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## Halifax Helps, Inc., Awards Grants

Halifax Helps, Inc., the administrative organization for Operation Round Up® through Halifax EMC, awarded its fourth round of grants at a luncheon held at the Co-op on December 21. Bob Jones, Vice-President of Halifax Helps, along with Basil Williams, Vice-President of the Halifax EMC Board of Directors and Charles Guerry, Executive Vice President of Halifax EMC, made the presentation of checks to the recipients.

Receiving grants were Aurelian Springs Elementary School's Pre-K teacher Jennifer Neathery, for her project entitled "Literacy, Everywhere All The Time;" Preservation Halifax, represented by President Peggy Jo Braswell and Monica Moody, to purchase materials for Underground Railroad Wayside Exhibits; Youth Camps for Christ, Inc./Camp Willow Run, represented by Linda Harris, to purchase a used grounds maintenance truck for the camp; Roanoke/Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department, represented by Stuart Garnett, to purchase personnel safety equipment; Macon Rural Volunteer Fire Department,

represented by Lynn Henry, to purchase new turnout gear; The Frederick E. Turnage Chapter of the American Red Cross, represented by Kristen Ward, to help fund fire response in the Halifax County area; Enfield Police Department, represented by Chief Eddie Buffalo and Mayor Barbara Simmons, to purchase new law enforcement radios; and Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids, represented by Executive Director LaCount Anderson, Bruce Manning, Thomas Schwart, Dick McCormck and Kathyne Hamill, to purchase canned goods for emergency distribution to local families.

Also attending the luncheon were Halifax EMC board members and the Halifax EMC Senior Staff.

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. To date, Halifax Helps has awarded More than \$98,000.

The first deadline for 2011 grants is Thursday, March 31.



*Representatives receiving checks for Halifax Helps grants included LaCount Anderson (top right photo), Jennifer Neathery (top left), Lynn Henry (middle photo), and Eddie Buffalo and Barbara Simmons (bottom photo).*

## Hali-facts

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## Tell Us...

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative. Your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service.

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



## Electric Lines

“Keeping the right of ways cut on a regular basis offers a direct and indirect value to our members.”

by Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President & General Manager*

Over the past few years, Halifax EMC has put emphasis on cutting right of ways. Keeping the right of ways cut on a regular basis offers a direct and indirect value to our members.

First, keeping the right of way cut can help to eliminate some of those annoying blinks that sometimes happen when limbs brush against the lines or small limbs fall on the lines.

When a major winter storm or spring and/or summer thunderstorm occurs, keeping the right of way cut can greatly reduce damage to the lines from falling limbs and trees; thereby reducing the number of outages. The Co-op has seen a significant decrease in the amount of outages during recent storms due to the maintenance of our right of ways.

Second, a good right-of-way maintenance program helps to keep costs from major storms down, which in turn is a saving for the members.

As a member, you can help with our right-of-way efforts as you plan future landscaping projects. Spring is just around the corner and is a good time to think about landscaping your yard. Before you start digging and planting there are two things you need—a good plan and a layout

of all underground utility lines (such as electric, cable, phone, or gas) as well as overhead lines. Plant trees away from power lines. This prevents you from having to prune

those trees as they grow up into the power lines and helps the Co-op reduce its right of way costs. Before digging call the North Carolina One

Call Center by dialing 811. State law requires that you call your utility before you dig. Once a utility locate request is received by NC One Call, utilities have two business days beginning at 12:01 a.m. of the next business day to mark their underground facilities. They will come to your home and locate underground utility and cable lines.

A good landscaping plan can also help you save on your energy bills. Landscaping may be your best long-term investment for reducing heating and cooling costs, while also bringing other improvements to your community. A well-designed landscape will cut your summer and winter energy costs dramatically; protect your home from winter and summer sun; reduce consumption of water, pesticides, and fuel for landscaping and lawn maintenance; and help control noise and air pollution.



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A Dialogue With America



# Annual Meeting **2011**

Halifax EMC's 72nd Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Saturday, May 21. 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!

## Important Dates To Remember

**Post Nominations**  
by Nominations Committee  
March 22

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**Deadline for Petitions**  
March 22

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**Mail Annual Meeting  
Notices & Ballots**  
April 30

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**Deadline for Mail-in Ballots**  
May 18

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**Validation/Counting  
of Ballots**  
May 19

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**Annual Meeting**  
May 21

### Mail-In Ballots

A few years ago, Halifax EMC changed its method of electing directors to mail-in ballots. This method gave all of our members the opportunity to participate in the election of directors even if they did not attend the annual meeting, and has been very successful.

So, remember to look inside your May issue of Carolina Country/Hali-Facts for your mail-in ballot. Cast your vote by marking your ballot for one candidate in each district and returning it in the attached envelope to the Credentials & Election Committee, Halifax EMC, P. O. Box 545, Enfield, NC, 27823 by Wednesday, May 18, 2011. You must use the attached envelope. It contains your member account number, which verifies your eligibility to vote and permits only one vote per member.

The districts up for re-election for 2011 are Districts 3, 5, and 7. The incumbents for these districts are Jerry Packer, District 3; Robert Harris, District 5; and Richard Greene, District 7.



### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Martha Washington Cake

- 1 cup butter
- 1½ cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 6 eggs
- ½ lb. nuts  
(pecan or walnuts)
- ½ lb. Brazil nuts
- 1 box raisins
- 1 cup milk
- ½ lb. cherries
- 2 coconuts (grated)

Cream butter and sugar; add all egg yolks, then flour and milk (small amount each time). Roll nuts, raisins and cherries in flour, add to batter with coconut. Fold in 4 of the egg whites stiffly beaten. Makes three layers cooked at 350 degrees until they spring back from edge of pan.

FILLING: 1 coconut (grated), ¾ cup milk, 2 cups sugar, 2 tbsp flour, add vanilla, butter the size of an egg and remaining two egg whites. Mix thoroughly, cook until thick (a light cream), add coconut and spread on top and between layers.

*(See page 24 for recipe's history.)*

*Equivalent for fresh coconut gratings: 1 coconut, grated, is about 3½ cups unsweetened, store-bought.*

*(Found in frozen foods.)*

# Opportunities for Middle and High School Students

Halifax EMC is providing opportunities for middle- and high-school students. These are just a few of the ways that Halifax EMC is involved in its communities.

## Basketball Camp Scholarships

Middle-school students in grades 6–8 are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend either the Kellie Harper Basketball Camp at NC State for girls or the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at UNC-Chapel Hill. To apply, the student may go to [www.ncelectriccooperatives.com](http://www.ncelectriccooperatives.com) to download an application. Letters have been sent to coaches and principals at the middle schools. The deadline for applications is **Thursday, March 31**. The Kellie Harper Basketball Camp will be held July 3–6; and the Roy Williams Basketball Camp will be held June 18–22.

## Youth Tour

High-school juniors have an opportunity to win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington DC this summer the week of June 11–17. This is a fun-filled educational trip where students get to tour our nation's capital, visit with their congressional leaders, meet other students from

across the state and nation, and have an opportunity to win college scholarships. For more information and to apply for the Youth Tour, go to [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com) and click on Youth Programs, Youth Tour and print out an application. **The deadline for applications is Monday, February 28.**

## Scholarships for Seniors

High-school seniors have an opportunity to apply for college scholarships offered by Halifax EMC and the Volunteers In Action. To apply, go to [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com) and click on Youth Programs, Scholarships to print out an application. The student's parents and/or guardian must be a member of Halifax EMC. **The deadline is Friday, April 1.**

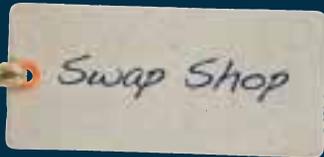
## Community College Scholarships

Students interested in attending either Halifax Community College or Nash Community College may apply for a Halifax EMC scholarship through the financial aid office at either school. These scholarships are open to traditional and non-traditional students. Any person living in a household served by Halifax EMC who is 18 years old or older may apply for these scholarships.

# A Bit of Hali-Facts History ...

The Martha Washington Cake recipe featured this month (slightly amended here for modern readers) originally debuted in the February, 1973 edition of Hali-Facts. Back then the recipe of the month was called "Someone's In The Kitchen ... with Lurene Brown". It is a known fact that the late Mrs. Brown carefully selected the recipes sent in to her by Co-op members and always tested and sampled them in her kitchen before sharing

with her readers. Here is what Mrs. Brown wrote about this recipe. " ... I was reminded of two of our Presidents whose birthdays are this month. Washington ... first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of our countrymen ... loved entertaining at his home—Mount Vernon. This cake named for his wife would surely have been a favorite." If you have a recipe you would like to share, please email [jallsbrook@halifaxemc.com](mailto:jallsbrook@halifaxemc.com) or call 445-1188.



**For sale:** Yamaha digital piano w/bench, purchased in 1994, barely used, wonderful cond., \$750. Call 252-257-2496 (Macon).

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

### 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 Padgette, Scotland Neck).

## Halifax EMC Scholarships

Seniors applying for Halifax EMC scholarships may also apply for the scholarships offered by the Volunteers In Action. Applications are available at [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com) or you can stop by our offices.