



**Annual Meeting
Door Prize
Winners**

32" HDTV—
Bettie L. Jones

\$150 HEMC Electric Service
Credit—
Roscoe Richardson

\$100 HEMC Electric Service
Credit—
Brandy S. Richardson

\$75 HEMC Electric Service
Credit—
Patricia M. Barnes

Black & Decker Drill—
John W. Gibson

\$50 HEMC Electric Service
Credit—
Valerie Conyers

Camo-print Chair w/table—
James Harris

Gray Chair w/table—
Shirley D. Weaver

GPX CD/Radio—
Judy F. Whitaker

Brita Water Pitcher—
Canova Baker

Bluebird House by Roger
Pruhs—
Roger H. Judge

\$25 HEMC Electric Service
Credit—
Frank Harrison

Steamwave Iron—
James H. Hunter, Jr.

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Halifax EMC's 76th Annual Meeting

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Membership of Halifax EMC was held on Saturday, May 16, at Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School. A total of 285 registered members and their guests attended the meeting.

Attendees enjoyed visiting booths sponsored by Carolina Country and ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union. Other booths staffed by HEMC personnel provided information on electrical safety and various energy efficiency topics.

During the business session of the meeting, the Cooperative Attorney, Mr. H. Lawrence Armstrong, announced that the three incumbent directors—Morell Jones, Jr. (District 1), Basil D. Williams (District 2) and Beverly Walker (District 8), were re-elected through the mail-in ballot process. A total of 572 members voted in this year's election.

The names of members who participated by mailing in their ballots were entered in a drawing for a \$100 electric service credit. Four names were selected at random:



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Charles H. Guerry

*Executive Vice President
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Electric Lines

“Upgrading to efficient home cooling systems will help lower energy costs significantly.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

It is the middle of the summer, temperatures are rising and so are your electric bills. It might be time to make a big investment, an investment in energy efficiency.

Making your home more energy efficient is still one of the safest investments you can make. Try employing these energy saving measures to collect major returns on your investments:

- Install a programmable thermostat
- Install a hot water heater “blanket”
- Change your shower heads
- Upgrade appliances like your clothes washer or your refrigerator
- Replace old windows with energy-efficient ones
- Install water-efficient toilets

Making all of these changes at once could be difficult—if not impossible—but investing in just one of these measures can yield a significant return on your investment.

For example, installing a new, energy-efficient clothes washer can yield around a 24 percent return on investment. Do your research, and make sure you are purchasing the right-size appliances. A small, energy-efficient washer will save you money, but if you have a larger family, having to do multiple loads could negate your energy savings.

Multiple energy-efficient upgrades will help you save no matter where you live or what time of year it is, but upgrading to efficient home cooling systems will help lower energy costs significantly during the hotter months of the year.

Six percent of American energy consumption goes toward space cooling and it costs \$11 billion per year for homeowners to power their air conditioners. You can reduce your energy use by 20 to 50 percent when you upgrade to an energy-efficient home cooling unit. One option is to install a split unit air conditioner and heating unit—they can be more expensive, but they are highly efficient, especially in homes without ductwork. Another option is to invest in an Energy Star-approved air conditioning unit, which can be 15 percent more efficient than a standard unit.

If buying a new cooling unit isn't in the cards for you this summer, no need to worry! Replacing appliances isn't the only way to lower energy costs, one of the most important energy-efficient improvements to make during the hot summer months is air sealing and insulating. By adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces and accessible basement rim joints, you can reduce your heating and cooling costs by an average of 15 percent (and it could

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lower your overall energy costs by an average of 11 percent!).

You can also lower your air conditioners energy consumption by between 5 and 15 percent by cleaning your air ducts. You can install energy-efficient window treatments, which can reduce energy costs by around 10 percent. Or, you can simply turn on a ceiling fan, which will allow you to raise your thermostat temperature by four degrees, without impacting your comfort.

Investing in any of these energy-efficient improvements will keep

you cool in the summer, warm in the winter and will make significant changes to your energy bills. So do yourself, and your wallet, a favor and invest in a more energy-efficient home!

Sources: Energy.gov, EnergyStar.gov, NRDC.gov

Information provided by Meghaan Evans. She writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.

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Door prize winners of Halifax EMC's 76th Annual Meeting.

Brenda Dickens of Enfield, Mary R. Staton of Scotland Neck, Bettie C. Richardson of Warrenton, and Lucille N. Richardson of Warrenton.

A special thanks goes to the Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action Committee. Each year this group provides a continental breakfast to all attendees. The Volunteers also worked with the caterer, Abrams, to assemble the chicken and barbecue lunch plates and serve them. Hats off to this committee!

While the Volunteers were busy in the kitchen, a few of them still found time to sell raffle tickets for a split-the-pot raffle. Madgielean Lynch was the lucky winner and took home \$420! The other half of the money raised by the Volunteers will go in a fund to provide college scholarships for area youth.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the members who were able to join us on May 16. The Hobgood Players kicked off the day with great entertainment and everyone left with a smile on their face. We hope to see you next year!

2015 Youth Tourists



Congratulations to Austin Bender and Essence Jones of Warrenton! Austin and Essence were chosen to represent Halifax EMC on the 2015 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Both are rising seniors at Warren New Tech High School. They traveled with 42 other N.C. youth to our nation's capital in June.

Apollo Household Tool Set–
Lynn C. Henry

HP Advanced Surge
Protector–
Tammy Rodwell

Crockpot–
Leslie Brinkley, Jr.

Ace Extension Cord–
Margaret Evans

Black & Decker
Rechargeable Screwdriver–
Joseph M. Alston

Mini Tower Fan–
Linda A. Thomas

Lakeland Theatre Tickets–
Mildred Green, Dessie R.
Daniels, Kenneth E. Battle, Jr.

Bluebird house by Frank
Newell–
Manson Wilson

Carolina Country Gift Basket–
Bettie Mae Harrison

50 ft. Garden Hose–
Earlean E. Manning

Water Heater Wrap–
Linda E. Pignatone

Crocheted Scarves by
Juanita Richardson–
Odelia Williams,
Dorothy S. Fobbs

Water Can–
Sandy D. Richardson

Hanging Baskets–
Horace Casper, Lewis
Anstead

Tickets to “Yee Haw” from
the Hobgood Players–
Michael Richardson

\$25 ElecTel Gift Cards–
Mack Williams,
Hazel E. Nicholson

Surge Protector w/USB
Charger–
Donell O. Williams

Halifax EMC Conducting System Inventory

Halifax EMC has contracted with Davey Resource Group to gather inventory information on our system. Currently two contractors are conducting inventory in the Epworth and Vaughan areas. A few of the major subdivisions in those areas are Fern Cliff, Outdoor World Campground, Buck Springs, Sunny Acres, Tangle Oaks, Raintree, Canaan Shores and Summerwood. While they do have decals on their vehicles indicating they are Halifax EMC contractors, they often park and walk much of the area. If you see someone in your neighborhood and are concerned, please ask for identification as our contractors have been provided with a name badge. If you have questions, please contact our office at (252) 445-5111.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



By cleaning your
air conditioner's
air ducts, you can
lower your energy
consumption by
between 5 and 15
percent.

Source: energy.gov

Holiday Closing



Halifax EMC

will be closed on

Friday, July 3,

in observance of

Independence Day.

Engineering Intern



HEMC is excited to have Karl Durancik, a rising senior at East Carolina University, interning with us for a few weeks. Karl is obtaining a degree in Electrical Engineering from ECU's College of Engineering.