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Co-op Awards \$7,400 to Local Teachers With Bright Ideas

Halifax EMC recently awarded seven Bright Ideas grants to local teachers in Halifax and Warren counties totaling \$7,439.

A dinner and awards presentation was held at Deadwood, a western-themed amusement park in Williamston. Teachers and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, met fellow Bright Ideas recipients from Eastern North Carolina and most importantly, received their checks for their classroom projects!



Halifax EMC was pleased to award grants to the following teachers:

Janice Morris-Green, Hollister Elementary, "Inch by Inch, Row by Row, I'm Going to Make this Garden Grow;" Addison C. Smith, Warren County Middle School, "Beyond Pencils: Infusing Content with Accountability;" Michael Williams, Warren New Tech High, "Parks, Places & Spaces: the History of Home;" Pamela H. Flack, Halifax Academy, "Nonfiction Navigators: Excelling in Today's World;" Nerisa Pampilo, Aurelian Springs Elementary, "Yipee, Yehey! We are Tech Savvy Kids;" Stephanie Williams, Pittman Elementary, "Edible Learning: Literacy, Math and Science;" and Brooke Comer Callahan, Vaughan Elementary, "Fidget to Focus."

The Bright Ideas grant program is offered by all 26 of North Carolina's electric cooperatives and supports educators in need of funding to implement creative, hands-on learning projects in their classrooms.

Pamela Flack of Halifax Academy receives her Bright Ideas grant from Dean Hudgins, a Bright Ideas grant judge. Flack was also chosen as Halifax EMC's 2016 Touchstone Energy Teacher of the Week.

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Electric Lines

“It is good to know that your friends and neighbors are also your co-owners of Halifax EMC.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

A fair question people often ask is, “What’s in it for me?” This makes sense, as we all need to act in our own self-interest every now and then. The cool thing about co-ops is that we answer the question, “What’s in it for me?” with, “This is what’s in it for we.”

When the market refuses to offer a good or service, or does so at such a high price, co-ops step in to fill the void. Cooperatives identify members of the community who have the same self-interests and bring them together to make a cooperative decision.

When Halifax EMC got started 79 years ago, the folks in our community shared at least one self-interest – they wanted electricity. In fact, many Americans who lived in rural parts of the country needed electricity, which is why electric cooperatives were formed. Individuals acted in their own self-interest, but that self-interest led to the community and economic development of the rural areas in which they lived. Today, rural electric co-ops serve over 42 million people in 47 states.

It is good to know that your friends and neighbors are also your co-owners of Halifax EMC. People coming together to meet a particular need is at the heart of

every kind of co-op. Local credit unions bring financial services to people that banks do not want to serve. In urban areas and college communities, housing co-ops offer people a safe, reliable and affordable place to live. Many agricultural co-ops started as a way to get their products to market, whether it was oranges (Sunkist), dairy (Land O’Lakes), grapes (Welch’s), organic milk (Organic Valley) or any of the hundreds of other food products that co-ops bring to our table every day.

Many people who owned small businesses realized they, too, had a common self-interest: To stay in business. So they formed purchasing co-ops like Ace Hardware and True Value so they could compete with big-box stores like Home Depot and Lowe’s.

Today, it is estimated that more than 40 percent of all residents in the U.S. are members of at least one co-op. Worldwide, well over a billion people are counted as co-op members.

So every time you turn on (or off) the lights, it can serve as a reminder that as a co-op member, you are in good company with your local neighbors – and with people all around the world.



78th Annual Meeting of the Members

Mark your calendar to attend Halifax EMC's 78th Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

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 2017 Annual Meeting of the Members. The committee will meet February 1 to make their nominations for Districts 3, 5 or 7. The incumbents for these seats are Jerry Packer, District 3; Robbie Harris, District 5 and Robin Williams, District 7. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 3, 5 or 7 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 17, 2017.

2) By Committee

The second method for nominating candidates is by a Committee on Nominations – consisting of eight (8) members appointed by the Board, one each from Districts 1-8. 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 6, 2017. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 3, 5 or 7 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.

Petition forms are available via request at the main office in Enfield. An application indicating a member's interest to serve, whether by petition or nomination, is also available via request or on the Cooperative's website at bit.ly/hemcboardapp.

Important Notice:

Effectively immediately, if a service has been inactive or the last 18 months, it may be retired.

UNC and Wolfpack Basketball Camp Scholarships: Apply today!

Halifax EMC is accepting applications from middle-school students for all-expenses-paid scholarships to summer basketball camps at the University of North Carolina and NC State University. Young men can apply to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp in Chapel Hill, and young women can compete for a spot at the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp in Raleigh.

Students can download an application at ncelectriccooperatives.com/community beginning Monday, Jan. 2. Halifax EMC will select one student for each camp in a competitive process based on academics, extra-curricular activities and a short essay. Rising sixth through eighth graders are eligible to apply, and the final application deadline is March 31.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program, sponsored by Halifax EMC and the state's other 25 electric cooperatives, sends more than 50 students statewide to learn from



Allison Green, pictured with Wolfpack Women's coach Wes Moore, attended camp last summer on a scholarship from Halifax EMC. Allison is the daughter of Anthony and Stephanie Green.

renowned collegiate coaches and athletes each year. Both camps will work closely with students to develop fundamental skills like sportsmanship and leadership that will help the young athletes excel both on and off the court.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camps program provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for outstanding students across our state and is yet another way the cooperatives are demonstrating their commitment to North Carolina communities.



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Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed on

Monday, January 16, 2017

in observance of

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



After the holidays, look for ways to recycle or reuse your tree instead of sending it to a landfill. Check with your community solid waste department and find out if it collects and mulches trees.