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Important Scholarship Deadlines

The deadlines are fast approaching for great scholarship opportunities sponsored by HEMC. Don't miss out!

Youth Tour Application

February 29

Youth Basketball Camp Application

March 31

Slade-Ellen Scholarship Application

April 1

Visit www.halifaxemc.com to fill out an application.

Employees Receive Service Awards

Each year, Halifax EMC recognizes employees who have reached service milestones with the Co-op in increments of five years. Those employees are honored with a plaque for safe work. Employees that have reached ten-year milestones also receive a plaque as well as a small service award.

In December several employees were recognized at the monthly Safety Meeting. Employees receiving safety plaques were: Charles Guerry, 5 years; Butch Vogel, 5 years and Jeff Smith, 15 years. Employees receiving plaques and service awards were: Jennifer Stewart, 10 years; Leonard Daeke, 20 years and Danny Saunders, 30 years.

Congratulations to each of these employees! We appreciate all that they do. Their faithful and loyal service to the Co-op has not gone unnoticed and we look forward to celebrating more milestones with each and every one of them in the future.



Jennifer Stewart—10 years of service



Leonard Daeke—20 years of service



Danny Saunders—30 years of service

Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President
& General Manager*

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Business Hours

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Locations

Enfield/Macon: (252) 445-5111

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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. Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



Electric Lines

It may be a little too cold for your children to play outside right now, but restless children who have been cooped up all winter usually need to burn off some energy. It's up to the adults in your household to create a safe place for kids to play inside. Children are fascinated by electronics and the outlets used to power electronic devices, so it's important to include electric safety in your indoor play rules. Share these guidelines with your children so they can play safely indoors.

- If you have young children in the home, make sure every outlet is covered with a safety cap. Safety caps are available at many discount stores, drug stores and even some grocery stores. These caps should be placed in unused outlets so young children can't stick their fingers or other objects into outlets.
- Be sure that older children know to NEVER put anything other than an electric plug into an electric socket. Outlets should be covered until children are mature enough to understand that fingers, pencils, toys and other objects must be kept away.
- Do not allow children to overload outlets or power strips. Plugging too many electrical devices, like several video gaming systems, into one outlet can cause it to overload and catch on fire. It's important to check outlets and power strips in your children's

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by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

rooms to make sure they're not overloaded.

- Always unplug electrical appliances and toys when not in use.
- Teach your children to always remove electrical devices from outlets by grasping the plug and not the cord. Tugging or pulling can damage the cords and create a safety hazard.
- Check electrical cords for any damage and wear.
- Arrange cords so that children don't walk on them or pull them.
- Electrical cords are not toys and children should not play with them or allow pets to play with them.
- Never allow children to insert any metal objects into an appliance without first checking to make sure that the appliance is unplugged, for example using a knife to remove food from a toaster.
- Do not use any electrical appliance or device when wet, with wet hands or while standing in water. Ensure that children dry their bodies and hands after taking a bath before touching any electrical items, including hair dryers and light switches. Never take plug-in electrical items, such as a radio, into the bathroom.
- Make sure children keep drinks away from electrical items in case they spill.
- By following these safety tips, you can be sure your kids have a fun and safe time playing inside for the rest of the winter.



Annual Meeting 2012

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| February 1 | Committee on Nominations Meets |
| March 16 | Deadline for Petitions |
| April 24 | Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed |
| May 16 | Deadline for Ballots |
| May 17 | Validation & Counting Ballots |
| May 19 | Annual Meeting |

Nominations 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, Leon Williams, 661 Rabbit Bottom Road, Warrenton, NC 27589 no later than 5 p.m. March 16, 2012.

The directorate districts up for election are Districts 1, 2 and 8. The incumbents for these seats are Morell Jones, District 1; Basil Williams, District 2; and Beverly Carter, District 8.

Nominating Committee

C. Wayne Boseman
George W. Davis, Jr.
Anthony Farmer
Jeffery Jenkins
Nathaniel A. Kimble
Jerry A. Moore
Elton Newbern
Calvin Spragins
Gene W. Todd
Jimmy Braddy (Alternate)
Bennie Collier (Alternate)
Eddie O. Fitts (Alternate)
Robert Mann (Alternate)
Willie Hardy (Alternate)

Credentials & Election Committee

Viola M. Alston
Sybil W. Braddy
Linda L. Browne
Frederick M. Dunn, Jr.
Hugh W. Freeman
James L. Harris
William G. Hedgepeth
Marvin G. Howard
Joseph R. Johnson
R. Mitchell Smith
James L. Whitley, Jr.
Joseph Williams
A.T. Winslow, Jr.
Clinton Mills, Jr. (Alternate)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Orange-Glazed Chicken

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- ¼ cup orange marmalade, divided
- 1 env. SHAKE 'N BAKE chicken coating mix
- ¼ cup Zesty Italian dressing
- 6 cups baby spinach
- 2 navel oranges, thinly sliced

Heat oven to 400° F.

Spread chicken with 2 Tbsp. marmalade. Empty coating mix into shallow dish. Add chicken; turn to evenly coat both sides of each breast. Place in 13 x 9 baking dish.

Bake 25 min. or until chicken is done.

Mix dressing and remaining marmalade. Add spinach; toss to coat. Place on 4 serving plates. Top spinach on each plate with 1 sliced chicken breast and ¼ of the oranges.

Source: kraftrecipes.com

HEMC Spreads Holiday Cheer

The holiday season is always such a busy time but the employees and directors at the Co-op always find the time to share Christmas cheer with others.

Many years ago the employees, directors and Volunteers In Action teamed up to package food baskets for families living in the HEMC service area. This goodwill tradition continued in 2011 as everyone chipped in by bringing canned

goods, boxed food items, and other non-perishable foods into the office. Employees helped sort and box the food that was delivered to four families the week of Christmas.

Oftentimes, the employees feel compelled to do more. This past Christmas was no different. Many of the employees and directors pooled together money to buy gift cards for the children living at the Central Children's Home of North Carolina

located in Oxford. There are currently 14 children between the ages of 12 and 21 residing in the orphanage.

The mission of the Central Children's Home is to provide family centered services of residential group care

for children and youth who cannot remain at home due to dependency, neglect or abuse. It has been in operation for over 100 years.

Employees Sandra Bryant, Jill Causey and



Brady Martin delivered the gift cards to the orphanage a few days before Christmas. According to Sandra, "many smiles, hugs and handshakes were shared during our visit!" They sang Christmas carols together and the children shared with them their goals for the future.

Pictured above (L-R) are Central Children's Home Executive Director Angela Williams, HEMC employees Sandra Bryant and Jill Causey, and CCH Residential Supervisor, Sandra Ward.

Account Updates

Drawing Eligibility

HEMC is still accepting account updates through April 2012. Please note, if you have already sent in your updated information you do not need to send it again. **Entries for the \$50 electric service credit are only one per household.** Once you have submitted your updated information you are entered in the drawing and can not be entered in the drawing again.

If you have NOT sent in an account update, please use the enclosed postcard.

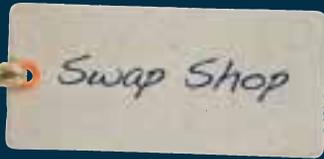
December Winner

The winner of the December drawing for a \$50 electric service credit is Lorie Johnson of Littleton, NC.



Daylight Saving Time

Spring is just around the corner and one sign of that fact is that Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11. So, remember to "spring forward" by setting your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening.



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).

Don't forget, the deadline for Halifax Helps applications is Saturday, March 31!

The application is available online at www.halifaxemc.com. Simply click on the Halifax Helps Application link, fill out the form, print and mail into our office.