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Meet Your New Director

Robin S. Williams of Norlina has been elected by the Halifax EMC Board of Directors to fulfill the unexpired term of Richard H. Greene, who retired from the Halifax EMC board in September.

Williams has been connected to Warren County most of her life, spending summers at the home of her great-grandparents in the Oine community. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a B.A. degree in Sociology, Williams returned to Warren County where she met her husband, Sheriff Johnny M. Williams, Sr. They are the proud parents of two adult sons—Johnny, Jr. and Patrick.

Williams' career has been one of public service through her work as a social worker, case worker, case manager and juvenile court counselor. She has served in both local and state government and has experience as a small business owner. While she is retired now, Williams continues to



Robin S. Williams

serve the community through various boards and committees, such as the Warren Education Fund and Vance Granville Basic Skills Advisory Board. She also volunteers at the Warren County Senior Center.

Needless to say, Williams is committed to public service and welcomes the opportunity to represent Halifax EMC's membership on the board of directors.

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Electric Lines

“Here at Halifax EMC we want to see civic engagement in our rural communities increase.”

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

Low voter turnout has been a topic of conversation for the last several election cycles. Since the 1960s, voter turnout during presidential elections has seen a steady decline—with the occasional uptick here and there. In the 2016 primary election cycle, voter turnout in most states was only 21 to 30 percent, and this was a record year for primary voter turnout! In North Carolina, we saw a voter turnout of 35.69 percent.

Some speculate the reason for the decline is because the average American is not as engaged in politics as they have been in the past. And who can blame us really? Often times, we may feel like candidates are not speaking to the issues we care about. Or perhaps we don't feel like we understand enough about the candidates' stances on the issues, or even the issues themselves. But we can change this.

Here at Halifax EMC we want to see civic engagement in our

rural communities increase. We want to give you what you need to make informed decisions about candidates at all levels of government, not just the presidential race. And we want you to know more about the issues that could impact our local communities.

America's electric cooperatives are doing their part by informing co-op staff and members through Coops Vote, a non-partisan campaign with one simple goal: increase voter turnout at the polls this November. By visiting vote.coop, you can learn about your candidates, access voter registration information and more.

We encourage you to visit vote.coop and take the pledge to learn more about the issues that impact us locally. Let's work together to improve our communities by increasing voter turnout and changing our country, one vote at a time

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Directors Earn NRECA Certificates

During the regular September board meeting, Directors Leon Williams and Stan Brothers were presented with certificates of completion through NRECA's Director Education Program.

Williams earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate. Completion of five courses, along with learning assessments for each course, is required.

Director Brothers has achieved Director Gold status. He has completed both the CCD and Board Leadership training and will maintain his Director Gold status by completing course credits every two years.

NRECA's Director Certificate Programs are specifically designed to help electric cooperative directors, at every stage of their service, understand their roles and responsibilities, stay up-to-date on the key issues and trends in the industry and prepare them to meet the challenges facing electric cooperatives now and in the future.



Director Leon Williams (top) and Director Stan Brothers (bottom) are presented their certificates by Executive Vice President Charles Guerry.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Heating your living space uses more energy than any other system in your home – typically making up about 42 percent of your utility bill. By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30 percent on your energy bill.

Source: energy.gov



Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

Lineman Competes in Pole Top Rescue Competition

Senior Lineman Carl Greene joined 24 other electric cooperative line workers from across the state on Sept. 27 at the 15th Biennial Pole Top Rescue competition in Raleigh.

This competition pits line workers against the clock and each other as they demonstrate essential lifesaving skills, as well as the technique and safety knowledge required to maintain power lines for electric cooperative members. Each competitor had to win a local competition in order to advance to the championship in Raleigh.

At the Pole Top Rescue competition, a line worker must perform in a scenario where he finds a fellow worker unconscious atop a utility pole. The competitor, dressed in full climbing gear,



Carl Greene

must radio for help, scale 20-feet up a utility pole, rig a rope, lower a 105-pound mannequin and begin CPR. Previous winners have completed the competition in less than two minutes.

The scenario used at the Pole Top Rescue Competition is the same scenario all North Carolina electric cooperative line workers must perform in less than five minutes in order to maintain their certification to work on co-op lines.

This was Carl's seventh time competing in the Pole Top Rescue competition. He competed in his first competition in 1991.

Getting the Most out of Your HEMC Mobile App

Did you know Halifax EMC has a tool to help you manage your energy usage?

The HEMC Mobile App (available for FREE in the Google Play Store and iTunes) allows users to set up alert notifications to make you aware of high energy usage on your account and avoid unwanted surprises on your bill.

Seasonal fluctuations in temperature and other things like hosting holiday parties can increase electric bills. The high energy usage alert allows you to catch something you may normally miss such as a

malfunctioning heat pump or well pump before it runs your electric bill sky high. The high energy usage alert notifies you when your daily energy usage exceeds the dollar amount you have set up.

Take the time now to set up alert notifications on your account. If you receive high energy usage alerts for a few days and other variables such as seasonal temperature changes or extra holiday house guests can be ruled out, it is time to investigate!



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