

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



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## Small Change Really Does Add Up

Established in 2008, Halifax Helps, Inc. provides financial assistance through Operation Round Up to areas served by Halifax EMC in economic development, education, emergency response, energy efficiency, and environment. Each month, participating electric bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar and that change is put aside. Twice a year, the Halifax Helps board meets to review grant applications and award that change. We always say that small change really does add up. That statement could not be any truer. To date over \$330,000 has been given back to our communities.

HEMC would like to highlight one of the organizations that received grant money and how it put it to use this past summer.

The Halifax County 4-H Youth & Day Camp received money to fund two of its eight summer day camps; The Arts Camp and Iron Chef Cooking Camp. Without the grant, the cost of materials (art supplies and food) to make these camps possible would have made the cost of camp

unaffordable for most. The grant from Halifax Helps allowed the 4-H Youth & Day Camp to keep the weekly tuition rate lower.

Thank you to those HEMC members that participate in the Operation Round Up program. Together, you all are making a difference in our communities.



*Campers got hands-on experience in the kitchen during Iron Chef Cooking Camp (top) and explored their artistic side at Art Camp (bottom).*

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## Electric Lines

*“As your local electric co-op, we get to be a part of this community.”*

by Charles H. Guerry

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October is National Cooperative Month, and for the many different types of co-ops in the U.S., it's the time of year to celebrate what membership truly means. You could be a member of a lot of different places—a gym, a 4-H club, a food of the month club—the list goes on and on! But what makes being a member of a co-op different?

The simple answer to that question is that when you are a member of a co-op, you are also an owner. You own a stake in our business, and just like any stakeholder, there are many benefits to your membership. As a member of Halifax EMC, you have a say in the representatives who are elected to serve on the co-op's board of directors. You have an opportunity to make your voice heard every year at our Annual Meeting. You get a say on policy issues your electric cooperative supports or opposes. You can even help to

determine how your profits are redistributed.

Our bottom line is providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. Sure, we have to think about expenses, overhead and other aspects of daily business, but when we have a little left over, we send it right back to you. Whether we return it to you in the

form of a bill credit or a check—you have a say in where that money goes! And returning capital credits to you is a major part of why being a co-op member matters.

As your local electric co-op, we get to be a part of this community. When we

think about membership, we think about all of the ways we can give back to you, our members—and that's what matters most to us.

*Source: Meghaan Evans writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.*



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



## WALK SAFELY

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.



## TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.



## KEEP COSTUMES CREATIVE AND SAFE

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.



## DRIVE EXTRA SAFELY ON HALLOWEEN

- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert to kids during those hours.

Source: [SafeKids.org](http://SafeKids.org)

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Don't let vampires suck the life out of your energy efficiency efforts! Unplugging unused electronics – otherwise known as “energy vampires” – can save you as much as 10 percent on your electric bill.

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

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Caramel Apple Pie Bites

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 can apple pie filling [21 oz.]
- cinnamon
- caramel sauce

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. On a greased cookie sheet, unroll crescents. Starting at the wide part of the triangle on the crescent rolls, add a spoonful of apple pie filling. Top with cinnamon. Roll crescents up and repeat until each are filled. Bake as instructed on the crescent package. Top with caramel sauce.

Source: [centslessdeals.com](http://centslessdeals.com)

Halifax EMC recently nominated outstanding educator Michael Markofski for recognition on a statewide level as Tar Heel Teacher of the Week. In his first year of teaching at Warren New Tech High, Markofski secured



Bright Ideas funding for the "Broadcast News Program" project.

The project brought new tools to the classroom and

allowed students to tap into their creativity and love of technology to create a school news program.

"Michael is very energetic and passionate about teaching," said Julia Allsbrook, communications specialist. "His project allows

students to take a hands-on approach to learning skills that will serve them for a lifetime. We applaud Michael's enthusiasm, and we are proud to support his creative efforts to help students get energized in the classroom."

Markofski and his project were recognized Thursday, Sept. 3, during the radio broadcast of the University of North Carolina football team's season opener against South Carolina. Markofski and three guests also received tickets to a UNC football game.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives make possible the Tar Heel Teacher of the Week and Bright Ideas education grant programs in support of education and local communities. Only 26 exceptional North Carolina teachers will be recognized as Teachers of the Week during this school year.

### Employee Spotlight

This month's employee spotlight features Glenda Moseley, Coordinator of Accounting Services.

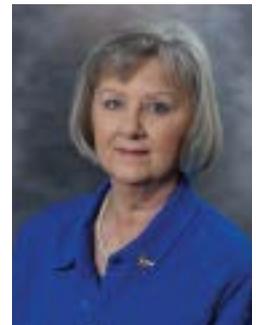
Glenda celebrates 18 years with HEMC this month and has enjoyed working in accounting for more than 30 years.

She and her husband, Melvin, have been married 48 years and reside in Thelma, a little community between Roanoke Rapids and Littleton. They have two children, Connie and Jason. Jason and his wife Missy have one daughter, Adrienne, whom Glenda

and Melvin enjoy spoiling as their special granddaughter.

Glenda is an active member of New Testament Christian Church.

She enjoys decorating and rearranging things around her home. She likes to shop and, most especially, loves to spend time with her sweet family.



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