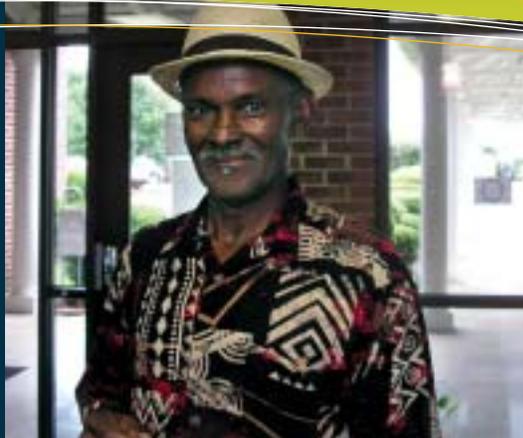


Longtime Members Attend Meeting

Two longtime members of Halifax EMC attended the 70th Annual Meeting on May 16. Mr. Conzell Little and James Conyers have been members of Halifax EMC for more than 20 years.

Mr. Little has missed only one meeting in the past 21 years and he has been very faithful in assisting us by taking blood pressure at the health fair. Out of the 21 years we have been having the health fair, Mr. Little has worked 19 years. This year and one year when his wife was sick were the only two times he didn't take members' blood pressure.

Mr. Conyers has been coming to the annual meeting for the past 25 years. "I have only won a door prize once in the 25 years that I have been coming," he said. That was true until this year when he was one of the door prize winners. Not only has he been coming all these years, this year he talked 20 people into attending. "You need to attend the meeting so you will know what is going on," he said.



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Halifax EMC's 2009 Annual Meeting—A Big Success!

A large crowd turned out for Halifax EMC's 2009 Annual Meeting. Based on the weather forecast, it was anticipated that there would be a smaller number of members at the meeting due to the predicted rain. However, the weather cooperated so that a larger than normal number of members tuned out.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the "go green" reusable bags that Halifax EMC gave to each registered member. The bag contained a HEMC cap, a 6-pack of "bulb lights," information brochures on Halifax EMC's heat pump/water heater rebate programs, information on energy efficiency, and more. Carolina Country magazine, which had a display at the meeting, also gave away a popular reusable bag.

Other displays included the Five Forks Substation, a high voltage display, CADA's weatherization program, Touchstone Energy, and Finding a Balanced Solution.

Members were able to get their blood pressure checked by the Warren County Rescue Squad, their blood sugar and cholesterol checked by nurses from Halifax County Health Department. A continental



breakfast was served by the Volunteers In Action. Entertainment was provided by Steve Hyman of Norlina.

Prior to the meeting, members participated in the election of three directors through mail-in ballots. The directors elected to another three-year term were: Morell Jones, District 1; Basil Williams, District 2; and Beverly Carter, District 8 At-Large. By using mail-in ballots all members have the opportunity to participate in the election of directors. All members whose votes were validated were entered into a drawing for a \$300 electric service credit. The winner was Brenda M. Gibson of Littleton.

Other activities at the meeting included

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Electric Lines

“Halifax EMC will do all it can to protect its members’ identities.”

by Charles H. Guerry
Executive Vice President & General Manager

During the past several years identity theft has become one of the fastest growing crimes. It creates serious financial and legal problems for its victims. Everyone is subject to this most devastating crime. Therefore, we must be mindful of how we use our various identification methods, such as Social Security, bank account and driver license numbers, to list a few.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your protected information to commit fraud or other crimes. Protected information includes, for example, Social Security numbers (SSN), account information, bank or credit card numbers and information derived from credit reports without your permission.

The Federal Trade Commission has developed new regulations to combat identity theft. In compliance with the new “Red Flag” rules, Halifax EMC has made changes in our day-to-day operations.

Members will notice a few changes when they request information about their accounts. Our employees may require you to provide additional identifying information to process your request. For example, callers must provide certain information for an account to obtain account balances and due dates or to request a change of mailing address or name change.

Another change Halifax EMC has made to comply with the Red Flag standards involves applications for new membership, as well as applications for service with existing accounts. New applications for service may only be made in person at the Cooperative office, and identity of the applicant must be established by two

forms of official documentation including, but not limited to, Social Security cards, driver licenses, or state-issued identification cards. Applications for service with existing accounts may be made either at the office or by mail when such application includes a notarized rider as proof of identity.

We realize that compliance with these new regulations may pose some inconvenience for our members. However, please remember that these new precautions are being taken to protect your privacy and provide security for your identity.

You can also help secure your identity. Here are a few simple tips:

- Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your SSN card in your wallet or purse, and give it out only when absolutely necessary.
- Treat your trash and mail carefully. Shred all charge receipts, credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements, credit and bank statements, expired credit cards, and credit card offers. Deposit all your outgoing mail in Post Office collection boxes or Post Office. Remove mail promptly from your mailbox. If you will be away from home on a trip or vacation, have a trusted neighbor, friend, or family member pick up your mail or put a vacation hold on it through the Postal Service.
- Secure your computer with passwords, security software, and firewalls. Always turn your computer off when not in use. Don't reply to emails, text, or pop-up messages that ask for personal information.





Energy-Efficient *Ideas*

Did you know the human comfort range in summer is between 72° and 78° F with relative humidity between 35–60 percent, according to the American Society for Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). Here are some ways to help your air conditioner work more efficient and help keep your cooling costs down.

- Raise your thermostat to at least 78°. There is a 3 percent reduction in cooling costs for each degree you raise it above 78°.
 - Close your blinds/drapes on the sunny side of the house. By keeping out the sun, especially the afternoon sun, it helps to reduce the amount of energy it takes to cool the house.
 - Use small appliances for cooking whenever possible. They should put out less heat than the stove top or oven.
 - Use ceiling fans or oscillating fans to help move the air around. Moving air will help you feel cooler at higher temperatures.
 - Keep grass and weeds away from around your outside air conditioning unit. A buildup of grass and weeds can block the air flow around the unit and make it work harder.
 - Change the filters regularly, at least once a month or more often if needed.
 - Be careful about leaving outside doors open. Open doors allow the cooled air to escape outside.
 - Don't block registers with furniture.
 - Use compact fluorescent bulbs to reduce energy usage and heat. Keeping bulbs dusted will also help.
- These are just a few common sense and low-cost tips to help you save energy and money.

Halifax Helps Awards Its First Grants

In 2008 Halifax EMC started the Operation Round Up® program. Halifax Helps, Inc. was established to administer the funds received through the Round Up program. The first grants from this program were presented at this year's annual meeting. Grants totaling more than \$21,000 were presented by Debbie Hardy, President of Halifax Helps Board of Directors, to: Rheasville Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500 for radios and pagers; Enfield Fire Department, \$2,500 for new blades for Jaws of Life, safety vests, and nozzles; Oak City Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500 for radios, safety equipment, and computer; Arcola Rural Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,500 for radios; Warren County NASA SEMAA, \$5,014 for laptop computers; Friends of Lake Gaston Association, Inc., \$2,500

for a watershed protection awareness program; Lake Gaston Community Center, \$3,000 for an "After School and Summer Reading Library;" and Citizens for Animal Protection of Warren County, Inc., \$1,000 for a spay/neuter program for neglected and abused animals.



Halifax Helps Grant Recipients



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mango Salsa

- 1 mango, seeded and chopped
- 1 red pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 Roma tomato, seeded and chopped
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon red wine
- Tortilla chips

Combine all ingredients except tortilla chips in a glass bowl or plastic container. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours. Serve with tortilla chips or as a fresh garnish for fish or chicken. Makes about 1 cup.

Source: A Dash of Down East—A Second Helping, 2003

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inflatable games for children, as well as popcorn and sno cones.

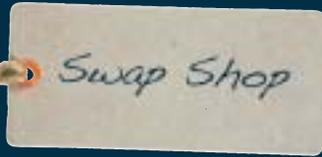
As Saturday, May 16, was Armed Forces Day, Halifax EMC recognized all those who were at the meeting who had served and/or were serving in the U. S. armed forces. This was followed by the presentation of the colors by the Warren County High School Jr. ROTC and the singing of the National Anthem.

Before the business session started, recipients of the 2008-09 Bright Ideas grants were recognized for going the extra mile for their students. The recipients were: Pamela Richardson, Inborden Elementary School; Patricia Williamson, Northside Elementary School, Taylor Whitehead, Warren County High School; Deborah Foster, South Warren Elementary School; Jewel Mitchell, Northside Elementary School; and Elizabeth Guest, Aurelian Springs Elementary School. These teachers' names were placed in a drawing for a digital camera and the winner was Pamela Richardson.

During the meeting, Charles Guerry, Halifax EMC's Executive Vice President & General Manager, reported on the affairs of the cooperative. He discussed the new energy legislation and the effects it will have on the cooperative's members and how important it was for them to contact their Congressional representatives and senators through the grass roots program, "Our Energy, Our Future." Other topics he discussed were energy efficiency, right-of-way clearing, the Five Forks Substation, and Halifax Helps.

At the close of the meeting, door prizes were given away. Brady Martin, Halifax EMC's Manager of Marketing, assisted by Stephanie Green, Cashier/ Receptionist and Ahmaad Epps drew for the winners. The winners were: Louis Silver, Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit; Franklin Rivers, rotisserie convection oven; Blannie Richardson, slow cooker; Erica Coppedge, floor lamp; Lee Leolia, Weed

Eater; Bettie L. Jones, digital blender; Lillie M. Grant, food processor; Gladys Pegram, dust buster; Tammy Hedgepeth, microwave oven; Thomas Lynch, blower/vac; Grover Williams, Seal-a-Meal; Linda Browne, rechargeable chainsaw; Johnnie M Richardson, ceiling fan; Jimmy R Braddy, hedge trimmer; James Manley, coffeemaker; Jean Wilson, wafflemaker; Johnnie Hedgepeth, steam iron; Mrs. J. J. Nicholson, crockpot; Cynthia Silver, hand vac; Robert Williams, electric knife; Mary E. Evans, sandwich maker; William E. Booth, insulating film window kits; Carolyn M. Caudle, undercabinet light; Vivian O. Booth, battery charger; Mary H. Anstead, can opener; Calvin L. Spragins, programmable thermostat; Nathaniel Silver, indoor/outdoor thermometer; Francis S. Williams, amplifying showerhead; James E. Conyers, safety extension cord; Dorothy L. Conyer, window kit; Leslie Brinkley, Jr., two tickets to Lakeland Arts; and Margie Ann Silver, Carolina Country gift basket.



For sale: 2000 21' Ebb Tide Bow Rider w/2000 Mercruiser engine, low hrs, excellent condition, located on Lake Gaston. CALL: 757-436-2271 (Chesapeake, VA).

For sale: Oak dining table w/4 chairs, 5' x3', excellent condition, \$100; iron weight set w/various weights included, \$20; 3 (16") tires, good condition, \$15 ea. CALL: 252-826-5194 (Scotland Neck).

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

Holiday Closing

*Halifax EMC will
be closed on*

Friday, July 3,

in observance of

*Independence
Day!*