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Important Scholarship Deadlines

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

Youth Tour Application

February 28

Youth Basketball Camp Application

March 30

Slade-Ellen Scholarship Application

April 1

Visit

www.halifaxemc.com

to fill out an application.

Employees Recognized for Safety and Service

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 who have reached ten-year milestones also receive a safety plaque as well as a small service award.

In December several employees were recognized at the monthly Safety Meeting. Employees receiving safety plaques were: Glenda Moseley, 15 years and M.C. Little, 35 years. Employees receiving safety plaques and service awards were: John Lassiter, 10 years; Harold Vaughan, 10 years; and Larry Epps, 30 years. Mike Butts received his service award for 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.



*Larry Epps
30 years
of service*



*Mike Butts
30 years
of service*



*Harold Vaughan
10 years
of service*



*John Lassiter
10 years
of service*

Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President
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Business Hours

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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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

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

“Programmable thermostats
are an easy energy-saving
tool.”

Last month's topic discussed how proper maintenance of a heat pump helps the heat pump maintain efficient operation. This month I would like to continue our focus on energy efficiency and heating and cooling your home. Another device which maximizes energy savings for your home is a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat is one of the quickest, easiest and most inexpensive ways to save on energy bills year-round. The average Halifax EMC household spends more than \$1,200 in heating and cooling costs. Programmable thermostats—which cost between \$50 to \$200—are a smart investment because they can reduce energy costs by as much as 15 percent, or about \$180 annually.

A programmable thermostat makes saving energy easy by controlling the heating and cooling settings in both the winter and summer. It's like putting your house on “cruise control” by using preprogrammed settings that regulate the home's temperature during the night and even while you're on vacation. This type of thermostat automatically turns down the heat in the winter and turns up the cooling in the summer. A homeowner can save energy and money while still maintaining overall comfort.

Programmable thermostats are an easy energy-saving tool. Here are a few more energy savings tips:

- Always look for the ENERGY STAR label when buying a new thermostat.
- Use the pre-programmed settings to maximize energy savings.
- Heat pump systems require a special type of programmable thermostat. Consult Halifax EMC's energy advisor or a HVAC specialist to determine what will work best for your home.
- Be sure to have the thermostat installed correctly using a certified HVAC contractor.

Also, as part of Halifax EMC's Rebate Program, a \$50 rebate is offered when a programmable thermostat is installed along with a new energy efficient heat pump rated 13-SEER or higher.

Programmable thermostats offer a lot of value by maximizing energy savings without sacrificing comfort. Best of all, they can be tailored to match a family's schedules. To learn more about buying and setting a programmable thermostat, contact your Energy Advisors at Halifax EMC or visit TogetherWeSave.com.



Annual Meeting 2013

February 7	Committee on Nominations Meets
March 19	Deadline for Petitions
April 24	Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed
May 15	Deadline for Ballots
May 16	Validation & Counting Ballots
May 18	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, no later than 5 p.m., March 15, 2013.

The directorate districts up for election are Districts 4, 6 and 8. The incumbents for these seats are Leon Williams, District 4; Stanley Brothers, District 6; and Robert Edwards, 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.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

White Chocolate Surprise

- 1 12 oz. pkg. white chocolate pieces
- 1 c. dried cranberries
- 1/2 c. salted cashew pieces
- 1/2 c. golden raisins

Microwave white chocolate in a microwave safe bowl on 100% power for 1 minute; stir until smooth. Continue to microwave at 10 second intervals if chocolate is not melted. Add fruit and nuts and stir until well mixed. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let cool and enjoy. Makes 24 to 32 pieces.

Source: Bon Appetit: A Collection of Recipes by the Volunteers In Action of Halifax EMC. Recipe submitted by Linda Bozard.

THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NEEDS YOU!

The Auxiliary started a new tradition in 2013 and recently held a pizza party and Open House for local residents. We offer many skills that need your expertise. We have a wide range of activities to meet each person's needs. You can learn new skills from the best instructors locally or at the Yorktown Training Center. We also have Division Training weekends that include a festive social the night before.

There is no better way to get acquainted with the community and Auxiliary members. The next time you see this ad in your local publications join us for fellowship. Let's make Flotilla 9-3 even better than it is now. We can do this with your support. Come join and be an active part of our water safety activities on Lake Gaston.

You also get to meet other Division members in the various functions

throughout the District. A new world is opened to you when you become a valuable part of this Auxiliary.

So for more information, stop by for our monthly meeting. We are located at 252 River Rd. Henrico, NC, 27842, at the Jct. of Rt. 46 and 1214 the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Or call Janet Houston, Flotilla Commander at 252-586-3687 or Bob Crnkovic, Vice Commander at 252-586-6811.

Hope to see you there!

Janet Houston
Flotilla Commander



Volunteers In Action Update

The Volunteers In Action had a busy December. The group participated in "Colonial Christmas," sponsored by the Downtown Enfield Restoration and Preservation Committee, by selling the cookbooks they published in 2012.

The Volunteers also decorated the Enfield office for the Christmas season. As always, they did a wonderful job of bringing the Christmas spirit to the office for the enjoyment of the employees and our members.

We certainly appreciate all that they do!

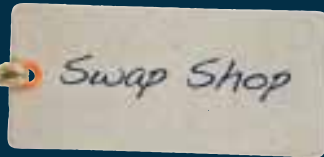
P.S. Visit the Enfield or Macon office for a chance to win a Valentine candy jar sponsored by the Volunteers.



Volunteer member Kathyne Hamill sells a cookbook to a customer at Colonial Christmas.



Volunteers Nannette Todd and Frances Guerry decorate the Christmas tree.



For sale: White Kenmore dryer, great cond., \$80; 27" Sony TV, \$30; good cond. ; Whirlpool washing machine, \$100; good cond. Call: 252-567-8433 (Rocky Mount).