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Bennett Family's Home Gets New HVAC System



When Janet Bennett applied for the Help My House HVAC upgrade in March of 2010 she had no idea she would be selected, she just knew she needed to do something to replace her home's existing heating and cooling system.

Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., our wholesale power provider, launched a statewide energy use study in 2010 to determine the best way to reduce electric utility bills. A portion of this study focuses on testing the energy efficiency of manufactured homes. The Bennett home was one of 50 homes selected for the study.

Carolina Green Energy Services recently installed an energy efficient heat pump in the Bennett home replacing their electric furnace.

"Our bills usually ran around \$400 in the winter, so I'm hoping they'll come down with the new system," says Bennett.

Prior to the install, Benny Marshall, with Carolina Green Energy Services, came to the home to do an initial blower door test. The test shows areas in the home that need sealing. The duct work is also checked and repaired if necessary.



Bow Burch, Lynches River's member services coordinator, discusses the benefits of the new energy efficient heat pump with Janet Bennett. Janet, her husband, David, and sons, Travis and Lance, look forward to a comfortable winter with the new HVAC system and other energy efficiency upgrades they've made to their home.

Buddy DeLozier, with Central Electric Power Cooperative, follows up with testing after the installation. Energy use in the Bennett's home will be measured for a period of 12 months and the Bennetts have agreed to participate in energy use surveys.

Bennett says she's happy their home was chosen for the study. "The installation of the new heat pump has motivated us to weatherize and make repairs to our home so it is even more energy efficient," says Bennett.

Guide to Lawmakers in January South Carolina Living

In the January issue of South Carolina Living, you will find the 2011-2012 Legislative Guide.

This guide is a handy reference to your legislative representatives on the state and federal level.

The electric utility industry is heavily regulated. For the most part, cooperatives must adhere to the same set of rules and regulations as other utilities, and that's okay, as long as they don't affect our ability to serve our members. Keeping the power flowing and affordable is our top priority.

There are some who think cooperatives are too active in politics. If those same folks knew about the hardships people have faced, perhaps they would better understand why co-ops are such strong ambassadors for our members.

Lynches River Electric Cooperative and the 19 other electric cooperatives in South Carolina work with legislators to help them understand our goal is to protect our members' interests.

The Legislative Guide includes contact information for reaching U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives, Members of the South Carolina Executive Branch and the South Carolina General Assembly.

Maps are provided to help you locate the Senators and Representatives in your district. Addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are listed, as well as their district numbers and the counties they serve.

We encourage you to contact your congressional representatives if you have concerns about or approve of pending legislation.

Throughout 2011 we'll keep you informed of any political activity we consider beneficial or harmful to our members.



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Holiday Closings

Christmas

Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24

New Years

Friday, December 31





Juniors, Win Trip to Washington, D.C.

Lynches River Electric Cooperative is looking for bright, energetic, community involved high school juniors to represent the cooperative on the 2011 Washington Youth Tour, June 11-17.

If you are chosen as a Washington Youth Tour delegate, you will travel to Washington, D.C. with approximately 50 high school juniors and chaperones from South Carolina. Once there, you will join nearly 1,500 students representing cooperatives from around the country.

Your activity-filled schedule will keep you so busy you will barely have time to catch your breath, but you'll love every minute of it. You'll learn about your government and electric cooperatives, tour historical sites, attend cultural events and do lots of shopping. By the end of the week, you will have formed close friendships with many of the students from your delegation.

To qualify for the trip, you must be a high school junior and live in a home served by Lynches River Electric Cooperative.

Contest entrants are required to fill out an application and participate in a personal interview. Youth Tour winners will be chosen on the basis of their school and community involvement, communications skills, knowledge of electric cooperatives and the interview.

Don't delay. To receive an application for the 2011 Washington Youth Tour, contact Leigh Smith at 843-675-3213 (local) or 1-800-922-3486 ext. 213 (toll free), or email leigh.smith@lynchesriver.com.

You can also visit our website at lynchesriver.com/CommunitySupport/YouthTour to download an application. To learn more about the Washington Youth Tour visit youthtour.coop.



Rachel Johnson, left, and Shelby Lawrence strike a pose on the Capitol Hill steps during the 2010 Washington Youth Tour.

Post-Holiday Safety

Holiday electrical decorations are meant for temporary use. During the first week of January, the Electric Safety Foundation International (ESFI) encourages you to take down, inspect and store all decorations for next season.

- Use the gripping area of the plug when unplugging lights and appliances. Yanking or tugging on the cord could damage the wires and insulation, possibly leading to an electric shock or fire.
- Separate and label outdoor from indoor decorations.
- Discard broken or faulty lights.
- Store decorations away from children, pets and water.
- Send all warranty and product registration forms to manufacturers. That way, they can notify you promptly in case of a recall.
- Post-holiday sales are a great time to purchase fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Holiday Gift-giving Ideas

May we suggest:

WIRE Cookbook

The Recipes from WIRE cookbook will keep on giving throughout the year with mouth-watering recipes from WIRE and Lynches River members, and the community. Cookbooks are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Lynches River office in Pageland.

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