



October is . . .

Besides Columbus Day and Halloween, October is...

Co-op Month

National Fire Prevention Month

Cancer Awareness Month

National Popcorn Poppin' Month

National Crime Prevention Month

National Dental Hygiene Month

Virginia Wine Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Month

National Roller Skating Month

AIDS Awareness Month

National Reading Group Month

Lupus Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

Cyber Security (Un) Awareness Month

National Audiology Awareness Month

Children's Health Month

Care Care Month

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Psoriasis Awareness Month

National Arts & Humanities Month

and many more.

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Halifax EMC and Volunteers In Action Award Scholarships to Local Students



Kyle Matthew Salmon (left) and Jonathan Gregory Mills (not shown) won Slade-Ellen scholarships.

The Slade-Ellen Scholarships were awarded to Kyle Matthew Salmon of Littleton and Jonathan Gregory Mills of Scotland Neck. The Slade-Ellen Scholarships, named for the first two general managers of Halifax EMC, are one-time grants awarded to high school seniors whose parents/guardians are members of the cooperative.

Kyle Salmon is attending N C State and plans to major in accounting. He is the son of Alvin Ray and Cynthia Salmon.

Jonathan Mills is attending Edgecombe Community College to

pursue a career in mechanics and business. He is the son of Gregory and Anita Mills.

Volunteers In Action Scholarships

Scholarships provided by the Volunteers in Action are for traditional and non-traditional students whose parents/guardians are members of Halifax EMC or who live in a household served by Halifax EMC.

Halifax EMC's Volunteers In Action awarded scholarships for 2009 to the following students:

- Ashley Nichole Mills, who is attending Edgecombe Community College to pursue a career in respiratory therapy. She is the daughter of Gregory and Anita Mills of Scotland Neck.
- Phillip Wayne Massey, Jr., who is a rising sophomore at Halifax Community College in the nursing program. This is the second year that Phillip has received this scholarship.
- Cheniqua Ro'chelle Richardson, who is attending Fayetteville State University majoring in psychology.
- Brandon Edward Pike, received the Helen Fleming Memorial Scholarship. He is attending Campbell University but has not decided on his career choice.

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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

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“While anyone can fall victim to a scam, fraud against older Americans is a serious problem.”

October has become a month not only known for Halloween, but also as a month to observe many causes or special interests. Among the many causes promoted during the month of October, Halifax EMC would like its members to recognize October as “Protect Older Americans from Fraud Month.”

While anyone can fall victim to a scam, fraud against older Americans is a serious problem. Often, seniors become the target of scam artists and find themselves left without their life savings or in serious financial strain. In 2004, the Federal Trade Commission reported that identity theft targeting seniors had increased more than 200 percent since 2002. Unfortunately, the number of older Americans who are fraud victims continues to rise.

Recently, some electric co-ops have received reports from members concerning aggressive collection calls in which an unknown individual demands immediate credit card payment to avoid loss of service. If you are approached or contacted by someone claiming to be a Halifax EMC employee, please remember the following:

1. Always ask for company identification if approached by someone claiming to be a Halifax EMC employee. All Halifax EMC employees carry company-issued ID cards.

2. If you are not certain a telephone call is coming from Halifax EMC, do not provide any personal or banking information. Ask for the employee’s name or simply hang up and call Halifax EMC at 252-445-5111 to speak to a Customer Service

Representative.

In an effort to bring awareness to “Protect Older Americans from Fraud Month,” the Better Business Bureau, along with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and other agencies, issued a list of tips to help you identify if you are being scammed.

- You get a call, postcard or e-mail from someone telling you that you have won a prize and asking for payment for processing or administrative fees, for customs, taxes or any other reason.
- The person says you have to take the offer immediately or you will miss the opportunity.
- The caller refuses to send you written information before you commit to anything.
- The caller, e-mail or letter claims that you can make huge profits in an investment with no risk.
- The caller is asking for a donation but will not tell you exactly how the money will be used and how you can verify the charity and what it does.
- The caller or e-mail asks for your Social Security number, credit card or bank account number or other financial information when you have not made a purchasing decision and have not agreed to pay anything with those accounts.
- The company offers to get you a loan or credit card, no matter what your credit score, or to “repair” your bad credit if you pay an up-front fee.
- The person insists that you send your payment by a private courier or that you wire the money.

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Energy-Efficient *Ideas*

Fixing leaks around the home can save you money on your utility bills, whether for electric, gas, or water. Some of the common types of leaks are leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves; leaks around windows and doors; and open dampers in fireplaces. All of these leaks cost you money. However, they are simple to repair.

Water leaks are usually the easiest to spot—dripping faucets or toilets that run long after they should stop. A common reason why toilets leak is an old or worn out toilet flapper. Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time. Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix for water woes. Consult your local hardware store, home improvement retailer, plumber, or one of the many online resources on how to replace your toilet's flapper.

Leaking faucets are usually caused by old and worn faucet washers and gaskets.

Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it. Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks.

Replacing the weatherstripping around windows and doors can keep conditioned air from escaping.

Simply closing the damper in the fireplace when not in use will keep in conditioned air.

NC Offers Tax-Free Weekend for Purchase of Energy Star Appliances

The average American family washes almost 400 loads of laundry a year, and those costs add up. If your washer is more than 10 years old, why not replace it with an energy efficient one? An Energy Star model can save up to \$50 a year on utility bills.

November 6–8 is a tax-free weekend for distinctive blue ENERGY STAR labeled appliances. This would be a good time for individuals or families to purchase new efficient appliances for less.

Items in this tax-free weekend include clothes washers, freezers, refrigerators,

central air conditioners, room air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats.



This tax free-weekend, combined with Halifax EMC's heat pump and/or water heater rebate program, sales promotions offered by dealers and Federal tax credits, makes this the perfect time to purchase needed appliances. You'll save on the purchase price as well as on your utility bills.

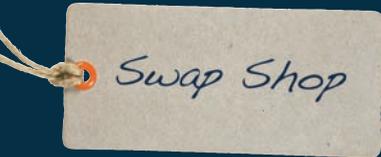


RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Breakfast Quiche

- 6 strips of bacon
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup Bisquick
- 3 tbsps melted butter

Crumble bacon into a buttered pie tin. Add grated Cheddar cheese on top of this. Mix in blender: eggs, milk, Bisquick and butter. Blend 1 minute. Pour over bacon and cheese. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Let stand a few minutes before cutting.



For sale: GE super capacity washer, excellent condition, \$250; 19 cu. ft white Hotpoint refrigerator/freezer with icemaker. \$350. Call: 252-673-3442

For sale: Yard 32" x 76" mobile home door & storm door, \$60 for both; round table w/4 chairs, \$60; hockey table, \$50; white dorm refrigerator, good condition, \$50. Call: 252-445-5015 or 25-567-7675 (Enfield).

For sale: Three 16" tires, good condition, \$15 ea. Call: 252-826-5194 (Scotland Neck).

For sale: Five month old poodle & chihuahua mix, female, \$100. Call: 252-586-7387 (Hollister)

Lawn maintenance: Complete lawn maintenance for commercial/residential, fully insured, free estimates. For more details, Call: 252-904-1598 or 252-826-3957 (Lawn Ranger, Sonny Padgett, Scotland Neck).

Bloodmobile Sponsored by Halifax EMC Was a Success!

Halifax EMC sponsored a bloodmobile in August for the American Red Cross. The goal for this bloodmobile was 36 pints. This goal was exceeded by seven pints for a total of 43 pints collected.

Forty people signed up to donate. The goal was met and exceeded. Some of the donors were double givers, which means they gave two pints while at the same time their fluids were being replaced.

Halifax EMC employees, directors, and Volunteers who gave were Anthony Cannon (HEMC Safety Coordinator), Dean Hudgins, Carson Walker, Harold Vaughan (double), Chris King, Danny Saunders, Leonard Daeke (double), Danny

Pendergrass, Arthur Bailey, Dash Cannon, Roger Chappell (first-time donor), Charles Guerry, Beth Keeter, Jerry Packer, Morell Jones, Lulu Jones, Diana Moody and Frances Guerry.

Others from the community who gave were Tiffany Hendricks, Leatha Glasgow, Michelle Demery, Angel Williams, Mildred Gray (double), Rudy Dickens (double), Donna Lawrence, Elton Newbern, James Starling, Mary Barnes, Gayle Locke, Greg Griffin (double), Owen Williams, Louanne Moss, Matthew Hunter, Jackie Clarke, Gerldine Taylor, Betty Bullock, Johnny Riddle and Janie Brinson.

Members Enjoy Appreciation Day!

Member Appreciation Day was held at the Enfield and Macon offices of Halifax EMC on Thursday, September 3. It was sponsored by the Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action. The purpose of the day was to show appreciation to our members for their past patronage. Light refreshments were served and drawings were held for \$25 electric service credits. The winners of the credits were Linda D. Whitaker and George J. Macon in Enfield and Jim West and Albert Moffett in Macon. In addition, members could win a jar of candy by guessing how many pieces of candy were in the jar. The winners of the candy jars were: Minnie McGee in Enfield and Linda Ryder in Macon.

Besides the drawings approximately 400 6-pack CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) were given away between the two offices.

Watch What You Shoot!

Hunting season has started; however, there is no season for shooting electrical equipment. It may look like a good target for target practice, but the damage to the equipment can cause power outages that can be costly for Halifax EMC members. Please enjoy the sport as this is a right of all Americans, but just be careful what you shoot.

Power poles may look like a good place for a hunting stand; however the danger far exceeds the benefits. The voltage on overhead power lines can be fatal should you come in contact with the lines.

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For more information on fraud and protecting yourself or your loved ones, visit the Better Business Bureau's website at www.bbb.org. Also, please let us know if you receive any suspicious calls from individuals claiming to be Halifax EMC employees demanding payment to avoid loss of service.