

# Power Lines



JULY 2010

## Haywood EMC Annual Meeting held on August 7, 8 a.m. to Noon

Haywood EMC's 71st annual meeting of members is on August 7 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. The business meeting and election results for directors will begin at 10 a.m.

### Entertainment

This year's entertainment includes Haywood EMC's own employees and spouses, who are returning after popular requests from last year's performance. Performing will be: Staking Agent Ronnie Allen; Journeyman Lineman Ronnie Chapman; Member Accounts Specialist Toni Crews; Supervisor of Engineering Services Gene Enloe; Paula Nichols, wife of Staking Agent Wayne Nichols; Journeyman Lineman John Raines and his wife Cindy; and Clara Singleton, wife of Electrical Technician

Mike Singleton. These folks will begin singing at 9 a.m.

### Food provided

Bojangles will cater the meeting, providing sausage biscuits, fruit, granola bars, coffee, orange juice and water for breakfast while supplies last. For lunch you will have a choice of pulled BBQ pork sandwiches or fried chicken with

coleslaw, pinto beans, green beans, cookies and brownies, iced tea and water. Salads are available for vegetarians on request.

### Changes worth noting

The cholesterol screening will begin 30 minutes earlier, at 7:30 a.m., however, registration still begins at 8 a.m.



Top, left to right: Clara Singleton, Gene Enloe, John & Cindy Raines, Paula Nichols. Bottom, left to right: Ronnie Allen, Ronnie Chapman and Toni Crews.

## Notice of 2009 Patronage Assignments

Your electric cooperative is a not-for-profit organization owned by each member receiving electric service. Capital credits reflect the non-profit nature of our Cooperative. Capital credits are actually the amount of money that is "credited" to an active member's account at the end of each year. This amount is based on revenue remaining after expenses have been paid.

Investor-owned utilities return this margin (profit) to the stockholders through dividends. With member-owned, non-profit cooperatives like Haywood EMC the margin is credited to the member on a pro-rata basis as capital credits.

Each month as members pay their bills for electric service, your cooperative in turn pays for the expense of providing that service. Any excess money that remains after these expenses

are taken care of provides equity for you as a member in your cooperative.

Capital credits are allocated annually to each member's Capital credit account based on the individual's amount of electricity purchased during that calendar year. As capital credits accumulate, the co-op still retains the amount needed for financial strength, but distributes an amount determined by the Board of Directors and within RUS regulations to their members in a general retirement of capital credits.

In 2009, the cooperative's margins allocated were in the amount of \$1,412,744.11 or 3.9 percent of electric bills rendered. This means that each member was allocated 3.9 percent of the annual amount paid to the cooperative for electric use during 2009. To compute your indi-

vidual allocated amount for 2009, simply multiply your annual energy cost by 3.9 percent.

In addition, retirements are made to the estates of deceased members. Under this procedure, estate representatives sign a waiver and are immediately paid the present day value of the total unretired allocated amount. There are certain guidelines to follow and forms to be completed when filing for a deceased member's capital credits.

Should you have further questions concerning this allocation or the retirement to deceased estates, please call our office at 1-800-951-6088 or 828-452-2281. This notification is just a part of our on-going mission here at Haywood EMC to keep our members informed of business activities.

# What will 25 cents buy each day?

A quarter used to buy a newspaper, a soda or cup of coffee, but not anymore. What it will buy is the comfort and peace of mind of having your home protected by Haywood EMC's home surge protection system.

## You may ask: "Why do I need surge protection for my home?"

This is a common question many members ask. With summer storms fast approaching, you may want to learn how Haywood EMC's surge protection system can virtually eliminate indirect surge related damage to your home and sensitive electronics.

To better understand surge protection, it's important to learn a bit about "surges" and how they can damage our homes and appliances.

A surge is a brief "spike" of electrical energy that is caused by lightning and electrical storms often passing through our area and strike the power lines. Haywood EMC has installed thousands of surge arresters along its distribution lines, but there are times when lightning strikes can create surges in your homes.

While small spikes or surges do not always cause damage, a nearby lightning strike can create enough surge energy to severely damage or destroy appliances and sensitive electronics within your home!

## Here is an example of a "surge" and how Haywood EMC's surge protection system can help protect your home:

Picture a surge or "spike" being 10 feet tall. The meter base surge arrester that Haywood EMC would install behind your electric meter serves as the first line of defense and knocks the intensity

of the surge down to a small "spike" that is about 6½ inches tall. This small spike is low enough that it won't damage larger electro-mechanical appliances but it can still cause damage to sensitive electronics.

Additional plug-in surge suppressors offered through Haywood EMC's surge protection program literally "squash" the 6½-inch surge down to a level where it cannot hurt your valuable sensitive electronics. These plug-in suppressors include special protection modules to block opportunities for surges to enter via the phone or cable system.

Haywood EMC's surge protection system costs \$6.99 per month (less than 25 cents per day) and includes the heavy duty meter base surge arrester installed by Haywood EMC behind your electric meter and a high energy plug-in surge suppressor for the most sensitive electronics inside your home is also provided.

You can have this system installed at no additional cost and it includes an on-site review of your home and electrical service to verify that incoming phone and cable services are properly grounded.

When you think about it, Haywood EMC's surge protection system is a very small investment, especially when you consider the value of your home appliances and sensitive electronics. Have



you decided you need surge protection for your home? If you have a computer, flat screen TV or other high value equipment, the simple answer is "yes"!!

Call Haywood EMC today at 1-800-951-6088 or 828-452-2281 to learn more and to sign up for surge protection in your home before summer storms hit!

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## Haywood EMC offices closed for Independence Day

Haywood EMC offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, for the Independence Day holiday.