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**Office Hours**  
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Monday–Friday

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## Town Hall Meetings in April

**Lynches River Electric Cooperative invites you to a Town Hall Meeting. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet the Board members who represent you and ask questions about your cooperative.**

### ● Meeting Dates and Locations ●

*All meetings start at 7 p.m.*

#### Districts 2, 3, 6 and At-Large

**Monday, April 4 - Pageland**

Lynches River Electric Cooperative Training Room  
(behind the Co-op office), 1104 West McGregor Street

#### Districts 1, 5 and 8

**Tuesday, April 5 - Kershaw**

Kershaw Recreation Department Bowling Alley Meeting  
Room, 200 Close Circle

#### Districts 4 and 7

**Thursday, April 7 - Chesterfield**

Chesterfield Conference Center (beside the YMCA),  
344 East Boulevard

**Call 1-800-922-3486 if you have questions or need more information**

## You can help prevent an outage

BY GENE OLIVER, ROW COORDINATOR

**THE IMPORTANCE OF** right-of-way maintenance, specifically trimming trees, is apparent immediately following a storm. The ice and snow storms in January are a good example of why.

Outages caused by the mid-January winter storm were minimal throughout our system and concentrated in one community. Many of the 447 outages caused by tree limbs falling on power lines in the Teals Mill area were avoidable.

Our right-of-way crews work through our system on a regular schedule to trim trees and branches away from our power lines. Occasionally, we'll run into members who do not want the trees near power lines on their property trimmed. We can say with some certainty an outage will occur as a result.

Lynches River Electric Cooperative works hard to keep power flowing. We ask that members work with us by allowing us to trim trees on their property to avoid outages. Please contact Lynches River at 672-6111 or



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**Trimming trees away from power lines is the best way to prevent outages caused by falling trees and limbs.**

1-800-922-3486 if you notice trees or limbs that have grown into power lines.

**GENE OLIVER** is Lynches River Electric Cooperative's right-of-way coordinator. He is available to answer questions about the cooperative's right-of-way maintenance program. Contact Gene Oliver at 1 (800) 922-3486.

### We need your phone number

Periodically, we request verification of your phone number or ask that you give us your phone number if we do not have one on file. We have a good reason for doing so.

Since installing our automated meter-reading system, we have alerted many of our members to problems in their homes causing their electricity usage to increase unnecessarily.

When meters are read, our automated system flags accounts with abnormally high readings. This information is passed along to our member services coordinator who calls members to let them know to expect a higher-than-normal bill. During the call, possible reasons for the higher usage are discussed.

We need your phone number so we can contact you to help you resolve any problems as quickly as possible. If we have your phone number on file, it will be located at the upper right corner of your bill.

Please call our office at 672-6111 or toll free at (800) 922-3486 if the phone number you see listed is incorrect or if the space is blank. If you use our online bill pay option at [lynchesriver.com](http://lynchesriver.com) you can add or update your phone number in the account information section.

## Scholarship opportunity

### WIRE offers \$2,500 scholarship for women

**APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN** for a \$2,500 scholarship for women awarded annually by WIRE, a community service organization affiliated with electric co-ops in South Carolina, including Lynches River Electric Cooperative.

The WIRE Opportunity Scholarship is awarded to a woman who may not have been able to attend college when she graduated from high school but

now wants to further her education. WIRE (Women Involved in Rural Electrification) awards the scholarship based on financial need and personal goals.

Applicants must:

- ▶ be a member of Lynches River Electric Cooperative
- ▶ have graduated from high school or earned her GED at least 10 years ago
- ▶ be accepted into an accredited S.C. college or university, and
- ▶ demonstrate financial need.

Women who have previously

obtained a four-year college degree are not eligible. Applicants may have previously earned a two-year degree or some college credits. The scholarship, which can be used for the fall 2011 or spring 2012 semesters, will be paid jointly to the winner and her college of choice.

Applications are available at Lynches River Electric Cooperative and online at [lynchesriver.com](http://lynchesriver.com). The deadline to apply is June 1. Mail or fax the application to WIRE Scholarship Committee, Attention: Leigh Smith, Lynches River Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 308, Pageland, SC 29728; fax (843) 675-2942.