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Roanoke Rapids

Lake Gaston
Construction
Henrico

Roanoke Rapids
Theatre
Roanoke Rapids

Sylvan Heights
Waterfowl Park
Scotland Neck

Gatling Charter
Services
Roanoke Rapids

Squire House
Restaurant
Emporia, VA

And many more!
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BCA Ten Award Halifax EMC To Be Honored For Its Support of Community Arts

The Business Committee for the Arts (BCA), a division of Americans for the Arts, will honor Halifax Electric Membership Corporation as one of only ten companies in America for its support of the arts. The award, called the BCA Ten: Best Companies Supporting the Arts in America., recognizes businesses, whether large or small, for their exceptional involvement with the arts that enrich the workplace, education, and the company.

Lakeland Theatre Company nominated Halifax EMC for this honor because of its long-term commitment to the arts in the community. Halifax EMC, along with Touchstone Energy and NC's Electric Cooperatives, continue to be enthusiastic supporters of Lakeland sponsoring family based shows and theatre involving our youth.

Halifax EMC is also instrumental in supporting the arts through other venues, such as employee's personal involvement, in-kind donations of labor and materials and advertisements.

Halifax EMC understands the importance of the arts in rural North Carolina and how they shape our community, and especially, our youth.

The award was announced on Saturday evening, July 17, at a VIP reception held at Lakeland Theatre Company in Littleton. Attended by the Halifax Helps, Inc. and Halifax EMC Board of Directors, the reception was in appreciation of Halifax Helps for its recent grant for the Young People's Workshop and its production of "The Music Man, Jr."

Underwriting was by the Warren County Community Foundation, and the production was presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International, Inc., of New York City. Following the reception, Lakeland's 12th annual Young People's Summer Theatre Workshop presented "The Music Man, Jr."

Halifax EMC will accept the BCA Ten: Best Companies Supporting the Arts in America award during a gala dinner on the evening of Thursday, November 4, at The Central Park Boathouse in New York City.

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Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative. Your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service.

Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or e-mail them to bamartin@halifax-emc.com. Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



Electric Lines

"The Co-op Connections Card puts value in your wallet."

by Charles H. Guerry

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Halifax EMC's commitment to you goes beyond providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

We're always looking for ways to provide value to our members and our communities, especially during tough economic times. As a Touchstone Energy co-op, we strive to meet that goal on a daily basis. That's why Halifax EMC, in conjunction with the other Touchstone Energy co-ops serving 22 million member-owners nationwide, has launched the Co-op Connections program.

Halifax EMC's Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving tool we are proud to offer our membership. The card connects you with discounts on everything from hotel stays to prescription drugs. And it's free!

You'll notice that your card is included in this month's issue of *Carolina Country*. All you have to do to get started saving is simply peel the card off the page, sign the back, and put it in your wallet or use the keyfob on your keyring. Then look for merchants in our area or who are online who accept the card.

Local businesses participating in the Co-op Connections program

should benefit from increased traffic from Halifax EMC members. Businesses can sign up for the program at no cost. For a complete list of all participating businesses in our area, simply log on to our website www.halifaxemc.com and follow the Co-op Connections Card link.

The card also gives you access to online savings at more than 95 national retailers like **Barnes&Noble.com**, Hertz Rental Cars, Best Western hotels and **ProFlowers.com**. You can check out these great national discounts at www.connections.coop.

One of the most valuable features of the Co-op Connections Card is the pharmacy discount. While it is not insurance, the discount can mean savings of 10 to 60 percent on prescription drugs. The

log and information on the back of your card is recognized at more than 60,000 national, regional and local pharmacies.

As a Touchstone Energy co-op, Halifax EMC strives to serve our members according to four core values; integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. Our Co-op Connections Card is one of the ways we live up to those values.





Preparing for *Falling* Temperatures

Fall is upon us and the temperatures from summer are slowly cooling down. You may feel ready to nestle in for the fall and winter, but here are a few things you should do first to prepare for the cold weather to come:

- Thoroughly clean your windows. If the weather stripping has worn down, now is the time to replace it.
- Have your heating and cooling systems serviced annually to ensure your system is not costing you more than it should, as well as increase the life of the system.
- Have your chimney cleaned by a certified professional. Not having your chimney cleaned before winter use increases the chance of chimney fires from built-up creosote and soot. Animals may build nests in the flue or there may be other types of deterioration that could make the chimney unsafe, so have a professional clean it before its first use.
- Gas fireplaces should also be serviced annually. If gas logs are not working properly or if the burner starts to accumulate soot, carbon monoxide may seep into your home. If you use gas logs, you should have a smoke detector and a carbon monoxide detector to warn you if the poisonous gas is leaking. Remember, carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and potentially lethal; protect your home and your family by buying a carbon monoxide detector.
- Now is also the time to winterize your pipes to prevent them from freezing and even breaking, which would result in a costly repair later. Inspect all of your pipes to determine if they require insulation.
- Clean the gutters. To make certain the gutters are clean, use a hose to spray them down. Be sure to check the downspouts as well. If they are clogged, it won't matter how clean the rest of the gutters are. When snow and ice come, you'll be thankful it has a clean area to run off.

Prepare your home for winter now so that you can enjoy the cold weather when it arrives.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 3-4 chicken breasts (cooked), shredded
- 1 cup ranch dressing
- 2 cups Colby Jack cheese
- 1 12 oz. bottle hot sauce
- 2 8 oz. packages cream cheese

Combine ingredients and bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips or veggies.



Deadline Approaching For Grant Opportunity

The Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to Tar Heel teach-

ers in grades K-12 for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded.

The deadline-September 24-is fast approaching! For more information, visit www.ncbrightideas.com.

Volunteers In Action Welcomes New Members

Volunteers In Action welcomed three new members in July!

Lisa Adkins, of Enfield, expressed interest in joining the group to become more involved in her community. When she is not spending time with her husband and daughter or managing her family's store, Lisa enjoys working in her yard.

Jamie Dunn, also of Enfield, is looking forward to supporting the Co-op and community as a Volunteer. Jamie loves hanging out with her husband and son and lists her other hobbies as hunting, fishing and golfing. She is employed as an office manager by a local dentist.

The Volunteers' third newest member is Debbie Greene. Debbie resides in Whitakers with her husband and long-time HEMC employee, Carl. She recently retired, is active in Community Baptist Church and loves cake decorating, crafts and helping others.

The Volunteers are very excited to have these ladies join their organization. They bring with them many talents and skills that will certainly enhance the group.

The Volunteers in Action is a group of Halifax EMC members or members' spouses who serve as a public relations arm of the Marketing and Member Services Department in promoting Halifax EMC.



From left to right: New members Lisa Adkins, Debbie Greene and Jamie Dunn

Volunteers Serve Dinner for Board of Directors

Volunteers in Action served its annual board dinner to the Halifax EMC Board of Directors on Tuesday, July 27.

Directors enjoyed baked ham, pasta salad, deviled eggs, grape salad (a *Carolina Country* recipe), beets and a variety of desserts.

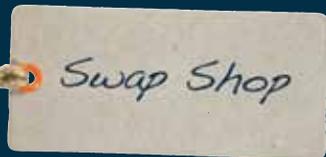
The directors look forward to this homecooked meal each year, and use the time to learn more about the Volunteers' recent activities and upcoming plans.



Directors and Halifax EMC staff mingle over dinner.



Board director Leon Williams is greeted by members of the Volunteers.



For sale: 14 cu ft upright frost-free freezer, \$250. Call: 252-586-7523 (Littleton)

For sale: Antiques -- Edison Phonograph circa 1916, mahogany finish w/ 70 records, ex. cond., plays; bookcase & desk set combined, oak, good cond.; Birdseye maple bedroom set includes dresser, chest w/ mirror, 1 rocker and 1 chair. Located on Lake Gaston. Call 757-436-2271 (Chesapeake, VA)

Craft Fair: Sponsored by The Adventurers of Lake Gaston Baptist Church - Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 am-3 pm at the LGBC Family Life Center. Call 252-586-6076 for more info. (Littleton)

Office Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day!