

# Current REPORT

For Members of Lynchess River Electric Cooperative

## WIRE Raffleing Handcrafted Swing

WIRE is holding a raffle for this beautiful handcrafted swing. One lucky winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting Oct. 16.

You can purchase tickets from a WIRE member, at the Lynchess River office or at the annual meeting.

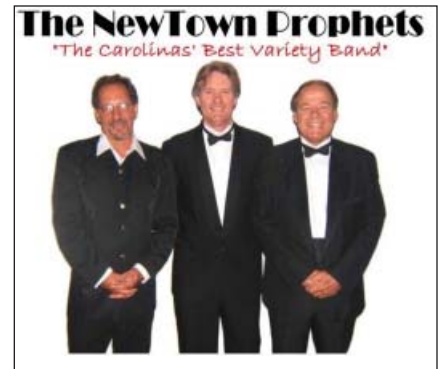
To order tickets by mail, send a check or money order written to WIRE and mail to WIRE Raffle, P.O. Box 308, Pageland, S.C. 29728. We will send the tickets to you to bring to the annual meeting, or we can fill them out for you and mail you a copy of the completed tickets.

Tickets are \$1 each and you do not have to be present at the annual meeting to win. Call 800-922-3486 for more information.



## Look for Registration Card in October

Look for your annual meeting registration card on the cover wrap of the October issue of South Carolina Living. Please tear off the registration card and bring **both sides** of the registration card with you to the annual meeting. Members who have their registration cards will be eligible for a special prize drawing.



## Local Band Performs at Annual Meeting

The NewTown Prophets have been rocking the Carolinas since 1982. They vow to make any occasion special.

They plan to show our members just how they accomplish that goal when they perform at the Lynchess River Electric Cooperative annual meeting Saturday, Oct. 16.

The band specializes in rhythm and blues, beach, and rock and roll music.

Band members are Jeff Wallace on guitar and vocals, Wayne Adams on drums and vocals, and Jim Conn on keyboards, bass and vocals.

The NewTown Prophets claim they can make any event a party so come join the fun.

## The Cooperative Difference

Next month is Cooperative Month, and coincidentally, the same month we traditionally hold our annual meeting. As we look forward to both, let's review what makes cooperatives so special.

Every October since 1930, not-for-profit cooperatives have celebrated Cooperative Month. During this time, it makes sense to highlight the qualities that make electric cooperatives different from other types of utilities and businesses.

For starters, electric co-ops are owned by those they serve. That's why those who receive electric service from us are called members, not customers. Without members, there would be no Lynch River Electric Cooperative.

Members maintain democratic control of our co-op, which means they elect fellow members to represent them on the board of trustees every year at our annual meeting. As a bonus, co-op members receive special benefits through our programs, like Operation Round Up and H<sub>2</sub>O Select.

We also return margins ("profits") to our members in the form of capital credits.

One principle that sets us apart from other businesses is our concern for the communities we serve. As a cooperative, we have a special responsibility to support the areas in which our members live and work. From sponsoring a local school's baseball team to supporting new jobs and industry through our economic development efforts, we stand as a driving force in our communities.

Of course, co-ops span all industries, including credit unions, dairy operations, health care, housing, and much more. There are more than 29,000 co-ops across the nation. And not all are small or rural. Just look at nationally known co-ops like Sunkist, Ace Hardware, and Land O' Lakes.

Overall, co-ops are more accessible than other types of businesses. We give our members a voice, and we are local—living and working alongside those we serve.

That's the cooperative difference.



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### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Lynch River Electric Cooperative is a member owned electric cooperative committed to delivering reliable electric energy and related services at a competitive price, which will improve the quality of life of its members and communities.

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TRUSTED.  
SERVING  
YOU.™**

*David Q. Altman*

# WIRE Scholarship Helps Mom on a Mission

by Van O'Cain, The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina

Sixteen years after graduating from high school, mother of two Shannon Blanks is heading back to the classroom with the support of WIRE, Women Involved in Rural Electrification.

The Jenny Ballard Opportunity Scholarship for Women Returning to College will help Blanks pursue her goal of working in hospice as a registered nurse. The \$2,500 one-time scholarship is presented to an electric cooperative member in South Carolina, based on financial need and personal goals.

Blanks is a member of Lynchess River Electric Cooperative. Blanks said watching hospice nurses comfort her father made her want to return the service. "They took extraordinary care of my father in his final days, and I would like the opportunity to give back," she said. She will attend York Technical College in Rock Hill this fall as a full-time nursing student.



## The long, hot summer of 2010

This photo was taken on July 30. As you can see, the thermometer registers 93 degrees. Just days before, the temperature was 98 degrees. Even though it is still warm outside, cooler weather is on the way. Now is the time to service your heating system to get it ready for winter.

## Co-op mourns Taylor's passing

James "Jib" Roy Taylor, 80, of Pageland passed away on July 19.

Taylor served on the Lynchess River Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees from October 2002 until his death. He was also on the board of directors for South Carolina Farm Bureau.

Taylor was an avid farmer and the owner of Taylor's Tire Service for many years. He served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Taylor was a dedicated board member who always put members needs first. He will be missed by fellow board members and employees.



## Teachers, check out this energy focused website

Palmetto Power is a dynamic and comprehensive energy focused website for students and teachers.

The site provides an interactive learning experience for students through games, projects and Q & As.

The teacher resource section includes lesson plans for grades K-7, educational opportunities and grant resources.

Links take visitors seeking additional information to more than 20 energy related websites.

Visit [palmettopower.com](http://palmettopower.com) today and let the learning begin.



## Community Events

### Chesterfield Carolina Fest

The Town of Chesterfield's week-long Carolina Fest celebration runs Sunday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Oct. 4.

The event features art exhibits, 5K Run, Carolina Sweetheart Pageant, Chesterfield's Taste of the Carolinas, Mountain Dew Kidsfest, Scarecrow on Main competition, arts and crafts, food, entertainment, parades and Carolina's Road Rallye.

For event details visit [chesterfieldchamber.com](http://chesterfieldchamber.com). For information contact Donna Curtis, (843) 623-2424 or 623-2343.

### Hog Jam in Kershaw

The Town of Kershaw celebrates barbeque with the annual Hog Jam Festival Oct. 8 and 9.

The Friday and Saturday event includes live entertainment, amusements, horseshoe tournament, wagon rides, car show, vendors and the best barbeque in South Carolina competition.

For more information contact Linda Adams, (803) 246-0369.

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# Time's Running Out...

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## ...to take advantage of federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credits!

Incentives provided by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help you make energy efficiency improvements to your existing home expire **Dec. 31, 2010**. Don't miss your chance to save!



You can receive a tax credit for 30 percent of the cost of materials for qualifying improvements—up to \$1,500 over 2009 and 2010.

For a full list of qualified improvements visit:

[www.energystar.gov/taxcredits](http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits)

## Busy Hurricane Season Forecast

The official start of the hurricane season is June 1. September through November seems to bring the most activity, however. With weather forecasters predicting an 85 percent chance of an above-normal hurricane season, preparing now will save you time if an emergency occurs.

Visit [lynchesriver.com/SafetyCenter/StormCenter](http://lynchesriver.com/SafetyCenter/StormCenter) for details on hurricane preparation and assembling an emergency kit.

To download the 2010 South Carolina Hurricane Guide visit [scemd.org](http://scemd.org). The guide includes evacuation routes, storm-related websites, pet care and shelter locations.

