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### REMINDER

Don't forget, the deadline for the Volunteers In Action Educational Opportunity Scholarship is Friday, July 1!

The application is available online at [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com).



### HOLIDAY CLOSING

Halifax EMC will be closed on Monday, July 4, in commemoration of Independence Day!

## Nesting Osprey Find New Home

Halifax EMC line crew found nesting Osprey to be the culprit of a recent outage in the Warren County community of Oakville. Upon responding to the outage the crew noticed that Osprey had begun building a nest with large sticks, which had knocked out an electrical phase. The crew disassembled the nest and repaired the line only to be called out again a few days later for the same repair.

Not to be outdone, HEMC Area Foreman Danny Pendergrass contacted a local retired wildlife officer who suggested that a pole be set nearby for the persistent Osprey to nest. The crew got busy and set a new pole for the Osprey, which was taller and had a platform built at the very top. To make sure the Osprey caught on to the idea, the crew also took the bundles of sticks from the original nest and placed them on the platform. Danny said the Osprey went to work immediately preparing their new home and "built the prettiest nest you've ever seen."

The Osprey, also commonly referred to as a fish hawk, is dark on the back and wings with white on the top of the head and extending from under the chin down the belly.

According to the North Carolina Raptor Center, Osprey habitats can be found wherever fish and nest sites are available. Osprey are usually found along coastlines, rivers, lakes and even man-made reservoirs. They will reuse old nest sites by renovating and adding new materials and prefer emergent trees with broken or dead tops for nesting.



## Hali-facts

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



## Electric Lines

“By working together, good things happen.”

by Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President & General Manager*

You’ve probably heard the saying, “There’s power in numbers.” I have to agree. Cooperation is a key word for electric cooperatives, and a concept vital to our form of business.

Member-owned co-ops like Halifax EMC operate under seven key guidelines, including the Sixth Cooperative Principle, “Cooperation Among Cooperatives.” In short, electric cooperatives serve their members best, while strengthening the overall co-op movement, by working together.

At the most basic level, electric cooperatives support one another in times of crisis. If a storm or other disaster hits one of our sister cooperatives, we offer whatever help we can to ensure that service gets restored as quickly as possible. If we need help, our electric co-op “family” will be there for us. Back in April, after many parts of eastern North Carolina were devastated by tornadoes, Halifax EMC sent line crew to assist Pitt & Greene County EMC with power restoration efforts. Just two weeks later, many North Carolina Cooperatives sent assistance to Alabama and Tennessee after strong storms and tornadoes ripped across those two states.

We also collaborate with other coops to better serve you, our mem-

bers, and the communities we serve with programs such as our Safety Program in which Halifax EMC shares a Safety Coordinator with Edgcombe-Martin County EMC. We also utilize after-hours dispatch services provided through Roanoke EC.

When it comes to local and statewide issues, electric co-ops in North Carolina combine forces through North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, our statewide association. The results show that when small organizations such as electric co-ops use the power of aggregation, we grow in clout, efficiency, and economy. By working together, good things happen.

The power of numbers gives us a louder voice at the state capitol when legislators make decisions that affect us. We share training resources and expertise such as the Lineman Training Program at Nash Community College. We also save money through our participation with Tarheel Electric Membership Association in purchasing poles and equipment.

When we pool our resources—work cooperatively—we offer you better value. And that’s the cooperative difference.

### SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

VOLUNTARY  
& OPEN MEMBERSHIP

DEMOCRATIC  
MEMBER CONTROL

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC  
PARTICIPATION

AUTONOMY  
& INDEPENDENCE

EDUCATION  
TRAINING & INFORMATION

COOPERATION  
AMONG COOPERATIVES

CONCERN FOR  
COMMUNITY



## Hurricane Safety

North Carolina is known for its alluring climate but hurricane season, which runs from June 1–November 30, poses a threat to every region, especially the coast. We're

fortunate to live in a time when technology can notify us for such a major storm days in advance, but true preparation for hurricane season starts now. Read through the following tips so that you'll know what to do if a hurricane strikes this season.

### Before the Storm—

- Locate potential shelters and learn the evacuation plans for your community.
- Have at least a one-week supply of medications on hand.
- Buy and store materials, like plywood, for use in securing your home's doors and windows.
- Store flashlights with extra batteries throughout the house.
- Have a first-aid kit well stocked and in a central location.
- Store at least a three-day supply of food for each person. Include items such as canned or dehydrated food, powdered milk and canned juices.
- Store a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store in air-tight containers and replace them every six months.
- Important documents should be stored in a waterproof container. Examples include insurance policies, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

### During the storm—

- Listen to the radio for frequent updates on weather conditions
- Secure your home. Close storm shutters and lock up outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- Avoid windows and glass doors and keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm—winds will pick up again.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.
- If you do not feel safe and need to evacuate, seek shelter only if conditions allow.

### After the storm—

- After power is restored, be sure to wait five to 10 minutes before turning on appliances and heating systems.
- NEVER touch downed power lines. Downed power lines may be energized and dangerous, so make it a priority to call your local electric cooperative or 911 to report the issue.
- If your electricity is out be sure to check with neighbors to see if they have power. If they do have power, you may have only a blown fuse or a tripped breaker. Never replace a fuse or reset a circuit breaker with wet hands or while standing on a wet or damp surface.
- If your power is out for an extended period of time, and your emergency situation requires the use of a generator, notify your electric cooperative, and have a qualified, licensed electrician connect the generator to your home's main electrical supply. Power from generators can backfeed along power lines and electrocute anyone who comes into contact with them.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Grilled Peaches with Cinnamon-Sour Cream Sauce

- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- ¼ Tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 fresh peaches, cut in half, pitted
- 2 Tbsp honey

Heat greased grill to medium-high heat. Mix sour cream, sugar and cinnamon; set aside. Brush cut-sides of peaches with honey. Grill 6 to 8 minutes or until softened, turning occasionally. Serve topped with sour cream sauce.

Source: [kraftrecipes.com](http://kraftrecipes.com)

Swap Shop

**For sale:** RCA 5.1

Surround Sound audio receiver with DVD player, \$50; 19" CRT computer monitor with speakers, \$25; Queen Serta box spring and mattress set, \$50. All items clean and in great condition. Call: 252-567-8433 or 252-826-5194 (Enfield)

**For sale:** Antiques--

Edison phonograph circa 1916, mahogany finish, excellent condition, plays, includes 70 records, \$1,200; bookcase & desk set combined, oak, good condition, \$300; Birdseye maple bedroom set includes dresser, chest w/mirror, 1 rocker, & 1 chair, \$550 or best offer. Located on Lake Gaston. Call: 717-436-2271 (Chesapeake, VA)

**For sale:** Singer electric sewing machine, excellent condition, \$100 (negotiable); gas heat w/frame (not vented), excellent condition, \$75; recliner, beige fabric, good working condition, \$75. Call: 252-257-4594

**Cleaning:** Commercial and residential cleaning services. For more details contact divadusters01@gmail.com or Call: 252-567-5454/406-7306 (Diva Dusters, Jamie Dunn/Robin Alston, Enfield).



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## Online Bill Pay Made Easier

Halifax EMC recently upgraded its online bill pay service to better serve our members.

Previously, a member had to contact our office to request that their email address be added to their account information. Once the email address was added, the member then proceeded to register as a "New User" on our website.

This step is no longer required! Members can now set up an online

bill pay account and even request their password if forgotten, all without contacting the office.

If you are not currently using online bill pay, simply visit us at [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com), click on "View/Pay Bill" and then "New User". Please have your account number handy as well as the last four digits of the telephone number listed on your account.

We hope you will find this new feature convenient and easy to use.