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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



46-Year Veteran of Halifax EMC Retires



Kathryne K. Hamill, who has been with Halifax Electric Membership Corporation for more than 46 years, retired as of April 4, 2008. Mrs. Hamill came to work with HEMC on December 11, 1961, as the billing clerk.

She was previously employed with Enfield Building Supply. She holds the distinction of being the longest-employed employee to retire from Halifax EMC.

Since coming to Halifax EMC Mrs. Hamill has seen many changes in the facilities, from the old building to a new building and then an office renovation; in personnel as there have been four general managers during her 46

years; and in methods of billing including going from manual billing to computer billing.

On Friday, April 4, Mrs. Hamill was honored for her years of dedicated service to the cooperative at a reception given by the Halifax EMC directors and employees. Also attending the reception were former Halifax EMC retirees, friends and family.

As Mrs. Hamill is an excellent gardener and loves to work in her yard, the employees presented her with a wooden garden bench, garden tools, and many plants. She was also presented with a plaque and monetary gift from the board of directors. She will be greatly missed at Halifax EMC, not only for her extensive knowledge that she acquired over the last 46 years, but also for her warmth, friendship, and caring for members and fellow employees.

Halifax EMC Sponsors Blood Drive

In August 2007, Halifax EMC teamed up with the American Red Cross in an effort to generate more blood donations from the Enfield area. For years Enfield Baptist Church hosted the drive, but due to time restraints it was only held for three-hour periods. The blood drive has now been extended by two hours, allowing more people the opportunity to work it into their schedules.

Even though the Enfield community blood drive has a new location, some traditions still remain the same. Hot dogs are served to all donors, as well as cookies, pretzels and drinks from the Red Cross canteen. Members of the Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action prepare and serve the hot dogs, as well as assist in making donors as comfortable as possible.

On April 10, 2008, HEMC hosted its third blood drive at the Enfield office. The drive was held from noon until 6 p.m. in the co-op's meeting room. Although the goal of 36 pints was not met, April's blood drive was still a success with 34 pints collected and only five deferrals. HEMC employees and directors that donated were

Sandy Cox, Leonard Daeke, Danny Pendergrass, Danny Saunders, Dean Hudgins, Brady Martin, Carl Greene, Charles Guerry, Julia Allsbrook, and Morell Jones, as well as Larry Armstrong, the corporate attorney. There were also several donors who reached milestones and received a pin commemorating the occasion: Danny Pendergrass, one gallon; Lulu Jones, two gallons; Alice Coker, four gallons; and Keith Clarke, nine gallons.

HEMC will be hosting another blood drive on August 14 at the Enfield office from noon until 6 p.m. Mark your calendars for this event and come support the Red Cross by giving the gift of life! This is one example of HEMC's commitment to our communities.





Member Page

Recipe of the Month

Cornbread Cake

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| 1 cup sugar | 4 eggs |
| 1 cup packed brown sugar | 1 cup oil |
| | 1½ cups self-rising flour |

Mix together and bake in greased glass dish
20–30 minutes at 350°.

Tell Us . . .

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative, and your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service to you.

Specific account questions will be answered personally.

Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or email them to bmartin@halifaxemc.com.

To: "Tell Us"

From: _____

Address: _____

Acct #: _____

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: _____

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Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Gray sectional sleeper sofa, \$200; oak entertainment center, \$175; lg. computer desk, \$150; Pilates exerciser, \$350; antique steamer trunk, \$25; IBM correcting typewriter, \$75; antique cast-iron wood stove, BO. All in good condition. **CALL:** 252-586-3392 (Littleton).

FOR SALE: MacTools Economy Cut 'n' Weld outfit, brand new, still in the box. **CALL:** 252-586-6259 (Littleton).

FOR SALE: Bandit jet ski trailer, excellent condition, located on Lake Gaston, \$275. **CALL:** 252-257-5760 (Macon) weekends or 757-436-2271 (Chesapeake).

FOR SALE: Sears Pro-Form 480 Pi Treadmill w/ power incline & rubber floor protector, flips up out of the way, \$200. **CALL:** 252-904-2597.

FOR SALE: 10-speed Mossburg bicycle, needs chain, \$80; Columbia 10-speed mountain bike w/ rear basket, \$100; antique 3 pc. lawn set, \$900; semi-circular oak bar, \$150. **CALL:** 252-257-3981 (Macon).

FOR SALE: White microwave cart w/pine trim, \$20; four 15" tire rims, \$100; oak gossip bench, \$40; white bathroom cabinet w/mirror & matching toilet cabinet, \$60; 8 pc patio furniture set w/hunter green & white stripe cushions, \$450. **CALL:** 919-693-6676 (Oxford).



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Cooperative Page



Electric Lines

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“Our Energy, Our Future”

Pressure is mounting in Congress to do something about climate change. While political debates in Washington, D.C., may seem far away, any environmental legislation will have a direct impact on Halifax EMC.

Already our nation faces a looming energy crisis, with demand for electricity ready to outstrip supply. Unless significantly more power plants are placed into service soon, consumers could experience brownouts and even rolling blackouts in the not-too-distant future. But building this generation will be the most expensive in history, coming at a time when prices for fossil fuels and construction materials like steel, copper, and concrete are shooting upward.

Additional costs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions—notably carbon dioxide, which is blamed for contributing to climate change—will only strain the pocketbooks of members even further. According to NRECA the various climate change bills under consideration in Congress could boost wholesale power costs 50 to 80 percent by 2020, and push up retail rates from 25 to 40 percent on the national level. However, on the local level these figures could be higher.

Unfortunately, many members of Congress, as well as local and state legislators, mistakenly believe we can solve all of these problems through efficiency measures and by adding renewable energy sources. While we certainly need more energy efficiency programs and “green power,” they will not be enough to ensure that you continue to receive a reliable, and affordable supply of electricity.

To keep the lights on and rates reasonable, the federal government must exercise dedicated leadership—the same leadership that got Americans to the moon on the 1960s. Without that leadership, without a sound, responsible, sustainable energy policy, we risk returning to a time when electric service was a privilege enjoyed only by the wealthy.

As electric co-op members and constituents, you can help prevent that from happening. I encourage you to contact your elected officials today, and ask them some tough questions. By doing so, you will open a discussion that just may see policymakers search for ways to meet environment objectives while limiting the impact on electric bills.

To assist you in your conversations with those in positions of power, log on to www.ourenergy.coop. There you will find three core questions to ask, as follows:

1. Experts say that our nation’s growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation, and efficiency can provide; what is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we’ll need in the future?
2. What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions-free electric plants an affordable reality?
3. How much will balancing electricity needs and environmental goals increase my electric bill and what will you do to make it affordable?

From the Web site, you will also be able to send a sample letter to members of Congress recommending that they seek out a balanced solution to energy and climate change. The letter may be sent electronically or printed for regular mail.

Far too often, questions don’t get asked by policymakers until plans go wrong. You can help your elected officials “get it right” by having this conversation. The electric bill you save will be your own.



Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America





Community Page

Halifax EMC Kicks Off Operation Round Up® Program at Annual Meeting

Small change that changes lives!

After months of preparations, the Board of Directors approved the Operation Round Up® program for Halifax EMC at their April 2008 board meeting.

Executive Vice President & General Manager Charles Guerry announced at the Annual Meeting in May that the new program would begin in October 2008. He stated to the members, "It is a program that will assist all who live in the communities served by Halifax EMC. Each month, the participating members' bills will be rounded up to the next dollar. The typical participant may contribute approximately \$6 a year. We hope all members will be willing to participate in this worthwhile community-oriented program."

What is Operation Round Up?

The purpose of the program is to collect funds to provide assistance for special needs in the communities Halifax EMC serves, particularly in the areas of energy efficiency, education, economic development, and emergency where help is not available from other sources. Operation Round Up is a good example of what cooperatives mean to America. The program allows cooperatives, with the help of their members to put money back into their local communities to improve the quality of life for everyone. After all, this is what cooperatives are all about—people helping people.

How will the program work?

Each month, we will round up the electric bills of participating members to the next dollar. For example, if a member's monthly bill is \$63.24, the bill would be rounded up to \$64. The difference of 76 cents would go into the Operation Round Up fund. A participant's donation may be as little as a penny or as much as 99 cents. Donations are tax deductible.

Who could receive assistance?

All of the money will be used for charities or special needs selected by the guidelines established by the by-laws and through an application process. Halifax EMC's



Board of Directors will appoint members to serve on a board of directors that would administer the program and funds.

Cooperatives that have had this program for several years have helped their communities tremendously.

How do I participate?

Participation in the Operation Round Up program is voluntary. If you want to be included in Operation Round Up, do nothing and you will automatically be a participant.

If you do not wish to participate in Operation Round Up, just complete the clip-out form below and return it to Halifax EMC as soon as possible.

**Operation Round Up
Opt-Out Response Form**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Account Number: (List all account #s not participating)

Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4,
for Independence Day!

We will re-open for business on
Thursday, July 5.

