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## ANNUAL MEETING TIMELINE

### March 17

Post Nominations  
by Committee

Deadline for  
Nominations by  
Petition

### April 27

Mail Annual  
Meeting Notices &  
Ballots

### May 13

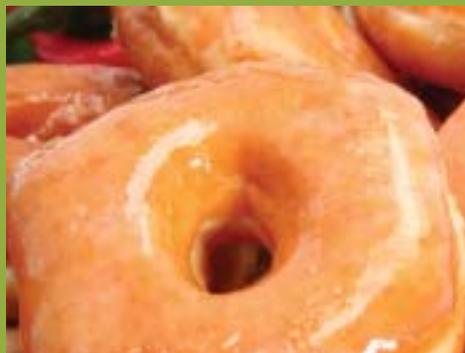
Deadline for Ballots

### May 14

Validation/Counting  
of Ballots

### May 16

Annual Meeting



## HALIFAX EMC WILL HOLD ITS 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP ON

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 16, 2009**

## Aurelian Springs Elementary School

(Intersection of Highway 48  
& Justice Branch Road)

**Registration begins at 9 a.m.**

**Great Door Prizes • Health Fair**

**Continental Breakfast  
by the Volunteers In Action**

**Catered Lunch by  
Bill's Barbecue**

**Entertainment by Steve Hyman!**

## Hali-facts

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*Executive Vice President  
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8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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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@halifaxemc.com](mailto:bamartin@halifaxemc.com). Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



## Electric Lines

““Together we can meet the challenges of the future and provide for our energy needs.”

by Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President & General Manager*

As discussed in my last two articles, your Halifax EMC staff is continuing to do everything they can to keep your electric rates as low as possible. Remember, however, we need your help in making your own home more energy efficient. Last month we discussed a simple and inexpensive way to reduce your home energy budget by changing your incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL). Another do-it-yourself project that is fairly inexpensive and will generate savings on your electric bill is the insulation of your water heater tank.

Conventional storage water heaters are the most popular type of water heating system. Water is constantly heated in the tank, which means energy can be wasted even when a hot water tap is not running from standby heat loss. Water heater storage tanks are ranked according to their thermal resistance (R-value); the higher the R-value, the less standby heat loss.

According to the Department of Energy, if the R-value of your water heater is less than R-24, adding insulation to it can reduce standby heat losses up to 45 percent, which could save you up to 9 percent in water heater costs. If you do not know your water heater tank's R-value, simply touch the tank. If the tank is warm to the touch, it needs additional insulation.

Insulating your water heater is fairly simple when using a pre-cut jacket or blanket. Read and follow the instructions carefully. Remember to leave the thermostat access panel(s) uncovered. To prevent the wiring from overheating, do not set the thermostat above 130°F on an electric water heater with an insulating jacket or blanket.

On average, hot water makes up 13% of the typical utility bill. By insulating your water heater tank you can improve the efficiency of your heater, thereby saving energy and cutting down on carbon emissions. For more water heater tips, see page 19 of this newsletter.

As a further promotion of insulating your water heater, Halifax EMC will be distributing water heater blankets at your Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 16.

Also, remember to continue to tell your elected officials how you feel. You can do this through the “Our Energy, Our Future – A Dialogue with America” program.

You may pick up a dialogue card at either the EMC's Enfield or Macon offices or go to our Web site at [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com).

As the year moves forward, we will keep you informed about energy costs and ways to help keep your energy bills down.



## Our Energy, Our Future

A Dialogue With America



## Energy-Efficient *Ideas*

Approximately \$13 billion in energy is wasted in American homes each year. This averages out to an estimated \$150 per family. Doing no-cost or low-cost repairs in your home can keep your energy dollars from leaking out of your hot water faucet or seeping through leaky windows. However, if every household practiced just a few conservation tips we could reduce energy consumption by a significant amount. Here are a few tips to help reduce your water heating costs:

- Take showers, not baths. A five-minute shower will use about 7.5 gallons of hot water, while filling a bathtub can use up to 20 gallons.
- Install a water-saving showerhead. Don't worry—it won't reduce your water pressure. A family of four, each taking a five-minute shower a day, can save \$250 a year in water heating costs by switching to a low-flow showerhead.
- Fix a leaky faucet, especially if it's a hot water faucet. One drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month—more water than one person would use in two weeks. If you purchase your water through a county or city water system, fixing the leak will not only save you the cost of the water but the cost of heating it as well.
- Use aerators on kitchen and bathroom sink faucets. If you have hard water, clean aerators and showerheads with vinegar regularly to reduce deposits and build-up.
- Set the water heater temperature at 120 degrees—about halfway between low and medium. This will help save energy and prevent scalding, while keeping unhealthy bacteria from growing.
- A water heater wrap will help reduce “standby” heat loss from your water heater; thereby reducing energy to reheat the water. It's also a good idea to insulate hot water pipes where they're accessible.



## Halifax EMC Linemen Assist Kentucky Cooperative with Power Restoration

In late January a major winter storm moved across Kentucky and neighboring states causing widespread power outages. As part of a mutual aid agreement shared between the nation's nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives in times of emergency, Halifax EMC sent six linemen and three trucks to assist Kenegy Corporation, a cooperative that serves 14 counties in western Kentucky, with power restoration. The linemen that went were Roger Chappell, Area Supervisor; Arthur Bailey and John Lassiter, First Class

Linemen; Raymond Conner and Butch Vogel, Linemen II Class; and Jeffrey Short, Energy Technician I. “We are happy to help a fellow cooperative and know that they would do the same for us because it's the cooperative way,” said Charles Guerry, Executive Vice President of Halifax EMC.

Because electric cooperatives across the country use the same line system engineering standards, line crews from any part of the country can quickly help sister cooperatives in restoration efforts.

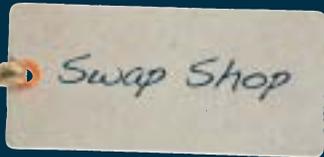


### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Ham and Potato Casserole

- 2 cups smoked ham, cubed
- 4 cups sliced potatoes
- 1 small sweet onion, sliced
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- ½ cup milk
- Dash of pepper
- 1 Tbsp margarine

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix the milk, soup and pepper. In a buttered 2-quart casserole dish, arrange layers of potatoes, ham, onion, and soup mix until all are used. Dot top with margarine. Cover and bake for one hour at 375 degrees. Uncover and bake 15 minutes more or until done.



**For sale:** MTD riding mower 18 hp, 42" cut, bag included., \$350. Lake Gaston area. CALL: 252-586-3687 (Littleton).

**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).

Wanted: Blood donors for Bloodmobile on April 9, 12 noon to 6 pm Enfield office of Halifax EMC. For more information, call 252-445-1188 (Enfield).

## Director Recognized for 35 Years of Service to the Cooperative



Halifax EMC Director, Richard H. Greene was recognized for his 35 years of service to the cooperative. Executive Vice President and General Manager, Charles H. Guerry, presented a plaque to Mr. Greene at a recent board meeting.

Mr. Greene was elected as a director at large for a two-year term on the Board of Directors in the spring of 1973. Since that time he has served in many capacities, both on the local as well as the state level.

He is a native of Warren County and a retired businessman. He is very active in his church and community.

## 21-Year Employee of Halifax EMC Resigns

Melynie Brown, an employee who had been with Halifax EMC for 21 years has resigned and is moving to Atlantic Beach. While working at Halifax EMC she was a valued and dedicated employee. Prior to coming to work at the cooperative, Ms. Brown worked for the Town of Enfield.

Ms. Brown's mother was also a long-term employee with the cooperative.

## Greene Gives High Voltage Demo for Area Group and School



Carl Greene, serviceman for Halifax EMC, did high voltage safety demonstrations for a Warren County girl scout troop and for students at Miriam Boyd Elementary School for Career Day.

High voltage demonstrations are available for area groups, clubs, schools, churches, etc. To schedule a demonstration, call Dean Hudgins at Halifax EMC at 252-445-5111 or email at [dhudgins@halifaxemc.com](mailto:dhudgins@halifaxemc.com).

## From Part-Time to Full-Time



*Jill Causey of Roanoke Rapids is a new, full-time cashier/receptionist in the Enfield office. Previously she worked as a part-time cashier-receptionist in both the Enfield and Macon offices.*



Halifax EMC will host a Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thursday, April 9, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the Halifax EMC Meeting Room.