

Information for
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Appreciate the power behind the lights

The holiday season is a wonderful time of year. As I drive through the country enjoying the Christmas light displays brightening the December night, I reflect on how very different the landscape must have looked before rural electrification.

Most of us do not know what life was like without electricity. I'm sure there are some members who remember and would agree life was hard back then.

Doing household and farm chores gave true meaning to the term manual labor. Imagine reading by the dim light of an oil lamp, washing clothes by hand, cooking on a wood-burning stove or hand milking a herd of cows. Rural residents longed for a better way of life and worked hard to organize local electric cooperatives.

The impact of electricity on rural America went far beyond electrifying homes. With electricity, co-op members were able to enjoy the same modern conveniences as their families and friends in the city. Everyday chores could be completed faster, leaving members leisure time to enjoy.

Now days, we don't give electricity much thought, unless the power goes out. Those of us, who were not yet born or too young to understand, will never have the same appreciation for electricity as members who remember "when the lights came on." For them, electricity probably seemed like a miracle.

A lot has changed in the last 70 years.



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The world in which we live in today has its own challenges. The rising cost of power driven by the competition for coal and natural gas, the two fuels used to generate power, coupled with proposed climate change legislation are of great concern to us.

To help members manage their power costs we recommend combining energy conservation with energy efficiency.

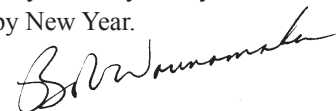
Conserving electricity means using less, like turning the Christmas lights off when you're away from home, also a good idea for safety reasons.

Energy efficiency is using electricity wisely. For instance, replace

your Christmas lights with energy-saving light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. LEDs are even more efficient and some have an expected lifetime use of 200,000 hours. Look for more energy conservation and energy-saving tips on our Web site, www.lynchesriver.com, and in this magazine.

As you decorate your home this holiday season, take a moment to appreciate the power behind the lights and remember to use it wisely.

Lynches River Electric Cooperative wishes you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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Energy efficiency

Tip of the month

This season, decorate with LED (light-emitting diode) holiday lights, which consume 90 percent less energy than traditional miniature lights and operate 30 times longer. LEDs also stay cooler, meaning increased safety when used on wreaths and trees.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy
LED photo by Holiday Creations

Look for new member newsletter in January bill

At Lynch River Electric Cooperative we know how important it is for us to communicate with our members. Therefore, beginning in January, you will receive Current Report, a member newsletter, inserted in your electric bills every two months — January, March, May, July, September and November. On alternating months — February, April, June, August, October and December, you will receive the Living in South Carolina Magazine.

The newsletter will contain some of the same features as the co-op news section of the magazine, including safety and energy efficiency tips, announcements and industry news.

The newsletter and magazine combined will provide you with news briefs in the newsletter and more in-depth stories and articles in the magazine. If you have questions or need more information, please call Lynch River, 672-6111 or 1-800-922-3486.

Brownlee chairs economic development board

Kevin Brownlee, vice president of marketing/economic development for Lynch River Electric Cooperative, is now the chairman of the Lancaster County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) Board.

Brownlee, who began these duties in July, said, “In my service with the LCEDC, one thing is clear: The past chairpersons, past and current board members and the staff developed a strong foundation to attract and retain industry.

“My colleagues on the board and I are already building upon their work by supporting our economic development staff and

working together to create a cohesive economic development approach that benefits all parties.”

A graduate of Charleston Southern University, Brownlee is also close to completing an MBA in finance from Winthrop University.

Brownlee has been with Lynch River Electric Cooperative since 2000.



Kevin Brownlee

Avoiding air infiltration

Air that transfers in and out of homes through cracks, crevices and holes can increase energy consumption. Here are some helpful tips to avoid air infiltration:

- Seal around pipe penetrations coming through walls.
- During hot and cold weather, ensure windows are closed tightly and locked.
- Ensure weather-stripping around doors and windows is tight.
- When your fireplace is not operating, its flue should be closed tightly, with a sign hanging from the flue handle warning it is closed.
- Check the ceiling behind the cornice of built-in bookshelves for holes cut during construction.

• Drop-down, disappearing stairways should fit tightly into the ceiling and be carefully weather-stripped.

- Whole-house attic fans should be sealed tightly during the winter.
- Make sure your outside dryer vent door closes when the dryer is not in use. This requires cleaning away lint accumulation periodically.

More energy-efficiency tips, including the EnergyWorks Home Tour and Energy Calculator, can be found on our Web site at www.lynchesriver.com. Access Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' Web site, www.touchstoneenergy.coop, to download or view the free Home Energy Savings Guide.

Source: Touchstone Energy Cooperative's Home Energy Savings Guide

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Scenes from the 2008 Annual Meeting



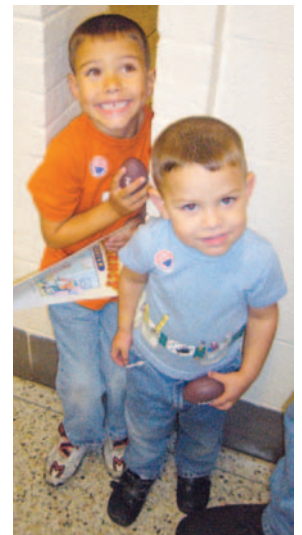
Thomas Self votes in the board elections at Lynch River Electric Cooperative's 69th annual meeting October 25, where 1,382 members were registered in attendance. Myrtle L. Faile of Taxahaw, Jimmy C. Freeman of Hopewell and Scott Croxton of Kershaw were re-elected.



Appalachian Blue combines bluegrass with Motown and other popular favorites — call it "Mo-grass" or "Blue-town," if you prefer — to entertain the annual meeting crowd.



Oh, brothers! Michaela C. Mills, 10, and her brother Damion, 8, show off their face (and fist) painting from the health fair, where Tyler Rollins, 5, squeezed in behind brother Logan, 3.



Tommy Catoe helps feed the crowd and raise money for the Central High School girls' softball and volleyball programs.



Betty Lynn keeps a stiff upper lip as she has blood drawn for a cholesterol screening by Dena Newell of Springs Memorial Hospital's lab.



James R. Vincent, left, gets his blood pressure checked by Santrice Hailey of CareSouth Carolina. It was pretty good, she told him.



"Hello, Santa?" Zachary Avery, 1, practices cell phone etiquette.

Walter Allread



Members filled out *Our Energy, Our Future* postcards to send a message to Congress about America's energy needs. At far left, Garrett Calder, 5, waits while grandpa Gary Odoms completes his. Tarevea McQueen, upper right, joined the cause, too. Later, in a special drawing, three members won \$100 gas cards for helping. They are, from left above, Michelle Wright, Jerry Deese and Veda Vance, with her husband, Michael. Wright's daughter Cassidy, left, also won \$5 as the youngest kid attending.



Nathaniel Truesdale, 97, was once again the oldest member attending. He also won a casserole keeper.



Co-op Safety Director Gene Oliver shows D.J. Baker, 9, the danger of coming in contact with live power lines.

Lucky boy

Blake Truesdale, 5, won one of the \$100 bills WIRE raffled off at the Annual Meeting. Blake bought a ticket with the \$1 he had in his pocket. He's a lucky kid, it seems. Blake recently won a book at his school's book fair, and he's won many other prizes, his dad says. Most of Blake's \$100 goes to a college fund, but he may buy a toy, too.



Leigh Smith

Grand prize winners were Thelma Melton, Georgia C. Davis, Wilson Sellers, Peggy Laney, and Keith E. Mosley, accepting for his wife, Daisey, and Angela Laney (not pictured). Each received a \$500 credit on their power bill.



Use Co-op Connections card, save money this Christmas

Christmas is right around the corner. Satisfy everyone on your Christmas list and save money by shopping at Co-op Connections businesses. Co-op Connections businesses offer a wide variety of goods and services, including beauty products, power tools, artwork, appliances, jewelry, landscaping



materials, food, automotive supplies and more. Present your Co-op Connections card and receive discounts of 5 percent to 50 percent off.

For a list of national businesses participating in the program, go to lynchesriver.com, click on the Co-op Connections card located on the right side of the page, then click on National participating businesses at the top of the page.

Co-op Connections local participating businesses

Health & Beauty

- Allure Beauty**, Lancaster (803) 286-1102
10% off any beauty service
- Avery Beauty Salon**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-7804 or (843) 623-7987
5% off hair products, 5% discount on bridal attire over \$500
- City Slicker Styling Salon**, Pageland (843) 672-5123
5% off hair products
- Curves for Women**, Lancaster..... (803) 283-1944
50% off service fee
- Gwen's Salon of Beauty Inc.**, Pageland..... (843) 672-6218
FREE hand therapy treatment with color or perm services
- Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio**, Pageland (843) 672-6218
Happy Birthday! During the month of your birthday, present your card and get a FREE nail polish with any purchase
- Priority Health Care Equipment**, Pageland (843) 672-6881
10% off retail items only (excluding those billed to an insurance company)
- Razor's Edge Barber Shop**, Patrick (843) 623-6585
5% off hair products
- Shear Magic**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-7313
5% off hair products
- X-treme Tanning**, Lancaster..... (803) 286-1102
10% off new tanning package

Retail

- Armadillos**, Lancaster (803) 289-1921
10% off total purchase of \$10 or more
- Atkinson Hardware**, Pageland (843) 672-5154
5% off all power hand tools
- Atkinson Mobile Home Supply**, Pageland (843) 672-5154
5% off 6-panel steel combo mobile home door sets
- B & B Florist**, Jefferson (843) 658-3883
10% on regular priced items (excluding funerals and weddings)
- Bob Doster's Backstreet Studio**, Lancaster..... (803) 285-9190
40% off Bob Doster artwork
- Buds From the Heart Florals & Home Décor**, Pageland (843) 672-7794
10% discount on regular-priced items (delivery fee and wire charge fee excluded, not valid on wire-out orders)
- C.T. Apparel/Crazy T-Shirts**, Pageland..... (843) 672-2006
10% discount on regular-priced items with card
- Cedar Lane Supply**, Pageland..... (843) 672-6547
10% off cash purchase over \$25 (excluding sale or special-price items, does not apply to any charged items)
- Chesterfield Feed and Seed Store, Inc.**, Chesterfield (843) 623-2486
5% off purchase (excludes feed/seed and sale items)
- Crawford Furniture**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-7340
10% off and free delivery and removal with purchase of a Spring Air Mattress - Back Supporter line and above
- Elgin Feed & Garden Center**, Lancaster (803) 286-8400
10% discount on all flowering plants, trees and shrubs

- Energy Center Appliances**, Lancaster (803) 286-6148
\$25 off appliance purchase of \$299-\$499, \$35 off \$500-\$999, \$50 off \$1,000 and up (additional discount applies to regular- or sale-price merchandise)
- Farmers World/Temco**, Pageland (843) 675-2330
10% discount on all regular-priced items (must present card at time of purchase)
- Freeman's Video & Tanning**, Jefferson (843) 658-7419
\$1.00 off 2 new movie rentals, 10% off tanning package or lotion
- Freeman's Video & Tanning**, Pageland..... (843) 672-2362
\$1.00 off 2 new movie rentals, 10% off tanning package or lotion
- Garris Jewelers**, Lancaster (803) 283-2415
25% off 14k chains, 25% off all watches
- Home Specialties**, Lancaster (803) 285-8421
5% discount on all outdoor Toro-Stihl-Snapper products storewide (must present card at time of purchase)
- John F. Stroud and Son**, Chesterfield (843) 623-6868
5% off top soil and/or fill dirt
- Jordan's Jewelers**, Pageland (843) 672-6365
10% off all regular-priced items any time
- Kiddie Korner**, Chesterfield (843) 672-8888
10% off purchase total Tuesday-Friday, 15% off purchase total Saturdays
- Meat Center, The**, Lancaster (803) 286-5077
One pound "Home Made Sausage" FREE with each \$25 order
- Moo-Licious Bakery**, Jefferson (843) 658-3800
10% off any \$25 order
- Nate's Wood Works, Inc.**, Lancaster..... (803) 283-2632
10% off all hardware and 5% off all cabinetry
- One Stop Frame Shop**, Chesterfield (843) 623-6901
15% off custom framing
- Pageland Farm Equipment**, Pageland (843) 672-6224
10% off all toys with card
- Pageland Floral and Gift**, Pageland (843) 672-7129
10% off merchandise with card (excluding sympathy arrangements and specialty items)
- Pageland Furniture Company**, Pageland..... (843) 672-6421
5% off all regular-priced furniture (excludes sale and clearance items)
- Pageland Paint and Flooring Covering**, Pageland (843) 672-3393
15% off regular-priced custom framing; one free roller cover (R208) with purchase of one gallon flat paint at regular price (limit one per customer)
- Sandy Crest Kennel**, Chesterfield (843) 623-2992
10% off grooming
- Savannah's**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-6597
15% off total purchase
- Southern Attic**, Lancaster (803) 285-5463
10% discount on all regular-price items Monday through Thursday (must present card at time of purchase)
- Spears Glass Service, Inc.**, Lancaster (803) 283-2270
10% off glass purchase, including window glass, glass tabletops, mirrors, etc.

- Stroud's ABC**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-3264
5% off each ½ gallon purchased
- Uniforms Unlimited/School Uniforms Unlimited**,
Pageland..... (843) 672-6418
5% discount on medical or school uniforms
- Vitality Health Foods**, Cheraw..... (843) 537-3222
10% off selected products; \$10 off Detox Ion Foot Spa; free sample of
“Energy Vitamin”
- Watson Brothers Appliances**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-2404
Free delivery within a 25-mile radius
- Xtreme Games & Computers**, Heath Springs..... (803) 273-0055
\$15 off computer virus/spyware removal

Services

- All-American Air Systems, LLC**, Patrick (843) 634-2020
10% off repair service (parts and labor); 5% off new or replacement
equipment installations (equipment and labor); \$30 off a one-year Planned
Maintenance Agreement; \$30 off a one-time clean and check
- Blackwell Trimnal, LLC**, Lancaster (803) 285-8050
Will and power-of-attorney healthcare and financial packages \$99
- Exit Sandlapper Realty**, Kershaw (803) 243-0195
Free home warranty when you list with Exit Sandlapper Realty
- H & R Block**, Lancaster (803) 313-3050 or (803) 285-3900
\$20 off tax preparation; 10% off bookkeeping services
- H & R Block**, Pageland..... (843) 672-3995
\$20 off tax preparation; 10% off bookkeeping services
- Lamson Plumbing**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-9470
10% off entire bill
- Officeworks Carolina**, Chesterfield..... (843) 623-6055
10% off office supplies (excluding ink and toner)
- Officeworks Carolina**, Lancaster (803) 285-5315
10% off office supplies (excluding ink and toner)
- P & C Office Cleaning**, Heath Springs.. (803) 287-4256 or (803) 285-8203
\$20 off with 6-month contract or 10% off each initial cleaning

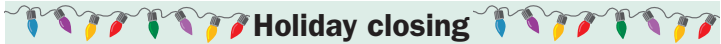
- Port's Heating and Air LLC**, Lancaster (803) 286-1955
1 year same as cash financing on new unit or \$200 off
- Sam's Heating and Air**, Lancaster (803) 286-4720
10% off any repair (excluding service call fee)
- William Brian Carter, CPA, PA**, Lancaster (803) 285-0729
\$25 discount off paid prepared tax return

Recreation

- White Plains Country Club**, Pageland (843) 672-7200
10% off all golf fees

Automotive

- Atkinson CarQuest Auto Parts**, Pageland (843) 672-5154
5% off all auto alternators, new and rebuilt
- Burns Ford-Mercury**, Lancaster..... (803) 286-4414
\$500 off the purchase of a new vehicle and/or 10% off parts or service
- Kingpin Customs LLC**, Lancaster (803) 289-6200
10% discount on labor only
- Lawrence Chevrolet Pontiac**, Pageland (843) 672-7222
General Motors supplier pricing on all new Chevrolets and Pontiacs
- NAPA Auto Parts**, Chesterfield (843) 623-7771
Free battery and alternator testing
- Pageland Auto Parts**, Pageland..... (843) 672-6224
10% off cash purchase over \$20 with card

 **Holiday closing**

The Lynchess River Electric Cooperative office will close Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holidays. We will close Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, for New Year's Day.

If you need assistance, standby personnel are available 24 hours a day. They can be reached at 672-6111 or 1-800-922-3486 toll free. Call the Automated Outage Reporting System at 675-LREC (5732) or 1-866-675-LREC (5732) to report an outage.

Merry Christmas to you and yours from Lynchess River Electric Cooperative!

Electrify family, friends this Christmas

With a Gift of Power from Lynchess River

It's that time of year again when shopping lists are long, and time is short. This year, do all your shopping in one place at Lynchess River Electric Cooperative. A Gift of Power is a gift everyone on your Christmas list will enjoy.

Family members and friends, especially those living on a fixed income, would appreciate a Gift of Power gift certificate now that colder temperatures are right around the corner. You can pay the balance on a member's account or buy a Gift of Power for any amount you choose.

Gift of Power gift certificates can be purchased at the co-op office, over the phone or by mailing in the coupon. Either way, the recipient will receive a card acknowledging your gift. If you prefer, you can give your Gift of Power anonymously.

To buy Gift of Power gift certificates or if you would like more information, call Lynchess River at 672-6111 or 1-800-922-3486.



Gift of Power Coupon

Please complete and return it with a check



Recipient's Name: _____

Recipient's Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Recipient's Phone Number (To verify account information): _____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Purchaser's Phone Number (Please include area code): _____

Amount of Purchase: _____

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