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Annual Meeting Wrap-up

Halifax EMC's 73rd Annual Meeting of the Membership was held on Saturday, May 19, at Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School. This year's meeting proved to be another successful event and was once again well attended with 316 registered members and their guests.

The registration area was packed as doors opened at 9 a.m. and members filed in to have their registration card scanned. The registration process moved along quickly this year as scanners were used to scan the registration card. Members were also given an extra \$1 this year if they remembered to bring their card.

The Volunteers in Action served a continental breakfast in the cafeteria. Many members stopped off at the health fair to have their blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar checked before enjoying breakfast.

There was plenty to do before the meeting began at 11 a.m. Exhibits located in the school's gymnasium provided information to the members about electrical safety, Carolina Country magazine, ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union, North Carolina's Touchstone Energy

Cooperatives, Co-op Connections Cards, and displays about leaky ducts/dirty filters and solar windows.

A new addition to the booths this year was the presence of Clean Energy Durham and Halifax EMC's very own Energy Volunteers. They provided members with information about their workshop schedules, provided a few tips on saving energy and handed out goodies.

The Mills Family of Hollister provided the entertainment again this year. They are always a crowd pleaser.

Three incumbent directors were re-elected to a three-year term through the mail-in ballot process and were announced during the business session. They were Morell Jones, Jr., District 1; Basil Williams, District 2 and Beverly Carter, District 8. Members who participated in the mail-in ballot process were entered in a drawing for a \$100 electric service credit. Four names were drawn; Waldo W. Powell of Enfield, Tommy Evans of Enfield, Ben J. Richardson of Enfield and Tori Richardson of Hollister.

Halifax Helps board president Debbie Hardy awarded the seventh round of grants from the Halifax EMC Operation Round

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Electric Lines

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The days are long and the weather is warm; summer is at its peak, which means many of us are taking off for a much needed vacation. Whether you're taking in North Carolina's scenery or you're off on a big adventure, you want to make sure your home is safe while you're away. Before you pack up the car and hurry off to your destination, take the time to follow some simple safety precautions.

- Unplugging all the appliances in your home can prevent fires from starting.
- Unplug major appliances such as televisions, computers, washers and dryers. They are more susceptible to power surges than smaller appliances. A power surge causes an increase in the electrical potential energy, which can increase the current flowing to your wall outlet.
- Make sure extension cords and power strips are unplugged.
- Turn off the water supply.
- Carefully identify nonessential circuit breakers in your home and turn them off to prevent fires from developing in electrical circuits.

To protect your home from burglary, remember to:

- Ask a friend or trusted neighbor if they will keep an eye on your house while you are away.

- Set interior lights on timers and set exterior lights on motion detectors.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- If you are away for more than week, advise your alarm company or even your local police, if you live in a small town.
- Store jewelry and valuable items in a safe-deposit box.

In addition to making your home safe, you can also make it more energy efficient by adjusting temperatures and unplugging appliances. Either turn off your air conditioner or set it to 80-85 degrees Fahrenheit while you're away during the summer. Some thermostats are programmable with a "hold" or "vacation" setting for this purpose. Also remember to unplug "vampire electronics" to save energy. These are electronics that use energy even when turned off. They are items with a display clock or any kind of glowing light, like cell phone chargers, microwave ovens and DVD players. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates 40 percent of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed when those devices are in standby mode, so remember to unplug them before your vacation.

You'll enjoy your vacation a little more knowing that your home is safe and energy efficient.

The Crossing at Lake Gaston: A Charitable Fundraising Event Sponsored by O'SAIL

The Crossing, a charitable fundraising event, will be held on Saturday, August 11, starting at 9 a.m. at The Pointe/Morningstar Marina. Registration is \$20 in advance, and \$25 the day of. Funds raised are turned right back into the Lake Gaston community.

The 8th annual event is a fun-filled day for the young and young heart! Swim, kayak, canoe, raft or use your imagination to come up with a new mode of transportation. Swimmers and non-powered vessels traverse the one-mile open water span adjacent to Eaton's Ferry Bridge, starting at Morningstar Marina and ending at Watersview Restaurant.

Swimming across Lake Gaston isn't your thing? Not a problem! The Crossing also includes a bridge walk. Participants walk across Eaton's Ferry Bridge from Morningstar Marina to Watersview.

When The Crossing was first envisioned over eight years ago, O'SAIL assembled a great organizational team to make the event happen. Thanks to a lot of creative and dedicated lake residents, that vision is still in place. The never-ending mission of this team is to make sure everyone has fun while ensuring the safety of all involved. Please help spread the word that the auto traffic on Eaton's Ferry Bridge that morning is limited to one lane, and all boat traffic under the bridge is closed from 8:30 a.m. until the end of the event, usually about 11:30 a.m. The community's support in making this a safe event is greatly appreciated.

For more information and to obtain an entry form to participate in The Crossing, please visit www.osail.org or contact Kathy Dikeman at 252-586-7398.



Swimmers heading out on the barge to begin their swim. This year's event is set for Saturday, August 11.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

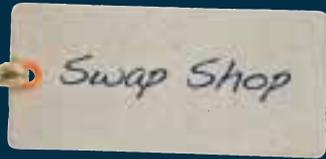
Pineapple Angel Food Cake

- 1 box angel food cake mix
- 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple in water (do not drain)

Mix ingredients together, pour in angel food pan and bake as directed on box.

Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed on Wednesday, July 4!



For sale: Treadle sewing machine, \$50; computer desk \$10; quilt frame, \$20. Call: 252-257-1922 (Arcola).

For sale: carpenter bee catchers, \$10; wooden sandboxes w/fold-in benches, \$160; wooden children's picnic tables, \$50; chicken coops w/ garden area on top, \$350; chicken coop extension, \$50. Call: 252-813-0276 (Enfield).

For sale: navy blue fiber glass pickup hardtop w/ all attachment hardware, fits Chevy S-10 and like size pickups, good cond., \$50. Call: 252-257-1657 (Lake Gaston, Sixpound Creek, Macon).

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

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 Padgett, Scotland Neck).

Up® Program. Those receiving awards were: Macon Volunteer Fire Department; Whitakers Volunteer Fire Department; Mariam Boyd Elementary School; Halifax Regional Medical Center, Security Services; Halifax Regional Medical Center, Mammography Project; Four Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.; Downtown Enfield Restoration & Preservation Association (DERP); Clean Energy Durham; The Major Andrew T. Hundley Veterans of Foreign Wars – Post 4096 of Norlina; and Weldon STEM High School Band.

At the conclusion of the business session prize drawings were held. A variety of prizes, which came from local businesses, were given away. The prizes and winners were: 24" Sansui TV, Carolyn M. Caudle; Nook, Summer Sweet; 12" Line Trimmer, James L. Whitley, Jr.; Electric Carving Knife, Magnolia R. Richardson; Handy Switch Pro, Johnson Silver; Rechargeable Screwdriver, Maezolla Wilkins; 50-ft. Extension Cord, Peggy Solomon; Rain Gauge/Thermometer, Joseph Williams; Steam Iron, Levonina Richardson; "Welcome Y'all" sign, Thomas H. McSwain; Water Heater Insulation Blanket, Travis Arrington; Large Outdoor Flag, Curtis Headgepeth; Deer Grill Spatula, Joe Richardson; "Born In The USA" Metal Sign, Ariel Rosa; Magnetic Wristband, Mary R. Battle; Picnic Bag Carrier, Selma R. Lugo; Owl Scarecrow, Andrew L. West;

Surge Protector, Mary E. Evans; 12-ft. Extension Cord, Exum V. Anstead; Wooden Birdhouse, Fanklin H. Thompson, Jr.; Carbon Monoxide Alarm, Vanell Simmons; Fire Alarm, Calvin Silver; Jennie's Bean & Buns Gift Certificate, Kenneth Burnette; Mear's Gift Certificate, Steve Uzzell; Lakeland Tickets (2), Geneva H. Fitts; Texas Steakhouse Gift Certificate, Lewis Anstead; Potted Geranium, Leon Richardson; Lakeland Tickets (2), Mary O. Alford; Potted Geranium, Arthur Williams; Potted Geranium, Francis S. Williams; Potted Geranium, Vivian O. Booth; Texas Steakhouse Gift Certificate, Joseph M. Alston; Jennie's Beans & Bunns, Marvin G. Howard; Pair of Carpenter Bee Traps, Arletha Herring; and Carolina Country gift basket, Hermenia R. Silver.

The Volunteers sponsored a 50/50 raffle again this year. The lucky winner was Laura Cousar. She took home \$401!

Before departing for home, members were served a catered lunch by Abram's of Scotland Neck, served by the Volunteers in Action. Ice cream was available again this year and proved to be a hit. There were even a few members spotted with a cone in each hand.

Please mark your calendars for the third Saturday of May for next year's annual meeting. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces and having another successful event. See you next year!



Members of the Roanoke Rapids HS Jr. ROTC performed the presentation of colors in honor of Armed Forces Day.



Ladies from the Volunteers In Action serving a continental breakfast.