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The Roanoke Valley Rocks! Fish Calls Halifax EMC Home

North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporation, Halifax EMC and Roanoke EC were the key corporate sponsors of the Roanoke Valley Rocks public art and public relations campaign.

Created to uplift and inspire the Roanoke Valley, The Roanoke Valley Rocks campaign commissioned brightly and creatively painted rockfish statues that were installed in front of area businesses and attractions. Each participating business worked with a local artist to design a unique fish that depicts their business, town and Halifax County.

The Roanoke Valley Rocks Committee chose the rockfish as the mascot for this campaign to pay homage to one of the world's premier sport fish that chooses to return home to the Roanoke Valley each Spring.

In December, North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporation, Halifax EMC and Roanoke EC "released" their fish at Halifax EMC's office in downtown Enfield. The electric cooperative's fish was painted by artist Napoleon Hill as a realistic striped bass with the silhouette of an electric cooperative lineman hard at work to bring electricity to the rural areas of North Carolina.

Currently there have been 40 fish "released" in the Roanoke Valley area with plans for 20 plus more in the near future. Stop by the Halifax County Visitors Center, 260 Premier Blvd., Roanoke Rapids (I-95 NC Exit 173), to request a map.

"Catch" sight of all the fish and return to the Visitors Center for a RV Rocks t-shirt (while supplies last).



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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

“Choosing more efficient settings on your Energy Star appliances can boost your savings.”

by Charles H. Guerry

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As we continue our look into energy efficiency I thought it important to discuss Energy Star-rated appliances. Energy Star is the trusted, government-backed symbol for energy efficiency. When you see the Energy Star symbol, that's your indication that you will save money and protect the environment. But, did you

know that choosing more efficient settings on your Energy Star appliances can further give your savings a boost?

Your Energy Star-qualified clothes washer or dishwasher is energy efficient. That's why you bought it. But you can reduce energy use even further with either.

But first, did you know the average American family washes almost 400 loads of laundry every year? That's a lot of laundry. An Energy Star-qualified clothes washer uses one-third less electricity—and one-half less water—than a conventional washer. Energy Star clothes washers also offer a range of efficient settings.

Here are some tips from Halifax EMC to help you save even more energy—and money—when you use the settings on your washing machine or dishwasher.

You can, for example, select a lower water temperature such as a cold wash/cold rinse setting to reduce energy use. And you can choose a lower water level for smaller loads to cut your water use. Some Energy Star clothes washers also have energy-saving features such as pre-soak and “suds saver.”

Much of the energy used by your dishwasher—as much as 80 percent—is used to heat the water. An Energy Star-qualified dishwasher with a booster heater will let you set the temperature on your home's water heater at 120 degrees, saving energy.

Many Energy Star dishwashers have efficient settings, such as “energy-saving” and “short-wash” cycles that will reduce both energy and water use. And most dishwashers have an air-drying option, which also will save on energy use.

For other tips on how to save energy — and money — visit Touchstone Energy's energy-saving website or call the energy experts at Halifax EMC. Find out how the little changes add up at www.TogetherWeSave.com.



Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America





Annual Meeting 2013

The Committee on Nominations met Thursday, February 7, to make their nominations for Districts 4, 6 and 8.

The following incumbents were nominated: Leon Williams, District 4; Stanley Brothers, District 6; and Robert Edwards, District 8.

Important Dates

March 15	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 (Inborden/Enfield Middle School)

* Return your ballot by May 15 in order to be entered in a drawing for an electric service credit.

March Safety Tip: Childproofing Your Home

Children are naturally inquisitive, and sometimes their curiosity can lead to trouble. You can protect your children or grandchildren from electrical hazards by making a few modifications to your home. Consider the following tips to help ensure that your loved ones are safe from potential electrical hazards.

1. Cover unused electrical outlets with outlet plates or safety caps so that a child cannot poke his or her fingers and other objects into them. Be sure to test the outlet covers yourself, ensuring that they are not easily removable. Remember to cover every unused outlet in your home, including those behind furniture. Taking this step will reduce a child's risk of electrical shock or electrocution.
2. Unplug any electrical appliances not in use. Children may be tempted to play with unused appliances, like the toaster or even an iron. By unplugging the appliances, you are not only protecting your child, but you are also saving energy.
3. Extension cords, even short ones, can pose a strangulation hazard for small children. Keep them out of a child's reach whether they're plugged in or not, and if you absolutely have to use one, wrap the excess around a cord shortener. Never place cords under rugs because they can overheat and create a fire hazard.
4. When cooking on the stove, use the back burners. This will protect a child from a burn if he or she can reach the front of the stove. This also will reduce the chance of a pot or pan falling on a child, which could potentially cause a burn or major bruising.

These inexpensive steps will create a safer home for your children, whether they're crawlers, walkers or runners. Discuss electrical safety with your children and lead by example. Most importantly, at all times, supervise your children for the best protection.

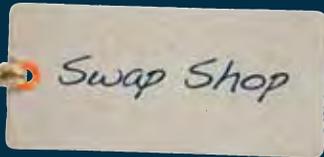


RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Crockpot Ranch Pork Chops

- 1 pack thick-cut boneless pork chops
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix
- 1 can cream of chicken
- 1 can water

Mix all ingredients together in crockpot. Cook on low for 7 hours.



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

Apply for Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships by March 30

Middle school students interested in shooting hoops and running drills with the Carolina Tar Heels or the Wolfpack Women can apply for a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarship to summer basketball camp.

Halifax EMC's scholarships will send one young man to the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp June 15-19 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and one young lady to the Kellie Harper Basketball Academy Aug. 1-4 at N.C. State University in Raleigh. Campers will stay overnight in dorms and work closely with collegiate coaches and players to develop skills that will help the young athletes excel on and off the court.

Applicants must be in sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2013-2014 school year to be eligible to apply. Scholarship winners must provide their own transportation to and from camp. For more information or to download the application, visit <http://bit.ly/VQR2R2>. Don't delay! The deadline to submit an application is March 30.

Deadlines Approaching for Grants and Scholarships

Youth Tour (extended)	March 8
Halifax Helps Grant Requests	March 28
Slade/Ellen Scholarship	April 1
Volunteers In Action Scholarship	July 1

For more information on these grant and scholarship opportunities, visit www.halifaxemc.com or call 252-445-5113, ext. 2034.



Holiday Closing

The offices of Halifax EMC will be closed on Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday.

THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NEEDS YOU!

Boating classes for 2013 have been scheduled by our USW Coast Guard Auxiliary and you may register at the Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce by stopping by or calling 252-586-5711. Our trained instructors have a boating safety class designed for young and seasoned boaters. We provide a wide variety of experiences in class to keep you and your family safe on Lake Gaston.

You'll want to bring a lunch - class is held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The instruction is free and books are \$30 per person.

For more information please stop by the monthly meeting at 252 River Rd. Henrico, NC, 27842, 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.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9-3 of Lake Gaston is looking for you.
Janet Houston, FSO-PA