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4-H Meat Animal Show and Sale

Keeping with tradition, Halifax EMC proudly sponsored Halifax County 4-H'ers in the local Meat Animal Show and Sale. The 75th Meat Animal Show and Sale was held April 10-11, 2012. Three counties—Halifax, Edgecombe, and Nash—participated with 4-H'ers ranging from ages 5 to 18.

Four animal species are shown during the two-day event; goats, lambs, steer and pigs. The 5-8 year old group, known as Cloverbuds, are only allowed to show goats. The 4-H'ers from ages 9–18 show their animal of choice in market or meat class and in a showmanship class. The animal is judged on its shape and weight for the market class. The 4-H'ers are judged on showmanship and how well they present their animals. The animals are auctioned or sold the last night of the show and sale. The money that is raised for the purchase

of the animal covers the cost of feeding and caring for the animal. The project teaches the children the responsibility of raising and caring for an animal. Upon completion of the project, the children turn in a record book that documents their learning experience.

Halifax County had 41 children participating in this year's show and sale and was home to the Grand Champion steer, lamb, and pig. This was quite an accomplishment for Halifax County because just four years ago only six children represented the county in this event.

If anyone is interested in participating in next year's show and sale, contact your local cooperative extension office.

Halifax County 4-H'ers (9–18 year olds) at the 75th Annual Meat Animal Show and Sale.



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Electric Lines

“We can’t prevent hurricanes but we can prepare for them.”

by Charles H. Guerry

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It’s that time of year again, hurricane season. It may be hard to imagine at this point in the summer, but if history is any indication of what’s to come, we’re likely to face several tropical storms and hurricanes.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the greatest potential for loss of life during a hurricane comes from a storm surge, which is water pushed toward the shore by high winds. The strength from the surge can wipe out structures, and those left standing are likely to flood. Though the risk is greater at the coast, residents throughout the state need to be prepared.



Hurricanes usually bring six to 12 inches of rain, meaning inland areas could flood, and high winds also have the potential to create damage inland. Another thing to consider is that hurricanes can spawn tornadoes, which are also deadly and destructive.

Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30, so let’s start June with a hurricane preparedness plan.

Follow the tips below to make sure you stay safe this hurricane season.

Preparing for a Hurricane:

- Have an evacuation plan for your family. Remember to include pets in your plan.
- Make sure flashlights, battery powered lanterns and other sources of light are available and batteries are fresh.
- Have an adequate supply of medicine and first aid items.
- Keep at least a two-week supply of bottled water, non-perishable food items and firewood on hand.
- Have identification and documentation on hand, including your social security card, driver’s license, birth certificate and insurance information.
- Prepare for potential power outages by unplugging sensitive electronic appliances, such as TVs, DVD players and computers. This action will protect your appliances against power surges that can occur when power is restored.
- Listen to weather forecasts and predictions for possible hurricanes.

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During a Hurricane:

- Get inside a building and stay away from windows.
- Take cover in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.
- Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
- Do not be fooled if there is a lull. This could be the eye of the hurricane and winds will pick back up after the eye passes.

After a Hurricane:

- Listen to local radio stations or NOAA Weather Radio for updated news.
- Always treat downed power lines and poles as if they are live and dangerous—stay away! Inform your electric cooperative immediately.
- Post-storm debris can hide fallen power lines. Even the ground can become energized near fallen power lines; be careful as you

clean up debris, and if you think it's possible that there's a downed line under debris, call your electric cooperative.

- If you are without electricity and use a portable generator, follow the generator's safety guidelines to avoid carbon monoxide emissions, burns and possible electrocution. If you have questions about generator safety, call your electric cooperative.
- If you cook with charcoal; make sure to do so outside to avoid build-up of carbon monoxide fumes.
- Replenish your supplies of batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food items and firewood for future hurricanes.

We can't prevent hurricanes, but we can prepare for them—start now.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sweet & Spicy Cucumber Slices

- 1½ lbs cucumber (about 3 medium), peeled, halved lengthwise & thinly sliced
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- ½ c rice vinegar, seasoned or regular
- ½ c water
- 3 tbs sugar
- ¼ tsp red pepper flakes
- 2 tbs minced red onion

Place cucumber slices in a colander placed over a bowl, sprinkle slices with salt and toss them well. Let sit for 1 hour in the refrigerator. Toss the cukes a few times while they drain. Prepare marinade while cukes are draining.

Combine vinegar, water, sugar and red pepper in a small saucepan, bring to boil. Reduce heat, cook until reduced to ½ c. Remove reduction from heat and add onion. Let mixture cool at room temp. Pat cucumbers dry and combine with the vinegar reduction. Best served chilled.

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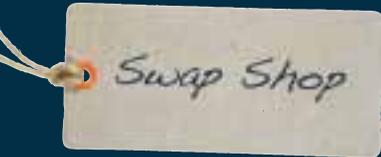


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*APR=annual percentage rate



For sale: White, Whirlpool refrigerator, good cond., \$100. Call: 252-567-8433 (Rocky Mount).

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Home Improvement: Complete home improvement services, land clearing and demolition, fully insured, free estimates. Call: 252-813-0276 (Steve Aycock, Enfield).

Lawn maintenance: Complete lawn maintenance for commercial/residential, fully insured, free estimates. Call: 252-904-1598 or 252-826-3957 (Lawn Ranger, Sonny Padgett, Scotland Neck).

Co-op Welcomes New Employee

The Co-op is proud to welcome Brett Love of Pleasant Hill, N.C., in the position of Lineman III.



Brett and his wife, Christian, are expecting their first child, a girl, this summer.

He attended Halifax Academy and Nash Community College and was previously employed with Lee Electrical Construction.

Brett enjoys baseball, football, fishing and hunting. He says his parents have been the most influential people in his life.

When asked what motto he lives by, Brett responded, "To love and support my family."

Welcome to the Co-op family, Brett!

Right-of-Way Maintenance

Halifax EMC has contracted Asplundh Tree Experts Co. to perform right-of-way maintenance on the system. Their crews will be working in the area around the Inez Substation during the month of June.

Pictured are two styles of trucks you will see in that area.

If you have any questions or concerns about the right-of-way process, please contact Jeffrey Short at 252-445-5113, ext. 3007.



Account Update Winners

Congratulations to our account update winners for March and April!

Joyce Kimble Elsey of Baltimore, Md., won the drawing for the \$50 electric service credit in March.

The April winner of the \$50 electric service credit was Don Bankard of Littleton.

April was your last chance to win a \$50 service credit. Thanks to all who participated!



Holiday Closing

The offices of Halifax EMC will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.

Our offices will re-open on Thursday, July 5.

Have a safe and happy holiday!