



Tropical Storm Hanna Blew Through North Carolina, Leaving Less Damage than Anticipated

Tropical Storm Hanna blew through the Halifax EMC area early on Saturday morning, September 6, leaving approximately 400 members without power. It began with small scattered outages in the Hobgood and Scotland Neck areas, which appeared to get more wind than other areas.

As the storm progressed through the area, outages in the Warren County area began coming in. At the height of the storm, two three-phase circuits were knocked out. One was in the Arcola area and the other was in the Eaton's Ferry to Outdoor World.

Halifax EMC linemen responded as quickly and as safely as possible to the outages. They worked all day on Saturday restoring power.

Damage caused by the storm was minimal to our area. Most of the damage was caused from fallen trees and limbs.

Statewide, North Carolina cooperatives reported approximately 14,500 power outages. Most of the outages were east of I-95, with the bulk of them along the coastal counties. The majority of the outages were restored on Saturday by 3 p.m.

Due to the rains that Hanna dropped on the area, flooding appeared to be the present danger. You want

to avoid flooded roadways, especially when you do not know how deep the water is.

Being prepared is one of the reasons cooperatives were able to restore quickly and safely as possible. In advance of the storm, co-ops, as well as the state-wide cooperative association, made preparations for restoring the power to its members. Supplies were

on hand; and line crews from across the state, as well as electrical contractors, were on standby to lend assistance where needed. From experience with hurricanes, tropical storms, severe thunderstorms, and ice storms, co-ops

have learned that planning and advance preparation makes the difference in a quick response. North Carolina is second behind Florida in being hit by storms in the Atlantic.

As Hurricane Ike approached the U.S. mainland in the Gulf Shore states, Halifax EMC line crews were on standby to go to the Gulf Shore area to assist with power restoration. This is one of the advantages of being a member of a cooperative, whether it is a local cooperative like Halifax EMC or a cooperative across the U. S. Cooperatives stand ready to lend a hand when disaster strikes.



Member Page

Recipe of the Month

'Oniony' Pork Chops

Quick, Easy, and Delicious!

Boneless or Bone In Pork Chops
1 egg, beaten
Durkee French Fried Onions
Salt & pepper to taste

Crush french fried onions in plastic bag and salt and pepper pork chops. Dip chops in beaten egg, then roll them in the onions. Place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 400° for 20–30 minutes.

Note: Boneless chicken breasts may be substituted for pork chops. Reduce the cooking time down to 20 minutes for boneless chicken breasts.

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To: "Tell Us"

From: _____

Address: _____

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FREE: Firewood, fallen pine tree, take as much as you want. **CALL:** 252-586-7369 (Littleton).



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Cooperative Page



Electric Lines

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October is Celebrated as National Co-op Month!

The month of October is celebrated across the United States as National Co-op Month. It is an opportunity to recognize the contributions made to our communities for the improvement in the quality of life for our members as well as for non-members.

What are cooperatives? Cooperatives are businesses that

- are owned and democratically controlled by their members
- return surplus revenues to members through Capital Credits in proportionate to their use of the cooperative
- are motivated by service to their members, not by profit.

Types of cooperatives. Cooperatives fall into four categories: consumer, producer, worker and purchasing/shared services.

U. S. co-ops serve more than 130 million members. They generate revenue in excess of \$230 billion a year, employ more than half a million Americans and have payrolls of more than \$15 billion annually. They range in size from large enterprises to small storefronts. More than 900 rural electric cooperatives own and maintain nearly half of electric distribution lines in the United States. They provided electricity to 37 million people.

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality and solidarity. They operate under seven co-op principles:

- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control
- Member economic participation. Recently Halifax EMC returned Capital Credits to its members. The amount of Capital Credits returned are based on the amount of participation of each member.
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training, and information
- Cooperation among co-operatives. This principle stands out more when storms strike, as with Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Ike.
- Concern for community. This principle is one of the reasons the Operation Round Up[®] was adopted by Halifax EMC. Under the guidelines of Operation Round Up[®] and through a separate corporation called Halifax Helps Inc., Halifax EMC will be able to provide grants to help improve our communities through education, energy efficiency, economic development, environment and emergency response.

Cooperatives touch almost every aspect of our lives, providing food, shelter, health care, electricity, telephone, banking, and more.

Cooperatives are motivated by service and operate on a structure of at-cost of service basis. Any surplus revenues earned by the cooperative are reinvested in the business and/or returned to members based on how much business they conducted with the co-op that year (patronage) through Capital Credits.



Community Page

Heritage Quilters Presents “My Soul Looks Back”

Heritage Quilters of Halifax, Vance, and Warren Counties will soon present a quilt show called “My Soul Looks Back.” The show features quilts with designs inspired by family, African and contemporary designs and holiday celebrations, and will reflect a general appreciation for quilts and quilting traditions of the past, present and future. The quilt show will be held at the Jacob Holt House in Warrenton on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. It begins October 11 and is set to run through October 26. The event is sponsored by Preservation Warrenton, The Jacob Holt Foundation, Warren County Family Institute, NC Cooperative Extension Service of Warren County and family and friends of the Heritage Quilters,

Quilting is a tradition that dates back to the Crusades when soldiers needed warmth as well as protection from chafing caused by heavy armor. In American Colonial times most women were busy spinning, weaving and making clothes. However, women of the wealthier classes prided themselves on their fine quilting abilities and needlework. Women in a community would come together and hold quilting parties or bees. These parties were functional in that the women could make a quilt in a short amount of time, but also catch up on the local gossip or news.

For a while quilting began to fade away as it was easier to purchase ready-made blankets. However, quilting as a craft is making a comeback.

The Heritage Quilters organized in 2001 and is made up of a diverse group of women and men. Their mission is to support, encourage, and document quilting traditions and activities. It is the underlying principle of cooperative work



embedded in quilting traditions that contribute to the quilters’ interest in and understanding of community and community building, making the group much more than a quilting club.

When the Heritage Quilters were organizing, there wasn’t much interest in writing, oral history, and storytelling; however, these were envisioned as a central aspect of the efforts to organize a quilting group.

Over the past eight years, the history of the Heritage Quilters has been productive. They have been active in organizing major shows and presentations in conjunction with historic preservation and school and community education. For more information about the Heritage Quilters, their mission and activities, contact Jereann King Johnson at (252) 257-1274 or email her at jereking@ncol.net.

Members of the Heritage Quilters include Ihsan & Zaynab Abdin; Belinda Alston; Cathy Alston-Kearney; Margaret Bullock; Ruth H. Chambers;



Wallace Evans; Gladys Foster-Young; Portia Hawes; Earlean Henderson; Phyllis Janey; Leo Kelly, Jr.; Connie Kenny; Ida Carroll Johnson; Jereann King Johnson; Dorothy Luis; Victoria Lynch; Iris T. Olinger; Ellen Pankey; Jackie Privet; Wilhelmina Scott-Ratliff; Beatrice Richardson; Louise Spruill; Joanne Steel and Mary Terry.

“My Soul Looks Back”

Saturdays (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

& Sundays (1–5 p.m.)

October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26

Jacob Holt House

122 S. Bragg Street, Warrenton, N.C.