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*The Cellar,
Enfield, NC
circa 1806*

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Preservation Halifax Photo Contest

Calling all students and photographers! Preservation Halifax is looking for historically themed photos from/of historic locations in the towns of Halifax County: Brinkleyville, Enfield, Halifax, Hobgood, Hollister, Littleton, Scotland Neck, Tillery, Roanoke Rapids, and Weldon. The organization is looking for photos of all occasions and times of year, so keep in mind which month your photo would best represent.

- The winning photos will be printed on our 2016 calendar so they need to be at least 8.5" x 11" or 815 x 1056 pixels.
- Please make sure that the resolution is good for printing, which means all digital photos should be over 300 dpi.
- Every photo must include a submission form, and the contestant must agree to allow Preservation Halifax, a non-profit organization, to use the photos for fundraising purposes.
- There will be 12 winners, nine of which will be students (18 and under) and three of which will be amateur photographers (over 18).
- Winners will get their photo in our 2016 calendar, a free calendar, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive additional prizes.
- All photos and forms must be received by July 4th.
- Submit photos and forms to PreservationHalifax@gmail.com or deliver printed photos to the Halifax Historic Site.
- To download the submission form, please visit www.PreservationHalifax.org

Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC
will be closed on
Friday, July 3,
in observance of
July 4th.

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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

“Updating your contact information speeds up the power restoration process.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

In the utility business, we know rough weather will occur, and sometimes power outages simply can't be avoided. But did you know there are steps you can take to ensure your electricity is restored as quickly and safely as possible? By keeping your contact information up to date, you can take full advantage of the services Halifax EMC offers.

Remember when you had to speak to a member service representative in order to report a power outage? Waiting on hold could be frustrating and time consuming. Today, with the press of a button, you can easily report an outage. At Halifax EMC, we use the phone number you provide to link your service address to our outage

management system. If we don't have the correct phone number linked to your home address, it makes it much more difficult for you to report an outage.



For example, if you call 1-800-690-0522 to report an outage, our automated system instantly recognizes your phone number and can determine the particular service address from which you are reporting an outage. Once you give our system a response, your outage is reported. It's that simple! But remember—this only works if your current phone number is linked to your service address.

Updating your contact information is helpful because it also speeds up the power restoration process. With correct information, our outage management system can predict the location and the possible cause of an outage, making it easier for our crews to correct the problem.

There are other advantages to having up-to-date contact information such as the ability to receive alerts and reminders via text or email. Sign up to receive a reminder about your upcoming due date or even a notification when your due date has passed. Members can also receive alerts when information to their member profile has been changed.

Call 252-445-5111 and make sure you are up to date.



Lineman Joins HEMC Crew

Halifax EMC is excited to announce that Jeremy Gregory joined our team as a Lineman II in April.

Jeremy brings great experience to the job as he was previously employed as a 2nd class lineman by the City of Rocky Mount.

Jeremy and his wife, Maranda, reside in Littleton. They are the proud parents of two children, Jacob and Kayla.

Along with hunting, fishing and gardening, Jeremy enjoys playing the guitar. He is the Praise



and Worship Leader in the Fresh Fire Assembly of God Church in Roanoke Rapids.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lady Pea Salsa

- 1 cup diced unpeeled nectarine
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 Tbs sugar
- 3 Tbs fresh lime juice
- 2 tsp orange zest
- 2 tsp grated fresh ginger
- 2 cups cooked fresh lady peas
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 cup diced red onion

Stir together first six ingredients in a large bowl; let stand 15 minutes. Add peas and next two ingredients, and gently toss to coat. Serve immediately, or cover and chill up to 24 hours.

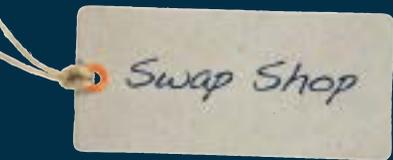
Source: Southern Living

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Keep cool this summer! ENERGY STAR certified refrigerators are about 9-10 percent more energy efficient than models that meet the federal minimum energy efficiency standard.

Source: EnergyStar.gov



For Sale: Wood heater, Suburban brand \$75 OBO buyer needs to pick up; John Deere lawnmower, hydrostatic 42" cut, 2 yrs old, good cond., \$800. Call (252) 257-4594 (Arcola)



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Hurricane Safety Tips

The month of June officially kicks off the summer season, but it also marks the beginning of a potentially dangerous time—hurricane season. North Carolina sits on the Atlantic coast, and hurricanes often bring flooding, power loss and wind damage to this area, as well as areas inland. Follow these tips to brush up on what to do before, during and after a storm to keep you safe and minimize damage to your home:

Before a Hurricane:

- Outline a communications and evacuation plan for your family before a hurricane warning is issued to minimize confusion and fear. If you have pets or any livestock, include them in your plan.
- Create an emergency kit that includes 72 hours' worth of food, water, medication and any other supplies you may need.
- Bring all lawn furniture, decorations, toys and garbage cans in from outside. Tie down items that can't be brought in like boats and trailers.
- Fuel up your car. A loss of electricity could put gas stations out of commission until power is restored.
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. Plywood can be used to board up windows and doors if your house doesn't have hurricane shutters.
- Secure your home and evacuate immediately if you live in a mobile home or flood zone.



During a Hurricane:

- Stay indoors and away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- If flooding is imminent, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or TV for information about the storm and evacuation procedures.
- Avoid using the phone except for serious emergencies.
- Do not go outside until officials have issued an all clear, even if the winds have subsided. You may be in the eye of the hurricane and about to face another round of high winds and heavy rain.

After a Hurricane:

- Stay alert for extended rainfall and flooding even after the hurricane has passed.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines. Report them immediately to your local co-op.
- If power was out for an extended period of time, throw out any food that may have spoiled in the refrigerator.
- Take pictures of any damage that has occurred to your home for insurance purposes.
- If running a generator, place it in a dry, well-ventilated area away from air intakes into the home. The generator should be properly grounded and connected to appliances with proper power cords.
- Report power outages to your local electric cooperative.



Preparing for hurricane season will help you stay safe, potentially saving lives and money. You cannot prevent hurricanes, but you can minimize damage to your home and injury to your family by gathering supplies, preparing your home and planning for a possible storm before the hurricane season starts.