

PEC committed to safety awareness

Among the most commonly overlooked causes of residential fires are problems involving the home electrical distribution system.

According to the latest figures from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, some 46,000 fires are caused each year that are associated with the home electrical wiring systems. These fires resulted in 440 deaths, 14,420 injuries and \$434 million in property losses.

At Pickwick Electric Cooperative, we are very concerned about the safety of our members and protection of their property. We have found that one of the best prevention methods is to provide basic safety education to our members. We consider it part of our responsibility to make sure folks of all ages respect electricity and know how to be careful around it.

May is National Electrical Safety Month. It's a good time for our consumers to begin year-round electrical safety awareness efforts.

We promote electrical safety through a number of ways. Each year our member services staff presents electrical safety demonstrations to third-grade classes in all of our elementary schools. We also have available the "High-Voltage Demonstra-

tion." It allows our audience to see how electricity travels through wires and what happens when a kite hits a power line or a truck backs into a utility pole.

Electrical safety is a top priority for our line crews, who encounter dangerous situations every day. At PEC we provide safety-training sessions to better educate our employees. We are prepared to assist in emergencies and have been certified in first aid and CPR. All employees are subject to training and are required to

perform their jobs according to safety standards.

These examples of educating and caring for our consumers and employees show not only how dedicated we are to electrical safety but how dedicated we are to our communities during National Electrical Safety Month and throughout the year. We are committed to providing safe and reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost.

For additional electrical safety information, you may call us at 645-3411 or visit the National Electrical Safety Foundation's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org.

Please call and report anything you see on or near a power line that could be a safety hazard and join us in practicing electrical safety.

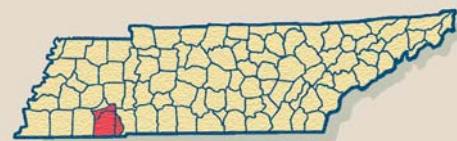


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news and information

for members of Pickwick

Electric Cooperative.

Burks and Hampton attend Youth Leadership Summit

Lacey Hampton of Adamsville High School and Matt Burks of McNairy Central High School were among 44 high school juniors from across the state who attended the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's annual Youth Leadership Summit March 12-14 in downtown Nashville.

"Local electric cooperatives chose these outstanding students based on their interest in government and their leadership abilities," said Joe Jackson, TECA director of youth and member relations.

"The annual summit gives students an opportunity to learn about electric cooperatives and how they affect their lives," Jackson said of the students representing 22 of Tennessee's electric cooperatives. "It also gives them an opportunity to see, in person, the legislative process in the Tennessee Capitol."

The summit was hosted by TECA and funded in part by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, a not-for-profit cooperative financing institute that provides an independent source of financing to member cooperatives nationwide.

"It is encouraging to see this high caliber of future leaders in our service area," said Beverly Lambert, PEC's member services representative.

The summit kicked off Monday night, March 12, with dinner at the group's hotel, the Millennium Maxwell House. "Get-acquainted" and leadership development activities followed, led by cooperative employees and special guests, including 2006 Miss Tennessee Blaire Pancake and University of Tennessee Extension Specialist Amy Gallimore.

Tuesday morning began early with breakfast and students were addressed by Donna Morgan, administrator of the Legislative Internship Program. She introduced several interns who spoke about working for the legislative offices and opportunities they experienced. Then, TECA Director of Government and Public Affairs David Callis discussed the legislative process.

The 11th-graders made their ways to the Capitol, where they got to see state government in action and pose for photos with Gov. Phil Bredesen and in front of the historic Capitol. Hampton and Burks also met with Rep. Randy Rinks in his office.



Students were greeted by their elected representatives in front of the Capitol. From left are Rep. Randy Rinks, Matt Burks, Lacey Hampton and PEC's Beverly Lambert.

Following the activities on Capitol Hill, students took an afternoon tour of Nashville.

The group made only a quick stop for pizza before heading to watch a Nashville Predators hockey game.

The busy day was capped off with an ice cream social back at the hotel.

Wednesday morning, the students learned more about Tennessee's electric cooperatives and the commitment these co-ops show toward the communities they serve. They divided into teams and participated in an Energy Battle competition by answering trivia questions about electric cooperatives and the state.

Karl Dudley, president of PEC, says the Youth Leadership Summit helps students to "learn by experience."

"We offer these educational experiences for our students — our future members — because we want them to understand what makes a cooperative special," Dudley says. "It's not like we're dealing with their grandparents, who might remember what it was like to live without electricity. These young people have had modern conveniences all their lives."

"We want them to be able to appreciate their electric cooperative and understand why it was so important to form electric cooperatives in the first place," Dudley says.

Lacey is the daughter of Mrs. Tammy Pritchard of Selmer, and Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burks of Selmer.

Writing contest winners announced

Pickwick Electric Cooperative has announced the winners of the 2007 Washington Youth Tour Writing Contest offered to area high school juniors.

Approximately 325 students competed for prizes, including a week-long tour of Washington, D.C., cash awards and college scholarships. PEC is proud to sponsor this program because it gives students the opportunity to learn more about their cooperative and government.

Local high school juniors participated in the contest and

wrote short stories related to the theme "Electric Cooperatives: Where Tradition Powers Today." These students are to be congratulated for their accomplishments.

Five first-place winners will receive expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. the week of June 8-14. These winners are: Elizabeth Davis and Caitlyn Beckham from Adamsville High School and Danica Stevens, Stephanie Griffin and Jourdan Kirk from McNairy Central High School.



Writing contest winners from Adamsville High School are, from left, Madison Garrison, Sara Shelton, Brittney Fox, Alisha Litaker, Elizabeth Davis and Caitlyn Beckham.



Writing contest winners from McNairy Central High School are, from left, front row, Danica Stevens, Jourdan Kirk, Stephanie Griffin and Alisha Isbell. Back row: Max Rowland, Maureen Moeller, Alexandria Hamm, Aaron Ashe and Thomas Reinke.

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This Memorial Day,
let's honor
those who gave
their lives

for our
country...
We salute them in our
hearts and mind.



Korean War Veterans Memorial



Iwo Jima Statue



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Pickwick Electric Cooperative office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Should there be an emergency, we will have standby crews available. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Roberts Heating and Air is 2006 Regional Heat Pump Award Winner

TVA recently announced that Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning is the 2006 regional winner of the *energy right*® Heat Pump Installation Award.

The *energy right* program works through a trade ally network to assist consumers and small businesses in purchasing and installing high-efficiency electric heat pumps and water heaters. Qualifying trade allies such as Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning earned regional recognition for top installations of all-electric and highly energy-efficient heat pumps within the Tennessee Valley service region. This past year the company installed 76 heat pumps for the *energy right* program.

"We are very pleased to announce Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning as the contractor with the highest number of qualifying heat pumps within our service territory in 2006," said Jerry Prince, TVA marketing manager. "Through Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning's work, many families are enjoying the benefits of superior energy efficiency with their new heat pumps."

Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning, headquartered in Selmer at 261 Mulberry Ave., has been an *energy right* partner since 1976. Its employees have been installing heat pumps in the Pickwick Electric service area for the past 30 years and during that time have installed approximately 1,300 heat pumps for the TVA heat pump program.

The family-owned business not only provides new installations but also offers repair service to existing units. Roberts and his sons work on both residential and commercial units.

Pickwick Electric Cooperative and TVA

developed the *energy right* program to help consumers save money through efficiency improvements in their home and business energy usage. The *energy right* program provides support to builders and contractors who build energy-efficient homes and install all-electric heat pumps and water heaters.

Below is a list of contractors that participate in the *energy right* program. To learn more about the program call (731) 646-3786, (731) 646-3825 or (731) 646-3764.



At the presentation of the 2006 Regional Heat Pump Installation Award are, from left, Darrell Roberts, Danny Roberts Jr., TVA Marketing Manager Jerry Prince and Danny Roberts Sr.

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