almost always keep contributing.

Over the years, millions of dollars have been collected and distributed for a wide range of activities. This can include assisting the local food pantry. Providing funds so that the local fire department can get a needed piece of equipment. Helping our local schools buy playground equipment or updated technology. Or dozens of other humanitarian efforts that bring electric co-ops even closer to the communities we serve. Since Halifax EMC began the program in 2008, over \$356,000 has been given back to our community.

While each co-op must respond to the needs of its members, one of the great attributes of co-ops across the country—and the world—is their willingness to share information about the programs that have been successful. Operation Round Up is a perfect example of that cooperative spirit.

Halifax EMC is pleased to offer Operation Round Up. We will continue to “borrow” ideas from other co-ops and welcome your participation. Please share with us additional activities we should explore to serve you and your neighbors.



Annual Meeting 2016

Mark your calendar to attend Halifax EMC's 75th Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 21.

In December the Halifax EMC Board of Directors selected a member from each of the directorate districts to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Members. The committee will meet February 4 to make their nominations for Districts 4, 6 or 8 At-Large. The incumbents for these seats are Leon Williams, District 4; Stanley Brothers, District 6; and Robert Edwards, District 8 At-Large. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 4, 6 or 8 At-Large for the Halifax EMC Board of Directors may contact the cooperative office after January 1 for the names of the Committee on Nominations members.

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 no later than 5 p.m. March 11, 2016.

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 at least 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 February 5, 2016. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 4, 6 or 8 At-Large of the Halifax EMC Board of Directors may contact the cooperative office for the names of the Committee on Nominations members, and then contact the committee member in their district to indicate his or her desire to be a candidate.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Smoky Blue Cheese Dip

- 1 clove garlic, peeled and smashed
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- 2 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1 6 oz container plain Greek yogurt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp smoked paprika
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 8 oz blue cheese, crumbled (2 cups)

Place 1 clove of garlic on a cutting board; sprinkle with salt. Using the side of a chef's knife, smear garlic and salt together until a paste forms. Transfer to a medium bowl. Whisk in the vinegar. Stir in the yogurt, mayonnaise, smoked paprika, and pepper. Fold in blue cheese.

Source: bhg.com

Linemen Join HEMC Crew

In November, the co-op welcomed two new employees, Cody Pleasant and Trey Fromal. Both will serve in the position of Lineman III.



Cody Pleasant completed the Lineman Training Program at Nash Community College in the spring of 2014. He lives in Roanoke Rapids and in his free time enjoys spending time with his family and friends, playing the guitar, hunting and fishing.



Trey Fromal completed the Lineman Training Program at Nash Community College in the fall of 2014. He was the recipient of the General Awards Scholarship for excellence in the classroom and on the training field. Trey also lives in Roanoke Rapids. In his spare time he enjoys

playing the guitar, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

We are delighted to welcome these two young men to Halifax EMC!

Holiday Closings

Halifax EMC
will be closed
Friday, Jan. 1,
for the New Year
&
Monday, Jan. 18,
for MLK Jr. Day



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



If you only want to heat or supplement inadequate heating in one room, small space heaters can be less expensive to use than your central heating system.

Source: energy.gov