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## Pendergrass Retires After 33 Years of Service

**D**anny Pendergrass, Area Foreman, retired June 23 after 33 years of service with Halifax EMC.

Danny began his career in 1983 as a first class lineman. In a little over a year he was promoted to crew chief. Over the years he worked his way up to Area Foreman, overseeing the line crew in Warren County.

Danny has also been an active part of the community, representing the cooperative at many 4-H and Fallen Linemen golf tournament fundraisers and cooking fundraisers and through teaching children in the classroom about electrical safety.

The cooperative honored Danny with a retirement reception on his last day. The event was well attended by current employees, retirees, and Danny's family.

Danny's wife, Shirley, retired from the Warren County school system on the same day. We hope that they enjoy many happy and healthy years of retirement with their family!



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## Electric Lines

“Halifax EMC offers a \$50 rebate for the installation of a new electric water heater.”

by Charles H. Guerry, PE

*Executive Vice President & General Manager*

As expected, most people don't think much about water heaters. They take for granted that they make it possible to have hot showers, clean dinner dishes and enjoy load upon load of freshly laundered linens. The lonely water heater, tucked away in the basement or a utility closet, is out of sight and out of mind.

There are times, however, when your attention turns to that most essential of appliances: when an existing water heater breaks (“Brrr. That water is cold!”) or when building or renovating a home.

At those times, a homeowner will make a decision that has consequences that persist for a decade or two, maybe longer. Your water-heating choice will have implications for energy efficiency, cost of use, the environment, safety and reliability. As a trusted energy advisor, Halifax EMC can help you make the right decision.

As a member of the cooperative, you might already know about many of the advantages and benefits of electric water heaters. First, electric water heaters are safe. There is no threat of carbon monoxide poisoning, combustion or explosion. Electric water heaters are environmentally friendly and capable of using electricity

generated from solar, wind, hydro and other renewable sources.

Electric water heaters are also easy to install, requiring no expensive gas lines, exhaust flue or on-site fuel tanks. Compared to other fuels, the cost of electricity is stable.

In addition, electric water heaters are emerging as a building block of the future electric grid. These formerly mundane units are evolving into smart appliances and energy storage units that are helping the grid become more stable and more efficient. By heating water when demand for electricity is low and storing the thermal energy for later use, electric water heaters can save you money.

Halifax EMC offers a \$50 rebate for the installation of a new electric water heater. The water heater must be at least 40 gallons to receive the rebate. Rebate forms can be obtained from our offices or at [www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com).

If you have questions about water heater options or other energy efficiency needs, give us a call at 252-445-5111. At Halifax EMC we're here to be your trusted energy source.



# Co-op Welcomes New Linemen



**Employee:** Braxton Warren

**Job Title:** Lineman III

**Education:** Electric Lineman Training Program at Nash Community College

**Hobbies, interests:** fishing, hunting, baseball, and member of Tabor Methodist Church in Littleton



**Employee:** Brandon Robertson

**Job Title:** Lineman III

**Education:** Electric Lineman Program at Nash Community College, Valedictorian

**Hobbies, interests:** spending time with wife, Kierstin, and 13-month-old son, Jack; football, hunting, and member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Rocky Mount



Blood Drive  
**Thursday, August 11**  
11:30 am–4:30 pm  
Enfield office

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Is your room air conditioner working overtime? Reduce air leaks by installing rigid foam panels (instead of the commonly used accordion panels) in between the window frame and unit, and secure with duct tape.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

## Retired Manager's Scholarship Recipients



Heidi Liles, graduate of Roanoke Valley Early College. Daughter of Herbert and Cindy Liles of Littleton. Attending Western Carolina University.



Jessica Norman, graduate of Northwest Halifax High School. Daughter of Bruce and Denise Norman of Littleton. Attending North Carolina Central University.

## Investing In Our Local Youth

### Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

**A**mbitious. Driven. Intelligent. Those are just a few words that describe the 39 North Carolina student-delegates to the 2016 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The 53rd annual Youth Tour brought together 1,700 students from across the country to meet federal-elected officials, participate in networking events, and learn about our nation's history and the importance of civic engagement.

Jackson Harris, a rising senior at Halifax Academy, and Andrew Sidberry, a rising senior at Warren New Tech High School, represented Halifax EMC on this year's June 11–17 tour.

While in Washington D.C., Jackson and Andrew, along with the other North Carolina youth tourists, engaged in discussions with both of the state's U.S. senators and several members of the U.S. House representatives on Capitol Hill. They also built connections with hundreds of future leaders just like themselves from across the country. From sightseeing at some of D.C.'s most famous attractions and historic memorials to cruising on the Potomac River, this year's students took advantage of everything the Youth Tour had to offer.



Jackson Harris (L) and Andrew Sidberry (R) tour Capitol Hill.

Since 1967, Halifax EMC has sent outstanding local students on the Youth Tour.

"The Youth Tour experience cultivates awareness of our cooperative's mission, and helps build leadership skills and an understanding that every person can make a difference," said Julia Allsbrook, Communications Specialist of Halifax EMC. "We are committed to investing in our younger members who we know hold the keys to success for our communities."

If you will be a high school junior this year (or know one), we encourage applying to the 2017 tour! Applications will be available at Halifax EMC's website—[www.halifaxemc.com](http://www.halifaxemc.com)—starting September 1, 2016.

### Touchstone Energy Sports Camp

Allison Green of Halifax Academy earned a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship from Halifax EMC to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University June 12–15.

Pictured are Allison with NC State women's head coach Wes Moore.

