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Let Our Voices Be Heard Now

This year marks the 232nd year since the signing of the Halifax Resolves and the Declaration of Independence. Both of these documents show what the power of the people can do when they unite for a common cause. As a result, a new nation was formed.

The Halifax Resolves, signed April 12, 1776, was the first written document by any colony to declare our independence from Great Britain. The



people of North Carolina joined together to let the representatives to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia know how they felt about independence.

As colony after colony bound together they declared in one voice that “by right we should be a free and independent nation.” On July 4, 1776, that voice was heard through the Declaration of Independence.

Today, just as our forefathers did, we have an opportunity to have our voices heard through the “Our Energy, Our Future” campaign and impact legislation that can have an affect on the quality of our lives.

We are all concerned about global warming. The challenge of reversing climate change will affect all of us. We all want a clean, safe place to live and work. But our elected officials have NOT come up with a plan that addresses climate change without a massive electric rate increase that would affect anyone who uses electricity, not just co-op members. The proposal that has advanced the furthest in Washington will likely raise electric rates by 40% over the next 20 years. Now is the time for all good cooperative members to come to the aid of their co-ops and let our elected officials answer to us on climate change.

As members of your cooperative and as voters, let’s continue the dialogue with our elected officials

and let our voices be heard. To make things easy, there is a Web site that will send a question from you directly to your representatives. Go to www.ourenergy.coop and plug in your address. There, you’ll be able to ask your representatives in Washington and in Raleigh a series of questions. You may also pick up a card at our Enfield and Macon offices to fill out. Return it to the cashier/receptionist and we will be glad to mail it for you. Or go to our Web site at www.halifaxemc.com and click on “Our Energy, Our Future.” It will take you to the Web page listed above. It will only take a few minutes and may well be some of the best few minutes you spend today.

Now that we have begun our dialogue with elected officials, let’s continue our discussion with the second of three questions: “What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions-free electric plants an affordable reality?” Let’s exercise the power of the people and let our voices be heard just like they did in 1776.



Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America

Holiday Closing Correction!

Halifax EMC will be closed on
Friday, July 4,
(instead of Wednesday as reported
in the June issue of Hali-Facts)
for
Independence Day!
We will re-open for business on
Monday, July 7.

Member Page

Recipe of the Month

Honey-Lime Fruit Toss

1 20 oz. can pineapple chunks	1 large banana, sliced
1 11 or 15 oz. can Mandarin oranges, drained	1 cup strawberries, quartered
1 kiwi fruit, peeled, halved, sliced	¼ tsp grated lime peel
	2 tbsp lime juice
	1 tbsp honey

Drain pineapple; reserve ¼ cup juice. Combine pineapple chunks, Mandarin oranges, banana, kiwi fruit and strawberries in a bowl. Stir together reserved juice, lime peel, lime juice and honey. Pour over salad; toss to coat.

Source: www.dolenutrition.com/RecipeDetail.aspx?RecId=1

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: _____

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Brand new electric stove, \$200; car dolly, used only once, \$700; 20' Pace trailer, closed in w/dbl doors, \$3,500; 18' flatbed trailer w/ramps, \$1,200 or BO. **CALL:** 252-257-4490 (Macon).

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: Like new lg. refrigerator/freezer at bottom w/icemaker, \$400; Saunders desk w/2 file & 2 utility drawers, \$100; Saunders lg. computer cabinet, \$100; available immediately. **CALL:** 252-586-7824 or 532-5714 (Littleton)

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, like new, includes hunter green umbrella, glass top table w/4 chairs; chaise lounge, hunter green & white striped cushions, & glass top side table, \$450. **CALL:** 919-693-6676 (Oxford).



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Cooperative Page



Electric Lines

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The Power of the People to Effect Change

Small Change Can Make a BIG Change!

Our previous generation used the power of the people and the assistance to the federal government to effect a change that brought electric power to rural America. In the early 1930s, only about 10% of American homes had electric power. This ten percent lived in cities. People in the rural areas banded together and formed electric cooperatives. With the assistance of the federal government through the 1935 Rural Electrification Act, rural America was able to receive electric power. By the power of the people uniting for this common cause and by the sweat of their brows and the dirt on their hands, they were able to build affordable electric power in their communities.

Today, we have that same power to affect change in our communities through Operation Round Up. For just a few cents a month, we can provide funds to individuals and organizations that will improve the quality of life in the communities served by Halifax EMC. Small change can make a BIG change in someone's life or in the life of a community and

pay tremendous benefits.

The funds raised by Operation Round Up will go to fund grants for education, energy efficiency, economic development, environmental programs, and emergency response organizations where other sources are not available. The funds will be awarded by a foundation called "Halifax Helps, Inc.," which will be administered by a board of directors. Donations to Operation Round Up are tax deductible.

Participation in Operation Round Up is voluntary. If you wish to participate you do not have to do anything. If you choose not to participate just complete the Opt-out form on this page or complete one in our Enfield or Macon offices. You may also visit our Web site at www.halifaxemc.com and complete an opt out form online. We will begin rounding up electric bills in October. You may, however, opt out or opt in at any time.



Operation Round Up Opt-Out Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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

Community Page

Want to Save Energy? Save Water



With summer heat upon us, it is possible that we may experience another drought. By saving water we can also save energy.

The water company uses electricity to purify water and pump it through the pipes to your home. You use electricity to heat water for showering, washing dishes and doing laundry.

You can save energy--and your energy dollars by conserving water at home.

- Buy water-saving, low-flow toilets and showerheads when it's time to replace your old ones. Look for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label on products that meet EPA performance and efficiency standards. These typically save at least 20 percent more water than comparable products.
- Rig your lawn sprinkler to a timer and cut the length of watering after it rains or the weather cools.
- Find out how much water each plant in your garden needs. Over-watering certain types of plants can kill them.
- Invest in a swimming pool cover. It will keep heat in your pool and prevent water evaporation.
- Sweep your driveway instead of hosing it down.
- Don't do laundry until you have a full load of clothes. Even smaller cycles waste energy and water compared to full, large loads.
- Run the dishwasher only when it's full. Keep a bowl of soapy water in the sink for quick dishwashing.
- Turn the faucet off when shaving. As much as six gallons of hot water can go down the drain during a five-minute shave.
- Repair leaky faucets. A leaking hot water faucet that will fill a coffee cup within 10 minutes wastes more than 3,000 gallons of hot water annually, and that's more money out of your pocket.

'Trickle' Irrigation, Mulch Help Plants Survive Heat

Memories of last year's hot, dry summer are once again resurfacing with temperatures in the 90s. Most of us do not have an unlimited water supply for irrigation. Therefore, we should make the most of what we have.

The quality of water required to maintain lawns with good growing conditions makes it impractical for most of us to irrigate them. Don't start irrigating unless you are prepared to continue all summer. Fescue will go dormant during the summer if dry conditions persist. Dormant fescue is very drought tolerant.

Raise your mowing height to at least three inches for fescue. A scalped lawn is less likely to survive drought. Don't apply any fertilizer or weed killers. Fescue should not receive any nitrogen fertilizer until September. Weed killer may add to the stress the grass is already experiencing. Besides, weed killers do not work as well on weeds during drought stress.

A plastic milk jug with holes cut into the bottom makes a good "trickle" irrigation system. Partially bury the jug next to your prize tomato plants and fill the jug with water every day if necessary. This isn't pretty, but it works. Two jugs per plant are better.

There are various soaker hoses available that put out a low volume of water in a small area. These are suitable for rows of vegetables or newly planted shrubs and trees.

Mulch your vegetable garden, shrubs and young trees. Mulches conserve moisture, moderate soil temperature, reduce soil erosion and add organic matter to the soil. Bark, small grain straw, compost and pine needles are suitable mulches.

You often hear that pine needles make soil very acid. This is a myth. The impact on soil pH from a pine needle mulch is negligible.