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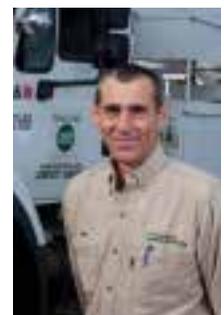
Employees Recognized for Safety and Service

During the December Safety Meeting, the Co-op recognized employees reaching service milestones. Those employees were honored with a plaque for their safe work. Of those who were honored, employees that reached a 10-year milestone also received a monetary gift for length of service.

Employees receiving safety plaques were Melanie Mohorn, 20 years; Sandy Cox, 25 years; Rhonda Williams, 25 years; Charles Epps, 30 years; and Gerald Hale, 30 years.

Monetary gifts were awarded to Raymond Conner, 10 years; Melanie Mohorn, 20 years; P.A. Daniels, 30 years; Charles Epps, 30 years; Gerald Hale, 30 years; Danny Pendergrass, 30 years; Jeffrey Short, 30 years and Carl Greene, 40 years.

Length of service awards were recently given to employees pictured from left to right, top row: Raymond Conner, Melanie Mohorn, P.A. Daniels, and Charles Epps; bottom row: Gerald Hale, Danny Pendergrass, Jeffrey Short and Carl Greene.



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Business Hours

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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Electric Lines

“Generators can provide a saving grace during power outages.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

January has passed, bringing us a new year, many resolutions, and record-setting cold weather. Although the blanket of winter creates a stunning picture, it can also cause power outages. Generators, however, can provide a saving grace during power outages, but it is important to remember some safety precautions if you use one this winter.

General Safety

- Be sure to always read the manufacturer's instructions before operating your generator to ensure it runs properly and safely.
- Never leave a running generator unattended. Turn it off before leaving home and at night while you sleep.
- Gas-powered generators produce deadly carbon-monoxide fumes that are invisible and odorless. When you buy your generator, buy a battery-operated carbon-monoxide alarm to warn of such danger.
- Keep generators outside and away from windows to prevent carbon-monoxide fumes from seeping into the building. The best place to put generators is out of direct exposure to rain and snow in a well ventilated area, and not in the garage.
- Parts of the generator can become hot and burn you. Be mindful of parts such as the muffler when around the generator to prevent being burned.
- Keep children away from the generator at all times.

Generators and Power

- Be sure to use a heavy-duty, outdoor appropriate extension cord running from your generator to your appliances.
- Always hire an electrician to connect your generator directly into your home's wiring. If not done properly, it could back feed into utility lines, causing severe danger for utility crews working on power lines.
- Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions on grounding the generator.
- Never use the generator to operate too many appliances at one time; be sure to check the manufacturer's instructions about how much load your generator can handle. Use appliances only as needed and turn the generator off when no appliances are plugged in.

Use our outage reporting number to let us know of any outages, 1-800-690-0522, and know that we'll work hard to get the power back on to you as quickly as possible.



Annual Meeting **2014**

February 6	Committee on Nominations Meets
March 14	Deadline for Petitions
April 23	Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed
May 14	Deadline for Ballots
May 15	Validation & Counting of Ballots
May 17	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 named 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 14.

The directorate districts up for election are Districts 3, 5 and 7. The incumbents for these seats are Jerry Packer, District 3; Robert F. Harris, District 5 and Richard Greene, District 7.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Fighting winter chills? A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill. To cool energy costs, keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use. Caulk around the fireplace hearth. Double up on wood-earned warmth by lowering the thermostat setting to between 50 degrees and 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Learn more at www.energysaver.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Crockpot Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate

- 5 cups milk
- ½ cup Hershey's Cocoa
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 cup hot water
- 10 tsp caramel syrup (Starbucks or Torani)
- ¼ tsp sea salt
- whip cream (optional)

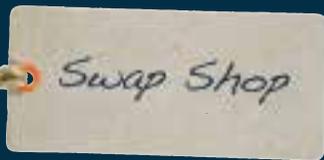
Combine cocoa, sugar and hot water in large pot. Stir and bring to gentle boil.

Transfer mixture to crockpot; add milk, caramel and salt. Stir, then cook on high for 2 hours (or low for 4 hours) or until hot.

Pour into your favorite mug, top with whip cream and enjoy!

Source: thefrugalgirls.com

Congratulations to **Chris Whitaker**, winner of the 50/50 raffle to benefit the Roanoke Valley United Way. Mr. Whitaker won \$91. HEMC held several small fundraisers, including a hot dog sale, and employees even paid to wear jeans on a selected Friday. A total of \$1,126 was raised!



For sale: GE 32" color tv, \$50; GE 19" color tv, \$30; large oak-colored entertainment center, \$50. Call: 252-826-5194 (Scotland Neck).

Important Scholarship Deadlines

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

**Youth Basketball Camp Application
March 31**

**Slade-Ellen Scholarship Application
April 1**

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

Two Long-Time Employees Retire; Are Honored at Retirement Party

A retirement party was held at the Cooperative office in Enfield on Monday, January 6, in honor of two long-time employees.

Charles Epps and Larry Epps, along with their families, celebrated their years of service with good food and fellowship. Current and retired HEMC employees gathered to give Charles and Larry their best wishes and reminisce over the past.

Charles Epps, who served as Energy Technician Assistant, leaves HEMC with 30 years of service. He began his career as a member of the right-of-way crew.

Larry Epps, who served as a Meter Reader/Collector, also began his career as a member of the right-of-way crew. Larry leaves HEMC with 31 years of service.

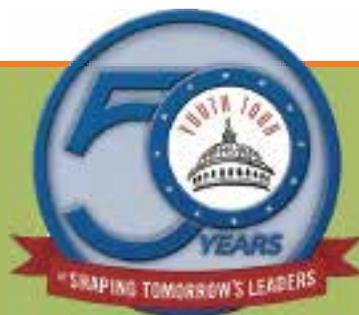
Both Charles and Larry will be greatly missed. We are thankful for their dedication and hard work and wish them long, healthy and happy retirements.



Charles Epps, center, with his wife and son.



Larry, back row center, with his wife, children and grandchildren.



Youth Tour Deadline Approaching

The application deadline for Youth Tour is February 28, 2014. It is a week-long, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for high school juniors and will be held June 14–20, 2014.

Students from North Carolina and all over the nation will meet in Washington for a fun-filled and educational week.

The Youth Tour is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association and coordinated by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives and the local electric cooperatives. Halifax EMC plans to send two Youth Tourists.

For more information and to fill out an application, visit our website at www.halifaxemc.com or contact Julia Allsbrook at jallsbrook@halifaxemc.com or 445-5113 ext. 2034.