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May is Electrical Safety Month

THE ELECTRIC SAFETY FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL (ESFI) sponsors and promotes May as National Electrical Safety Month. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, of which Lynches River Electric Cooperative is a member, is a contributor to the foundation's electrical safety efforts.



Electrical safety is always on our minds, especially our lineworkers who work with electricity everyday. Whether they are new to the job or have years of experience, they maintain a healthy respect for it. They know that one wrong move or momentary lapse in concentration could result in severe injury, even death.

Our lineworkers take every precaution to ensure their own safety and yours. They always wear their personal protective equipment—hard hat, rubber gloves and rubber sleeves—and attend safety classes regularly. Once a month, they test their personal protective equipment and replace any item that is damaged. Lynches River strives to make sure our employees stay safe.

Our employees understand the importance of electrical safety, but what about you, the member? Do you give much thought to electrical safety?

You should. According to the latest statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), approximately three people die each day in residential electrical-related fires and accidental electrocutions in the home.

The key element to electrical safety is awareness. At Lynches River, we feel it is our responsibility to educate our members on how to use electricity safely and wisely. That's why we publish electrical safety articles in *South Carolina Living* and *Current Report*. Our employees are available to make presentations highlighting electrical safety to schools and groups. Call us at 672-6111 or 1-800-922-3486 and we'll arrange for someone to address your group.

You can do your part, as well, by promoting electrical safety at home. Lynches River has a wealth of electrical safety information we would be happy to share with you, or we'll gladly help you develop an electrical safety plan.

Let's focus on electrical safety for May—and at all times of the year. After all, electrical safety is 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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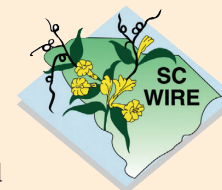
WIRE meeting in June

LYNCHES RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S chapter of Women Involved in Rural Electrification (WIRE) will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, in the cooperative training room.

The featured guest is Miss Pageland, Erika Bryant. Bryant will discuss her reign as Miss Pageland and some of her experiences over the past year. She will go on to compete in the Miss South

Carolina pageant in July.

For details about WIRE meetings and activities, call Lynches River, 672-6111 or toll free 1-800-922-3486. More information is available at the following websites: lynchesriver.com or ecsc.org/wire.htm.



News from the board

GREETINGS, FELLOW MEMBERS, the Lynches River Electric Cooperative Board has decided to write “News from the board” articles monthly as a way of communicating with our fellow members and employees.

The “News from the board” article you are reading is the first of many and will appear in your *Current Report* insert and *South Carolina Living* magazine. This is an effort by the board of trustees to keep our fellow members informed and up to date on the business of Lynches River Electric Cooperative.

At the March board meeting, we heard an in-depth review of the accounting practices and procedures of our cooperative by an outside

accounting firm. The audit confirmed we are in excellent shape financially and our accounting practices meet all acceptable standards.

Donald Sellers of Chesterfield was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of Jimmy Freeman, who recently passed away.

By the time you read this, the Town Hall meetings we are holding in April will be over. We hope you attended. Communication between members, administration, trustees and employees is the key to a successful cooperative.

See you here next month.

**Lynches River Electric Cooperative
Board of Trustees**

Do you use life-support equipment?

Verification required to stay on list for priority service restoration

LYNCHES RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE maintains a list of members who, for medical reasons, are given priority for service restoration. The list is updated regularly to enable the co-op to better assist those most in need.

To be placed on the priority list, individuals who depend on electricity for life-support equipment should contact the cooperative with proper verification from a licensed physician. The verification is required to be updated annually.

Priority list accounts are identified in co-op records and at the meter, where a special seal is installed to highlight the account’s status in the event of a service disconnection order. However, in the event of widespread outages, being on the list is **not a guarantee** of early service restoration.

“Despite our best efforts, electric lines are vulnerable to storms, lightning and accidents,” says Terry

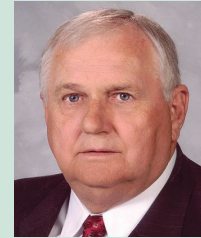
McClure, manager of customer service. “The cooperative strives to restore service efficiently for all co-op members, particularly those on the life-support list. Our crews must work in an orderly manner when restoring service. If we don’t methodically work through the outage, service could be lost again and outages might last even longer.

“When at all possible, we give priority to those on the medical priority list,” McClure adds. “Co-op employees in the field receive regular updates on the status of service to our priority list members.”

Please call customer service at 672-6111 or, toll free, 1-800-922-3486 for information. Before calling to update records or request priority service, please have your account number available and verify your telephone number with the customer service representative.

Co-op mourns Freeman

LYNCHES RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Trustee Jimmy Freeman passed away Friday, March 25. Freeman, 75, died from complications after suffering a severe heart attack.



Jimmy Freeman

As a dedicated board member for 14 years, Freeman

often expressed his concern for elderly co-op members living on fixed incomes. During his tenure, he served as chairman of the board from 2004 to 2006 and as secretary-treasurer from 1998 to 2001. Freeman also served on the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc. Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2009.

Although a native of Ruby, Jimmy and his wife of 55 years, Julieth, made their home in Chesterfield. Freeman was the former owner and operator of Redfean Feed and Seed and a retiree of the Chesterfield County Health Department. He was a lifelong member of White Oak Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and on various church committees.

Board Chairman Scott Croxton had this to say about Jimmy, “I served nine of the 14 years with Mr. Jimmy Freeman on the Lynches River Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees. Jimmy was a board member who always expressed his point of view believing he had the best interest of the membership in mind even when his opinion was not the majority. In the end, however, he supported the will of the board. He will truly be missed by all of us at Lynches River Electric Cooperative.”