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Co-op To Host Bloodmobile

Halifax EMC will host a Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thursday, December 9, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the Halifax EMC Meeting Room (Enfield).

Join us by giving the gift of life this holiday season.



Co-op Lends Hand To Volunteer Fire Department

Recently the Halifax EMC line crew assisted Arcola Rural Volunteer Fire Department at their new facility located in Warrenton. Arcola RVFD needed to relocate their existing siren from their old facility to the new facility and also needed the siren to stand higher than before so that its sound could reach greater distances.

The line crew mounted the siren to a new 50-foot utility pole and set the pole for the fire department. Now the siren can be heard by even more people throughout the community.

Halifax EMC is no stranger to such tasks. The Co-op often offers in-kind services to local volunteer fire departments and other not-for-profit organizations. Just another example of how cooperatives support the communities they serve.



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Electric Lines

**“You can still celebrate
and save money at the
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by Charles H. Guerry

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The holidays are a time for family, friends and celebrations. Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas are times of happiness and joy. However, they are often followed by large utility bills. An expensive January electric bill does not have to be your last “holiday gift.” You can still celebrate and save money at the same time.

Everyone knows a house with a large light display. It is the one that you take the kids to, the one that you talk to neighbors about and the one that produces enough light that small airplanes attempt to land on. It is also the house with the very large January electric bill.

Traditional mini lights use 36 watts of power compared to only 5 watts for a string of LED lights.

In addition to the energy savings LED lights are generally made of plastic and will not break. Many LED lights are also brighter than the traditional mini lights. A string of LED lights can cost two to three times more than traditional string lights but last up to ten times longer.

However, many homeowners have had mixed results with LED holiday lights. Unlike traditional incandescent lights, LEDs use computer chips to create the light. Depending on the

quality of the manufacturing process the brightness and life may not be what the homeowner expects.

As with many things in life cheaper is not always better. Cheap LED lamps may appear dim compared to more expensive LEDs or traditional lighting. When looking for LEDs it is a good idea to view the lights plugged in at the store or make sure that you can return the lights if they do not meet your expectations.

All holiday lights, whether LED or incandescent, should be placed on a timer. Simple timers cost \$20 and can be set to turn on at sunset and turn off the lights after a set number of hours.

A good rule of thumb is to have lights on from sunset until bedtime. There is simply no reason to have lights on much later than that because there is no one awake to look at them.

Being energy efficient is not at the top of most people’s minds when celebrating a holiday. But what was a very happy holiday can turn very sad with the arrival of January bills.

This can be prevented. Thinking creatively and careful shopping can help to save money. The money saved can be used for the other dreaded January bill...the credit card.

Source: NRECA



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sweet Potatoes With Cranberries

2 cups sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled and mashed

2 tbsp butter

Juice of 1 orange

1 tsp grated orange zest

1 tbsp dark rum

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup cranberries, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup walnut pieces

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine sweet potato pulp with butter, orange juice, zest and rum. Mix in chopped cranberries and walnut pieces and combine well.

Spoon into a small greased casserole dish. Bake about 25 minutes or until the casserole's edges begin to brown.

Source: *A Dash of Downeast*, pg. 173.

Local 4-H'ers Run With The Pack

On Saturday, September 4, 12 excited 4-H'ers from across the state took the field at Carter Finley Stadium with the N.C. State football team to kick off their first game of the season - a matchup against Western Carolina University. North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives sponsored the game and this once in a lifetime opportunity for the 4-H'ers. The electric cooperatives have a long-standing relationship with the 4-H program, and these students were chosen based on an application.

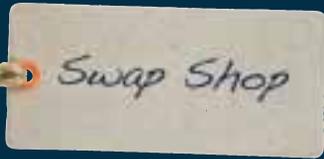
In addition to running the field with the N.C. State football team, each 4-H'er also received tickets to the game for themselves and their families.

This was a wonderful experience for the youth chosen to participate, as well as for their families.

North Carolina 4-H has more than 240,926 youth enrolled in the program, as well as 21,200 youth and adult volunteers.

Three local 4-H'ers—Christopher and Cooper Aycock and Landen Dunn—were chosen to "Run With The Pack." They are members of the Huckleberry Swamp 4-H Club and live in homes served by Halifax EMC. Way to go, guys!





For sale: electric sewing machine in cabinet, \$40. For more details, call 252-257-2145 (Warrenton)

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 Padgette, Scotland Neck).

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 Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26 for Thanksgiving!



'Move Over Law' Expanded To Protect Safety of Electric Utility Employees

In July, North Carolina lawmakers expanded the state's 'move over law' to include electric utility vehicles restoring power on the sides of roadways. The 'move over law' requires motorists to slow down and cautiously approach emergency vehicles with flashing lights, moving over one lane when possible.

Beginning in December, the law will encompass electric utility vehicles with amber lights flashing that are stopped on roadway shoulders.

The expanded law protects electric utility workers as they work to maintain power lines or restore power in local communities and along North Carolina's highways. Cooperative line crews work in difficult situations and

weather conditions to make sure we all receive safe and reliable power.

Strong storms like some that moved through our state this year can send trees and limbs crashing to the ground, bringing power lines with them. Although the law does not take effect until December 1, residents are encouraged to begin the practice of moving over and slowing down if they see an electric utility vehicle. This will help protect the safety of not only the workers, but also the drivers.

The bill was signed into law by Gov. Bev Perdue on July 21, 2010. The bill's primary sponsor was Rep. Nelson Cole of Rockingham County. Violating the law can lead to a \$500 fine when the law takes effect.



Lineman Receives Certification

Roger Chappell, Halifax EMC Area Foreman, recently received his certified electrical distribution lineman certificate.

Halifax EMC participates in a career development program offered by the N.C. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship and Training Bureau. This four-year-long apprenticeship program combines 8,000 hours of on-the-job training with almost 600 hours of related instruction. Graduates of the program receive a nationally recognized journeyman's certificate as a certified electrical distribution lineman.

Halifax EMC commends Roger for his hard work and dedication to keeping the lights on safely.



Roger Chappell has been employed with the Co-op for 16 years.