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## *From All of Us to All of You – Happy Holidays!*

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*Wishing you the happiest  
and safest of Holidays!  
Thank you for your past  
patronage and we look forward  
to serving you in 2009.*

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Larry Armstrong, Jr.

# Member Page

## Recipe of the Month

### Apple Bavarian Cheesecake

16 oz. cream cheese	Brown sugar
1 can sweetened condensed milk	Cinnamon
3 eggs	Pecans, chopped or sliced
¼ cup real lemon juice	large graham cracker crust
1 apple peeled, sliced thin	

Preheat oven to 300°. In large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until it is creamy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and lemon juice; mix well. Put the mix into pie crust and bake for 30 minutes.

After baking 30 minutes, put sliced apples on top of pie and sprinkle with brown sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Bake for an additional 30 minutes. Cool and refrigerate.

## Swap Shop

**FOR SALE:** Chevrolet rims w/tires, fits 6-lug Chevrolet or Toyota, \$700. **CALL:** 252-586-4853 (Littleton).

**FOR SALE:** Yard dinner bell; turning plow. **CALL:** 252-257-1720 (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).

## Tell Us . . .

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative, and your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service to you.

Specific account questions will be answered personally.

Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or email them to [bmartin@halifaxemc.com](mailto:bmartin@halifaxemc.com).

To: "Tell Us"

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Charles H. Guerry  
Executive Vice President & General Manager

### Board of Directors

Beverly Carter, President, District 8 At-Large; Basil Williams, Vice President, District 2; Stan Brothers, Sec.-Treas., District 6; Robert T. Harris, Asst Sec.-Treas., District 5; Morell Jones, District 1; Jerry Packer, District 3; Leon S. Williams, District 4; Richard H. Greene, District 7; Robert Edwards, District 8 At-Large;

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# Cooperative Page



## Electric Lines

by  
*Charles H. Guerry*  
*Executive Vice President &*  
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### *Lights on Christmas Trees*

Christmas trees have decorated homes for hundreds of years. They have signaled the beginning of Christmas celebrations, as when the President of the United States lights the national Christmas Tree.

There have been many legends attached to the origin of the Christmas tree; however, Martin Luther of Germany has been credited with bringing a fir tree into the house and decorating it with candles. According to the legend, Martin Luther, a friar in 17<sup>th</sup> century Germany, was walking home through the forest. As he walked he was composing his sermon he would preach at church. It was getting late and the forest was getting dark.

As the woods were the home of bears, wolves, and boars, Martin Luther became frightened, especially when the night sounds began. He began to say a prayer as he hurried along. When he looked up through the trees, he saw tiny specks of light twinkling in the night sky reminding him of the Star of Bethlehem and of God's comfort through the darkest night. Feeling bolder and safer in God's

hands, Luther pulled up a little fir tree and took it home to his family.

The custom in 17<sup>th</sup> century Germany was to hang the fir tree upside down from the rafters. However, Luther did not hang the tree upside down, but put it in a pot and wired candles to its branches. As the candles flickered, he told his family about his walk in the forest.

From then on people have been bringing Christmas trees into their homes and decorating them. Over the years until the discovery of electricity, candles were used to light the trees. However, this was a very unsafe practice as the trees dried out and easily caught fire.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, electricity brought a revolution in Christmas tree decoration. Electric candles were introduced in 1906 in Finland and in the U.S. in New York in 1912. Electric Christmas lights have grown more popular every year and most communities feature public displays of Christmas trees.

Over the years, Christmas lights have become more and more energy efficient. Today, we have LED Christmas lights. These lights cost a little more to purchase, but use less electricity, lowering the cost of operation. They last longer and are much cooler than traditional Christmas lights, which increases safety. With more and more emphasis on energy efficiency, these are the lights to use for decorations.

Stay safe this holiday season. Turn off your tree and other Christmas lights when you leave home or go to bed. Live trees dry out, causing them to become highly flammable. Even artificial trees may catch fire.



*Be safe and have  
the happiest of holidays!*

# Community Page

## Nominations for the Board of Directors

Halifax EMC's 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009. It is now time to make nominations for the Board of Directors. This year, seats for Districts 1, 2, and 8 are open for nominations and the incumbents for these seats are Morell Jones, District 1; Basil Williams, District 2; and Beverly Carter, District 8.

**How are candidates nominated?** Candidates are nominated for the Board by two methods:

### 1) By Petition

Any 30 or more members of the co-op acting together, may make nominations by petition. The petition must include the member's legal signature and name printed legibly, member number, listing of nominee(s), the directorate district(s) for which they would represent, and the name of the incumbent director(s), if any. The petition must be filed with the Corporate Secretary, Stan Brothers, 113 Roanoke

Circle, Macon, NC, 27551 no later than 5 p.m. April 21 2009.

### 2) By Committee

The second method for nominating candidates is by a Committee on Nominations—consisting of nine members appointed by the Board, one each from Districts 1-7 and two at large from District 8. The appointments to this committee are made no more than 90 days nor less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee on Nominations then meets and prepares a slate of candidates which is posted in the Enfield office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2009.

### When Does the Committee on Nominations Meet?

The Committee on Nominations will meet in March to make their nominations. Any member who would like to be considered as a candidate for Districts 1, 2, and 8 of the Halifax EMC Board of Directors may contact the coopera-

tive office after March 1 for the names of the members of the Committee On Nominations, and then contact the committee member in their district to indicate their desire to be a candidate.

### What are the qualifications for a candidate?

A candidate:

- must be a bona fide member of Halifax EMC in his/her own name;
- must have their primary residence in the directorate district from which he/she is to be elected.

## A New Face at the Macon Office



Jill Causey of Roanoke Rapids is a new part-time cashier/receptionist in the Macon office. Her previous work experience has been with Southern Bank and Family Home Life.

## Statement of Nondiscrimination

Halifax Electric Membership Corporation is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Leona B. Padgett, Manager of Human Resources & Facilities. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.



*Halifax EMC will be closed on  
Thursday, December 25, &  
Friday, December 26, &  
Thursday, January 1,  
for Christmas and  
New Year.*

*Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!*

