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Apply for Bright Ideas Grants Now!

It's April, and here at Halifax EMC, that means one thing: the beginning of a new season of Bright Ideas education grants! The Bright Ideas grant program is offered by all 26 of North Carolina's electric cooperatives and supports educators in need of funding to implement creative, hands-on learning projects in their classrooms.

Since 1994, North Carolina's electric co-ops have awarded more than \$9.6 million in Bright Ideas grants to teachers statewide. More than 9,200 classroom projects benefiting well over 1.8 million North Carolina students have been made possible because of these grants.

Halifax EMC is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2015-16 school year. Teachers in K-12 classrooms with innovative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant up to \$2,000. Last year, Halifax EMC awarded \$7,400 for 10 supporting local teachers and students.

Grant applications will be accepted April 1 through September 18. However, it could pay to apply early: All teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Aug. 14 will be entered into a drawing for a Visa gift card.

Teachers at qualifying schools can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit www.NCBrightIdeas.com.



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



Electric Lines

“Our annual meeting makes it possible for us to gather feedback from you...”

by Charles H. Guerry

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It's that time of year again—annual meeting time! On behalf of Halifax EMC, we'd like to personally invite you to join us on Saturday, May 16th, at Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School in Enfield. We look forward to gathering with you—members of the co-op community—to catch up, hear what you have to say and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

This event is not only a chance to visit with members of our co-op community—it's also a great opportunity to learn about programs offered by Halifax EMC and get to know your co-op staff. Our annual meeting makes it possible for us to gather feedback from you by providing a forum where you can let us know how we can better serve you and your family.

The weeks leading up to the annual meeting are also a time for you to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of an electric co-op, by voting for the upcoming year's candidates for board of directors. Halifax EMC is run by a democratically elected board of directors—a board who is given the privilege to serve because of your vote.

Our directors are members of your community. They are concerned with the issues you face every day because they face them too. And don't forget—all members of Halifax EMC are eligible to run for the board—that includes you!

A democratic and open election is one of the many elements that make our electric cooperative stand out from other utilities. Having a voice in who makes the major decisions that directly affect your life and your family is a right we all share as Americans. We all vote for our state and federal Congressional representatives, but not every American has the right to vote for those who will represent community interests within their electric utility. You have that right, so why not exercise it?

Rest assured, no matter what happens, we remain dedicated to providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electric service, but we encourage you to take part in helping us improve how we deliver that service. So make it a point to join us on May 16th at our annual meeting. We promise we will make it worth your while!





Annual Meeting 2015

Remember to mark your calendar for the Co-op's 76th Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held Saturday, May 16, at Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School on Highway 481 in Enfield. Register between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. so that your name will be included in the drawing for door prizes, enjoy a continental breakfast served by the Volunteers In Action, check out the booths and guest vendors, let the kids play outside and have a BBQ and fried chicken plate provided by Abram's of Scotland Neck.

Important Dates

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| April 24 | Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed |
| May 13 | Deadline for Ballots* |
| May 14 | Validation & Counting Ballots |
| May 16 | Annual Meeting (Inborden/Enfield Middle School) |

* Return your ballot by May 13 in order to be entered in a drawing for an electric service credit.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Summer is right around the corner! Have you changed your home's air filter? Filters get loaded with more and more particles as they do their job. This actually has the effect of making them more efficient, but it also increases resistance and reduces airflow. Remember to check filters once a month.

Source: EnergySavers.gov

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

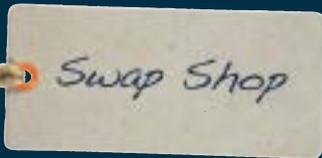
Easy Coconut Macaroons

- 2 pkgs (7 oz each) flaked coconut (about 4 cups)
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 1½ tsp almond extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix coconut, sweetened condensed milk and almond extract in large bowl. Drop spoonfuls of mixture onto greased baking sheets.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Immediately remove from baking sheets to wire racks; cool completely.

Source: mccormick.com



It's almost honey bee season and Mr. Davie Lowe of Scotland Neck is a beekeeper. A member of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, he removes honey bee hives from your property. Mr. Lowe also sells honey. Contact him at 252-826-2204 or 252-343-0277. (Scotland Neck)



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Bailey Retires After 35 Years

On Friday, January 16, Arthur Bailey, Jr. reported to HEMC for his last day of work. Just the night before, he was honored by his co-workers, family and friends at a retirement reception.

Arthur began his career with HEMC in January of 1980 as a member of the right-of-way crew. Through the years, he worked his way up to the position of lineman 1st class.

During his retirement reception, those that worked closely shared their favorite stories and memories. In true Arthur fashion, he also had kind words to say about each friend after they spoke. You see, Arthur always has a smile on his face, is always ready to share in a good laugh or offer words of encouragement and most importantly, he always came to work each day ready to do his best and to do it safely.

Arthur plans to stay busy in retirement, including spending more time with his children and grandchildren.



Arthur on his first day of work in January 1980.



Arthur was employed by HEMC for 35 years.

Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC
will be closed on
Friday, April 3,
in observance of
Good Friday.

Community Event

Co-opTo Host
Enfield
Blood Drive
Thursday, April 9
12:30 pm–4:30 pm



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