

Power Lines



JULY 2009

Haywood EMC's Annual Meeting on August 15, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Be sure to attend Haywood EMC's 70th Annual Meeting of Members on August 15 at Tuscola High School in Waynesville. As always, we will have a free continental breakfast and catered lunch, free health fair, prize drawings, exhibits and great entertainment. This year's entertainment includes the Christian band, Live Oak, and Haywood EMC's own employees and spouses.

Live Oak is a Christian band based in Transylvania County, N.C. Formed in 2002, the group plays a mixture of musical styles ranging from traditional

to modern praise with an emphasis on original songs. With two CDs to its credit, the band has enjoyed radio play from several local stations as well as a TV appearance on the Nite Line gospel show in Greenville, S.C. The seven-member group includes lead singer/songwriter Ronnie Chapman, rhythm guitarist Kirk Dotson, lead guitarist Michael Pressley, drummer/vocalist Sandy Loftis, bass guitarist Randy Dill, keyboardist Jacob Crabtree, and back up vocalist Carolyn Owen. With the additional support of soundman Gary Holden,

the band continues its goal of uplifting Christ through music.

Besides our own Journeyman Lineman, Ronnie Chapman from Live Oak, we have several other HEMC employees and spouses performing at this year's annual meeting. Journeyman Lineman John Raines, and his wife Cindy; Staking Agent Ronnie Allen; Member Accounts Specialist Toni Crews; Clara Singleton, wife of Mike Singleton; and Paula Nichols, wife of Wayne Nichols, will all sing from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Ronnie Allan



Toni Crews



Paula Nichols



John and Cindy Raines



Clara Singleton



Live Oak

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HEMC Director David Edwards honored for years of service to co-op



David Edwards

Haywood EMC Director David Edwards was recently honored for his 35 years of service to the cooperative and its members. The commendable service award was presented at the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives' (NCAEC) annual meeting recently held in Raleigh. NCAEC is the trade association for the 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina, including Haywood EMC.

The cooperatives provide electric services that are reliable, safe and affordable to more than 900,000 homes, farms and businesses in North Carolina. The co-ops are not-for-profit organizations that are member owned and overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership.

Haywood EMC offices closed for Independence Day and Moving Day

Independence Day: Haywood EMC offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday. We wish you and your family a safe and happy fourth.

Waynesville office closed for moving: The Waynesville district office will be closed on Friday, July 24 for the move to the new headquarters building. The office at 376 Grindstone Rd. in Jonathan Creek will be open for regular business on Monday, July 27. The Lake Toxaway district office normal business hours will not be affected with this move.

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