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## Co-op Awards Scholarships

Halifax EMC recently awarded three area high school graduates the Retired Manager's Scholarship.

Natash'ja Hunter of Enfield, daughter of Joel and Tasha Hunter, is a graduate of Roanoke Valley Early College. She will be attending Fayetteville State University this fall.

Asya Gunter of Enfield, daughter of Tanisa Barfield-Watson, is a graduate of Northwest Halifax High School. She will also be attending Fayetteville State University.

Prestianna Jones, daughter of Patrick and Alishia Jones of Enfield, is a graduate of Roanoke Valley Early College. Prestianna plans to attend Halifax Community College.

The Retired Manager's Scholarships are awarded annually to high school seniors whose parents/guardians are members of Halifax EMC. Development of tomorrow's leaders is achieved through educational opportunities today.



*Natash'ja Hunter*



*Asya Gunter*



*Prestianna Jones*

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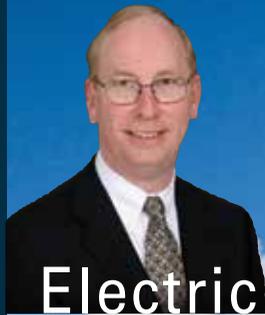
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## Electric Lines

*“As a cooperative  
business, one of our  
founding principles  
is ‘education.’”*

by Charles H. Guerry, P.E.

*Executive Vice President & General Manager*

Your grandparents and great grandparents formed this electric cooperative. They set the poles, strung the lines and went door-to-door asking the people in this community to become members of the cooperative, making an investment in a business and a service that would bring light and opportunity to this community.

The power of electricity transformed our communities. In the 1930s, opportunities for electrification eluded us because established utilities didn't think it was economical to serve less-populated areas. So, our forefathers took it upon themselves to create their own utility, and that's how Halifax EMC came to be.

Electricity introduced light, refrigeration, household conveniences, entertainment and economic opportunity. But at first, some cooperative members weren't sure how to use it. One member wouldn't unscrew the lightbulb in her kitchen because she was afraid the electricity would spill onto the floor. Others didn't know how to operate their new appliances, or work safely around electricity.

So, we taught them. As a cooperative business, one of our founding principles is

“education.” This principle led us to set up demonstrations in our lobby and host booths at community events to help our members understand how to best use their new tools.

That same pioneering, innovative spirit that led to the electrification of our community and education of our original members still drives us today. Beyond providing you with electricity, we are implementing new tools and resources to help you better understand and manage your energy use.

Technology is fueling consumer expectations, opening up exciting options that put you in control. Think of mobile banking and streaming video services — those came as a result of evolving consumer expectations. As a cooperative member, we think you deserve options for how, where and when you use energy, too. We've integrated sophisticated technology into our system that allows us to offer you meaningful energy management services, like high usage alerts, real-time energy data and pre-pay options.

Our innovation is rooted in our purpose to serve, and service now means being more than just a power provider; it means being a power partner.



# Educators, be an early bird!

*Bright Ideas Early Bird Deadline: Aug. 15*



**BRIGHT  
IDEAS**

Halifax EMC is accepting Bright Ideas grant applications from educators, and August is a great time to apply: All teachers who apply by the early bird deadline of Tuesday, August 15, will be entered to win one of five \$100 gift cards! Bright Ideas grants fund innovative learning projects in K-12 classrooms. The final deadline to apply is September 18, 2017. This year, Halifax EMC expects to award \$7,500 to teachers in Halifax and Warren counties. For more information or to start your application, visit [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com).

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Setting your thermostat to a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

*Source: U.S. Department of Energy*



## Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed for Labor Day Monday, September 4.

## Community Event



American Red Cross

Co-op To Host Enfield Blood Drive

Thursday, August 3

12:30–4:30 pm



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# 7 SIMPLE, NO-COST WAYS TO STAY COOL THIS SUMMER

It's August, and it's hot. Not just hot, but that thick, sweltering, "we've already dealt with this for two months" kind of hot. Autumn's crispness is just around the corner, but until then, hang in there — and save energy — with these seven simple tips for tackling summer's remaining heat.

## 1 Shift your use.

Use major appliances like dishwashers, as well as clothes washers and dryers, during early morning or late evening and overnight hours. These big appliances not only generate heat but also introduce moisture to your home, and that's an introduction you don't want to make during the hottest part of the day.

## 2 Keep kitchens cool.

An indoor stove or oven can raise the temperature in your kitchen by as much as 5 to 10 degrees, which is just way too much at this point in the summer. Take advantage of an outdoor grill or indoor microwave or crockpot instead. Another option? All salads all the time.

## 3 Turn it off.

Lights, particularly incandescent lights, as well as common household appliances generate heat when they are on and in use. Like mama said, turn off the lights! Better yet — consider switching to more efficient bulbs like LEDs (light emitting diodes), which generate much less heat. You can also go the extra mile by unplugging appliances when they're not in use. Think: computers, game consoles and televisions.

## 4 Feel the breeze.

Use portable fans and/or ceiling fans to chill out. Make sure ceiling fans are running counter clockwise to push cool air down. Although fans don't technically change the temperature of the room, they can make you feel 3 to 4 degrees cooler — a definite win!

## 5 Keep the sunshine out.

Close blinds, shades and curtains, especially on windows that get direct sun to block light and heat.

## 6 Introduce an open door policy.

Keep the doors to rooms inside your home open so air can flow through naturally. The teenagers in your home will love this one.

## 7 Replace and remove.

Replace dirty air filters to increase the efficiency of your HVAC system and the air flow within your home. Removing furniture, rugs or other obstructions from your return registers also helps.