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Board approves reducing compensation, building new headquarters

THE LYNCHES RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES voted at the November meeting to approve



reducing their compensation for Board meetings by half beginning this month.

In other business, board members approved a new Lynches River Electric Cooperative office building.

The need for a larger facility is obvious. Lynches River continues to grow, in terms of employees and the amount of equipment needed to operate efficiently.

Lynches River moved to the West McGregor Street location in the 1950s. Expansion of the office building occurred in the '60s. In the '70s, a truck shed and training room were added.

Two mobile units were purchased in 2002 and 2004 to house the staking and mapping, safety, collections, meter reading and crew leader departments. Relocating these departments freed up office space in the main building, but only temporarily.

The lack of efficient space continues to be a problem. With personnel within departments

scattered throughout the co-op facility, communication within departments is difficult, particularly with outside crew members who do not have access to inter-office e-mail.

The new facility will improve communication, along with safety, and storage, and enhance member services.

Improvements will be most notable to members in the lobby where they can discuss their accounts in the privacy of one of three consultation rooms. Other amenities will include additional lanes to speed up drive-thru payments and space for three cashiers to serve customers during peak periods.

The Lynches River Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees welcomes the opportunity to communicate with members and will continue to keep you informed in future issues of *South Carolina Living* magazine and our member newsletter *Current Report*.

Scott Croxton
Chairman of the Board

ROW keeps power flowing

Trees are important to everyone. Trees furnish shade, beautify the property around our homes and enhance the environment in which we live.

However, as important as trees are, they are the leading cause of power outages. During severe weather, tree limbs can snap off and damage cooperative equipment.

To prevent trees and brush located along our power lines from causing power outages and to help ensure

reliable service to members, Lynches River Electric Cooperative employs qualified personnel to trim trees that may interfere with electric lines or cause safety hazards.

2011 right-of-way vegetation management schedule

Side trimming locations

Baron DeKalb School community
Flat Rock Road
Highway 97 North and South
Camden area

Attention juniors! Don't wait

Youth Tour application deadline February 18

TIME IS RUNNING OUT to enter Lynches River Electric Cooperative's Washington Youth Tour competition. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, February 18.

You don't want to miss a chance to go on this unforgettable trip June 11-16. In addition to Youth Tour activities, like visiting historical sites, meeting your congressional representatives and making life-long friendships, you also qualify for a chance to win a \$2,500 college scholarship and compete for the National Youth Leadership Council.



National Youth Leadership Council

One student among the South Carolina Youth Tour delegation will be selected as South Carolina's representative on the national Youth Leadership Council. The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is made up of one student from each state.

The winner will travel (all expenses paid) back to Washington, D.C., July 16-20 for a leadership conference, and then to San Diego, California, in February of 2012, for the annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Selection is based on an application, a speech and a vote by fellow students.

Youth Tour applications are available from your high school guidance counselor and Lynches River Electric Cooperative, or download an application from lynchesriver.com/CommunityResources/WashingtonYouthTour.

For more information about the Youth Tour, contact Leigh Smith, (843) 675-3213 or 1-800-922-3486 ext. 213 or visit youthtour.coop.

R.D. Bennett Scholarship

If you are chosen to represent Lynches River as a Youth Tour delegate, you will receive an application and instructions on how to apply for the R.D. Bennett Scholarship.

The scholarship winner is chosen based on an essay, an application and the amount of interest and participation shown on the tour.

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Beaver Creek community
Lake Wateree community
Liberty Hill community
Ogburn Road
High Point Church Road
Highway 601 Union Church community
White Plains Church Road
Highway 207 South and North
Dudley community
Wolf Pond Church Road community
Landsford Road community
Shiloh Unity community
Camp Creek Road community

Herbicide spraying

Mt. Pisgah Church community
Highway 903 Catarrh community
Highway 151 Jefferson area
Angelus community
McBee area
Mt. Pisgah School community
Buffalo community
Lockhart Road community
Abney community
Highway 342 community
Cassett community
Providence Church Road

Reduce winter heating bills

BY BOW BURCH, ENERGY EXPERT

EACH YEAR, I like to remind members there are some important steps you can take to lower your heating costs. The following is a list of my top reasons for high bills. Use this list as a guide to check around your home for any of these problems.



Bow Burch

- ▶ If you live in a doublewide mobile home, take time to check or have a professional check the crossover pipe under your home to make sure it is intact and not torn down. This is the number one culprit of high mobile home bills.
- ▶ While under your home make sure duct work and insulation is intact and pipes are not leaking.
- ▶ Close foundation vents and cover the ground under home with plastic. This includes mobile homes with underpinning.
- ▶ Be sure outdoor heat pump unit is not blocked or covered by grass, leaves, dirt or bushes.
- ▶ Change the filter. A dirty filter will cause your heating system to work harder and use more energy.
- ▶ Look around in the attic to see if insulation is in good repair and not damp. Make sure the attic access door seals tightly.

Correct these high-bill culprits and lower your heating costs this winter. I'm available to answer your energy-efficiency questions. You can reach me at (843) 675-3211 or 1-800-922-3486 ext. 211, or e-mail your questions to bow.burch@lynchesriver.com.