

Prize Winners

- Electric Lawn Mower-
Lillie M. Grant
- Microwave Oven-
Cynthia J. Silver
- Steel Step Stool-
Elvelon W. Mason
- Garden Scooter-
Terry W. Maxwell
- Home Inflation System-
Maelean Hedgepeth
- Electric Water Kettle-
Gladys Harvey
- Smoke Alarm-
Joseph R. Johnson
- Handheld Vac System-
Andrew S. Taylor
- Laser Level-
James T. Clark
- 3-pc Tool Set-
Sandy L. Evans
- Weather Alert Radio-
Grady Silver
- Topsy Turvey Planter-
Andy Adkins
- Single Buffet Range-
Jimmy R. Braddy
- Wet/Dry Vacuum-
Gazetta J. Pleasant
- Mechanics Tool Kit-
Magnora Lynch
- Humidifier-
Mitchell R. Smith
- 3.6 Volt Screwdriver-
Clinton Mills
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A Large Crowd Turns Out for Halifax EMC's 71st Annual Meeting

A large crowd turned out at Aurelian Springs Elementary School on Saturday, May 15, for Halifax EMC's 71st Annual Meeting. The weather was perfect and it appeared that everyone had a great time.

Registration began at 9 a.m. This year a new feature was added to the registration process. Members were registered through the use of computers, which made the process go much quicker and smoother. Afterwards, registered members were given a goody bag with many useful items.

A health fair was provided by the Warren County Rescue Squad and the Halifax County Health Department. Many members took advantage of this and got their blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol checked.

The Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action served a continental breakfast of coffee or drinks with donuts. They also held a half-and-half raffle to help raise funds for their scholarship and other community outreach projects. This raffle turned out to be very profitable for the Volunteers and for Mary Kearny, the member who won the raffle.

Exhibits provided information to the members about electrical safety, Carolina Country magazine, ElecTel



Energy Smart Loans, North Carolina Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Co-op Connections Cards, and the effects of leaky ducts/dirty filters.

The Watchman Quartet of Red Oak provided entertainment to the members with its "toe-tapping, hand-clapping," kind of good, ole gospel music.

As May 15 is recognized as Armed Forces Day, Halifax EMC recognized the veterans who so faithfully served, or who are serving our country. As a tribute to those who have given their last full measure of devotion to this country, the Jr. ROTC from Warren County High School presented the colors, followed by everyone singing the National Anthem.



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Electric Lines

by Charles H. Guerry

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“Regular maintenance on your heating/cooling system can extend its life and efficiency.”

Your heating and cooling system is one of the most expensive appliances in your home and is one of the high-end energy users. Halifax EMC has always looked for ways to help our members save on their energy bills. These ways involve system maintenance and/or replacing an old system with a high-efficiency heat pump. Some of the maintenance you can do yourself, such as changing the filters in your unit monthly, or more often if needed, especially during periods of heavy use (June - August and October - February). A heat pump draws air from the outside of your house, which pulls in dust, pollen and other debris inside. A dirty filter is a sign that your unit is helping to clean the circulating air and improving the quality of air. A dirty filter, on the other hand, will get clogged with the dust, pollen and other debris, which means the unit's fan motor has to work harder to move air through it. This consumes more energy and is more expensive to operate.

Another maintenance chore that you can do is to remove leaves, weeds, spider webs and other debris from around the outside of the unit. A build-up of yard waste around the unit clogs up the air vent making the unit work harder.

At least once a year, you should have a professional technician

service your unit. A heat pump represents a large investment in your home and proper maintenance is the key to its longevity and efficiency. A dirty unit works harder, which causes it to consume more energy and shortens its service life.

Now is a good time to replace an old and less efficient unit with an Energy Star rated heat pump because through 2010 you can receive a tax credit up to \$1,500 on certain heat pumps. Put that with a rebate from Halifax EMC and an ElecTel Energy Smart Loan from the ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union and it's one sweet deal.

The ElecTel Energy Smart Loan is for residential members who wish to make their homes more energy efficient through the replacement of old appliances with Energy Star appliances, replacement windows and doors, insulation, and much more. Give them a call today at 1-800-849-5600 or go online to www.electelccu.org for more details.



Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America





Energy-Efficient *Ideas*

The average American household spends \$1500 annually on energy bills—a number that may go up as much as 50 percent this year. Almost half of that energy goes to heating and cooling your home. Lighting and appliances represent about a quarter and home electronic products like computers, TVs and cell phone chargers take a significant and growing share of what is left. There are ways to become more energy efficient in all these areas. Here are a few tips:

- Set your thermostat on 78°. There is a 3 percent reduction in cooling costs for each degree you raise your thermostat.
- Make sure attic and wall spaces are well insulated. Most insulation projects are suitable for many do it yourselfers and there are many qualified contractors that specialize in insulation work.
- During the summer, close your drapes on the sunny side of the house and open them on the shady side.
- Consider the purchase of a programmable thermostat.
- Seal around doors and windows with caulking or weather stripping to keep cool air from leaking out of your home.
- Converting to a new high efficiency heat pump can save some homeowners on their energy bill.

- Change your furnace air filter regularly.
- Check to see if floor supply registers are clean and not blocked by furniture.
- Check for government grants, rebates, and tax credits for energy related improvements.
- Hire an energy consulting company to conduct an audit of your house.

Other energy savings tips can be found on Halifax EMC's website at www.halifaxemc.com. Just click on Together We Save and/or Energy Savers.

Remember, you control the amount of energy you use. There are many inexpensive ways you can save on your energy costs. Just cutting off lights and appliances when not in use doesn't cost anything, but over a year's time can save you money on your energy bill.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hawaii Fruit Cake

- 1 box pineapple supreme cake mix
- 1 lg. can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup walnuts, any kind
- 1 stick margarine or butter

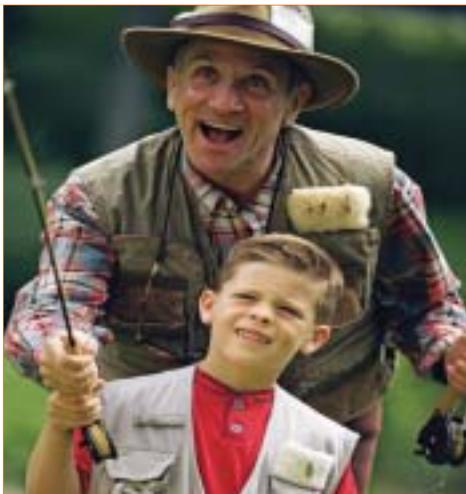
Melt margarine. Let cool. Make pineapple cake according to package directions. Add pineapple, walnuts, and melted margarine. Pour in tube pan. Bake at 325° for 40 minutes.



Halifax EMC will be closed on

Monday, July 5 for Independence Day!

Have a happy and safe holiday!

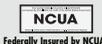


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Swap Shop

For sale: Large canoe, \$25; 2003 Polaris Jet Ski w/ new battery & cover, seats 3+ people, \$1200. Call: 252-586-5299 (Littleton/Lake Gaston).

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- Can to Bottle Set-
Carolyn R. Rudd
- Brita Water Pitcher-
Sidney B. Gibson
- Black & Decker Iron-
Muriel F. Rook
- Electric Skillet-
Washington Richardson
- Household Toolkit-
Bobby W. Peck
- Rice Cooker & Steamer-
Roy Jones
- Egg Cooker-
Ethel M. Scott
- Garden Tote Kit-
Rosa Hewlin Shipman
- Fire Extinguisher-
Ervin Roberts
- Steam Mop-
Nathaniel Richardson
- Toaster-Barbara L. Lee
- Air Circulator-Gene Todd
- Worklight w/Tripod-
Johnnie M. Henderson
- Blender-Edward Wilkerson
- Topsy Turvey Planter-
Estelle H. Ellis
- George Foreman Grill-
Hermeria R. Silver
- Mixer-C. N. Thompson
- Carolina Country Gift Basket-
Willie B. Evans
- Tickets to Lakeland Arts-
Grover Williams, Donnie
Silver, Rossie Wilkins,
Robert Williams Leslie
Brinkley Jr.
- Ferns-Angela Richardson &
Arnie M. Richardson

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At this year's meeting, Halifax EMC launched two new programs for the benefit of its members. One was the ElecTel Energy Smart Loan program to help members make their homes more energy efficient, and the other one was the Co-op Connections Card which should go to members in the September or October Hali-facts newsletter in Carolina Country magazine.

Three incumbent directors were re-elected to a three-year term through mail-in ballots. They were Leon Williams, District 4, Stan Brothers, District 6, and Robert Edwards, District 8 At-Large. Those members who mailed in their ballots were entered into a drawing for a \$200 electric service credit. The winner of the drawing was Marilyn S. Reed.

Following the board's report given by Charles Guerry, Executive Vice President & General Manager of Halifax EMC, a special recognition was made to a very special person, Mr. Conzell Little who has served Halifax EMC so faithfully for more than 20 years. Mr. Little has worked in the health fair taking blood pressure since we started having a health fair.

Halifax Helps board president Debby Hardy awarded the third round of grants from the Halifax EMC Operation Round Up[®] Program. Those receiving awards were: Enfield Volunteer Fire Department, Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park, Rheasville Volunteer Fire Department, Halifax County Sheriff's Department, Edna Andrews Elementary School PTA, Enfield Baptist Church, Inez Volunteer Fire Department, John 3:16 Center, Halifax County 4-H, and Lakeland Cultural Arts Center.



Children were provided sno-cones and popcorn from Mojo's of Roanoke Rapids, as well as a Disney Mickey Park Bounce and a blow-up basketball game.

At the conclusion of the business session a prize drawing was held. Many outstanding prizes were given away, with the grand prize being a rechargeable electric lawn mower. The winner of the grand prize was Lillie M. Grant. Assisting Brady Martin, Halifax EMC's Manager of Marketing, with the prize drawing were Halifax EMC employees Julia Allsbrook, Shirley Carter, Jerry Roberson, P. A. Daniels, and John Lassiter. Also assisting with the drawing were Bethany Lassiter, Rob Poythress and Danielle Leonard.

Before departing for home, members were served a delicious catered lunch of barbecue and fried chicken from Bill's Barbecue of Wilson and served by the Volunteers In Action.



A fine day was had by all. Please mark your calendars for the third Saturday of May for next year's annual meeting. It should prove to be as outstanding as this year's was. See you next year.