

## Rice retires; White is appointed chief at Northern Neck Electric Cooperative

Effective August 1, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative has a new skipper.

Charles R. Rice Jr., president and chief executive officer for 33 years, recently retired. The board of directors selected Greg W. White Jr. to succeed Rice.

Rice joined the cooperative March 1, 1972, as system engineer. He was promoted to assistant manager in February 1981, and appointed president and chief executive officer on August 1, 1986.

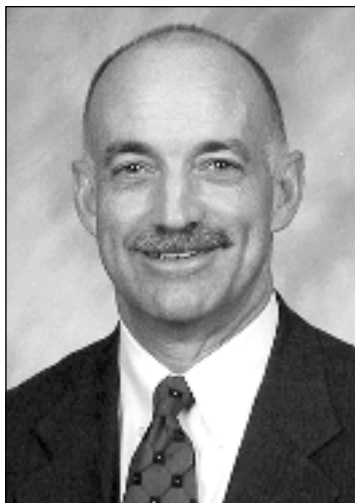
During his tenure as chief, membership increased by 46 percent, 475 miles of line were installed, major substation upgrades were completed and one new substation was energized, load management and whole-house surge-suppression programs were initiated, a new headquarters facility was constructed, a system-wide automated meter reading program was completed, and restructuring of the electric utility industry occurred.

Rice served as a member of the board of directors of the Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, filling in as interim president and chief executive officer for eight months in 1998. As a member of the board of directors of the Virginia-Maryland-Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, he served on various committees of the association.

Members of Charles Rice's family include his wife, Donna;



Charles R. Rice Jr.



Greg W. White Jr.

son, William Rice and his wife, Pamela; daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Rice Martin and her husband, Eddie; three grandchildren, Chancellor and Aiden Rice, and Alexander Martin; mother, Cornelia Fidler Rice; sister, Lucy Rice Koll; nephew, Richard Koll, Jr.; and niece, Sarah Koll.

Rice has been active in numerous community and civic organizations including the Richmond County Ruritan Club, Warsaw Rotary Club, Bank of Lancaster Advisory Board, Richmond County Cub Scouts, and the Rappahannock Community College Citizens Advisory Committee.

He is chairman of the Richmond County Industrial Development Authority. Charles and Donna Rice are members of

Milden Presbyterian Church, where he has served as Sunday school teacher, clerk of the session and is an elder.

Rice graduated from the University of Virginia in 1964, with a degree in electrical engineering. He is a registered professional engineer. Rice began his career with Reynolds Metals in Arkansas before serving four years active duty in the U.S. Navy. After leaving the Navy, he worked for the Virginia Electric and Power Company in Norfolk and Richmond for three years.

"Greg is a seasoned electrical engineer with proven leadership skills and extensive cooperative experience," said Rice.

White was senior vice president of power supply for Old Dominion

Electric Cooperative, a generation and transmission cooperative, in Glen Allen.

He received a degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech in 1974 and earned a master's in business administration at Virginia Commonwealth University. White and his wife, Carolyn, who is director of human resources at Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, have two sons, Casey and Jared.

White began his career in 1974 as a distribution engineer with Florida Power and Light Company. In 1977, he returned to Virginia as a planning engineer with Rappahannock Electric Cooperative in Fredericksburg. At REC, White was promoted to manager of planning engineering and earned his Professional Engineering Certificate from the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1979.

In 1990, White joined Old Dominion Electric Cooperative as director of power supply and was later promoted to assistant vice president of engineering and operations. From 1995 to 1999, he served as executive vice president of the Virginia-Maryland-Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. He returned to Old Dominion in 1999.

Incorporated in 1937, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative is headquartered in Warsaw and provides power to over 17,000 customers in King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Stafford and Westmoreland counties.

## Irvington Stomp to feature vineyard's first vintage red

In the tradition of Lucille Ball and Italian winemaking, White Fences Vineyard in Irvington will celebrate the unveiling of its first vintage red wine with a grand grape stomp.

Adding a Chesapeake Bay flair to the age-old wine-making tradition, the second annual Irvington Stomp September 3, from 4 to 8 p.m., will feature all-you-can-eat hard crabs and slow-cooked pork barbecue.

"Labor Day is historically the most popular crab-eating holiday on the bay, and we wanted families visiting from out of town and those local to have a chance that weekend to sit down among friends to a picnic table loaded full of fresh caught, seasoned and steamed Jimmies and slow cooked pork barbecue," said vineyard manager Mark Hollingsworth. "Of course, the chance to stomp grapes, drink, dance, sample our first vintage red wine, and participate in lots of homespun harvest celebration fun is the other great side of the picture."

The main event features grape-stomping competitions pitting barefooted local community leaders against one another. Other activities include Carolina beach music with the Holiday Band, tethered hot air balloon rides, a maize maze in the shape of a wine bottle, an Old MacDonald's Farm marionette puppet show at the hay bale theater, hayrides, vineyard tours and farm animal exhibits.

Hollingsworth also announced the vineyard's recent acquisition of an authentic, oversized half



Susan, Aline and Christian Johnson of Irvington test the family-sized stomping barrel at White Fences Vineyard.

barrel made by the coopers of Colonial Williamsburg. It is just right for "Lucille-style" family stomping, he said.

Details of the stomp can be found at [www.irvingtonstomp.com](http://www.irvingtonstomp.com). Tickets are available online and at the Hope & Glory Inn, The Local Coffee Shop and the

Steamboat Museum in Irvington. Tickets are \$35 per person. Children under 15 will be admitted free. There is an additional charge for some activities and alcohol.

For additional information, contact [julie@irvingtonstomp.com](mailto:julie@irvingtonstomp.com), or 438-6348.

## DVD shows how to make slipcovers

Peggy Jeffries has produced a DVD showing how one can make expert slipcovers at home using ordinary sewing supplies, chalk, straight pins, and a home sewing machine.

Jeffries produced the DVD after 30 years of making slipcovers and having clients ask questions as they watch the process. Her website, [www.pegsslipcovers.com](http://www.pegsslipcovers.com), shows styles one can give furniture to make it easy to clean, and to change seasonally and for holidays. There are also decorating ideas for pillows, tablecloths and details on how to get the DVD.

"It is far more economical for furniture to be slipcovered rather than completely reupholstered," Jeffries said. "In the event that a person gets truly stumped by a problem, they can give me a call or e-mail me through my website," she added.

Jeffries lives in Ohio and owns property in Corrotoman by the Bay.

## Board of Contractors revokes local license

The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 18 license revocations July 19.

Copies of the file orders are available at [www.dpqr.virginia.gov](http://www.dpqr.virginia.gov) under license lookup.

Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund and used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

The board revoked the license of Dennis Wayne Crabbe of Callao, trading as Brick and Block Doctors. According to the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), Seungho Park of Lancaster was the complainant in the case. Among violations noted by the board, Crabbe practiced outside his class of license; failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; and abandoned the project.

In addition to the revoking of the license, the board levied a \$3,800 fine.

The DPOR administers and enforces laws regulating more than

30 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies nearly 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

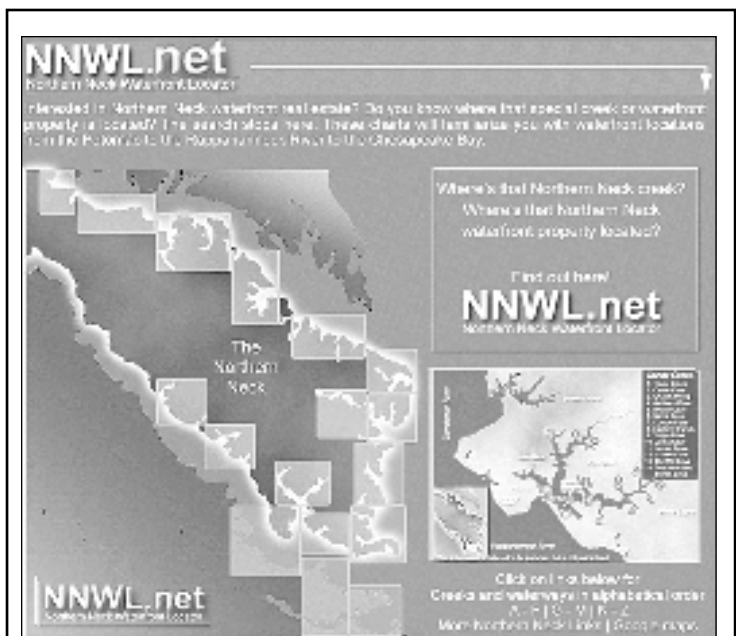
DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board of Contractors licenses more than 95,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation

and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

For more information, visit DPOR at [www.dpqr.virginia.gov](http://www.dpqr.virginia.gov).



The Northern Neck Waterfront Locator will assist real estate buyers.

## Waterfront locator launched

K-Lin.com and GGCweb of Kilmarnock recently launched the Northern Neck Waterfront Locator.

Rappahannock Record webmaster and network manager K. C. Troise designed the site after realizing a need for a reliable online map of the area, he said.

Troise spent hours tracing the contours of the Northern Neck shoreline, integrating it with road maps and pulling together information on local landmarks to present as accurate a representation of the region as possible, he said.

Designed to help newcomers and property shoppers locate creeks in relation to nearby towns and villages, the interactive maps allow clients to zoom in on waterways, learn about the surrounding attractions and link to informational and governmental pages from the website's resource page, said Troise. The site can be accessed through several real estate sites and a variety of search engines. The link may be placed on any local home page, he added.

"Unlike other online maps, which focus only on the roads and highways, Northern Neck Waterfront Locator was designed specifically for people interested in the location of waterfront property, creeks and

rivers, area resources, and its geographical relationship to the rest of the Northern Neck," said Troise.

The site allows visitors to search over 190 creeks alphabetically and geographically.

Waterfront properties are often advertised on "Towles Creek" or the "Great Wicomico River." A real estate buyer new to the area might have no idea where "Towles Creek" is in comparison to Kilmarnock or the Chesapeake Bay, explained Troise.

The site will allow them to jump from a real estate ad to a map of the area to a blow up of Towles Creek to the Town of Kilmarnock site in just a few clicks, he said. "This website pulls together all the information that's out there into one convenient site," said Troise.

The site also acts as a relocation resource page, offering links to businesses, schools, hospitals and government sites. In counties where the land records are online, the site provides a link to the database, allowing real estate investors to search the most recent tax assessments on any parcel. Additional resources will be added as they become available, he said.

Color and black and white versions of the maps are available.

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