

Deadline for filing director nominating petition draws near

For a member to become a qualified candidate for election as a director, he/she must file with the secretary of Pickwick Electric Cooperative, not less than 20 days prior to the date of the district meeting, a written petition nominating such person as a candidate and signed by not less than 25 qualified and eligible voting members in the voting district.

There shall be no nomination from the floor. Elections for each district will be held within the district, and only members of that district will be eligible to vote. If the member petitioned is not present, such member shall not be accepted by the chairperson unless the chairperson has in hand a written statement from such member stating that person's willingness to serve as a director if elected.

Some of the qualifications of a director are:

- Must be a member and reside in the district he/she is to represent.
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to members of the cooperative.
- Must not be the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.
- When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected director, provided both meet all the qualifications for a director.

Dates for the 2006 district meetings are:

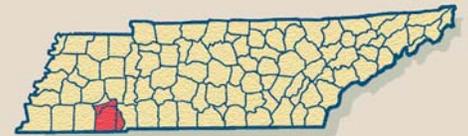
District No.	Meeting place	Meeting date	Deadline for filing nominating petition
5	Selmer Community Center	Aug. 7	July 18
7	Ramer Elementary School	Aug. 8	July 19
9	Michie Elementary School	Aug. 10	July 21

Cooperative bylaws contain complete information concerning the election of directors, and a copy of the bylaws may be picked up at the PEC office. Blank petitions for nominating a director may also be picked up at the cooperative office.



Pickwick Electric Cooperative

Serving members in all of McNairy County and portions of Chester, Hardeman and Hardin counties in Tennessee and Alcorn and Tishomingo counties in Mississippi



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news and information

for members of Pickwick

Electric Cooperative.



District meetings to be held

During August, three of Pickwick Electric Cooperative's nine districts will hold meetings to elect directors.

These important meetings give you, the member, the opportunity to select the leadership of your cooperative. An official notice giving more detailed information about the meetings and election procedures will be mailed to all members of districts 5, 7 and 9. In addition to the director

elections, some nice attendance prizes will be given away at each meeting.

The district meetings are being held prior to Pickwick Electric's annual membership meeting, which will be Tuesday, Sept. 12. The August and September issues of *The Tennessee Magazine* will have more information on the annual meeting. We urge your continued support of the cooperative by participating in these meetings.

Jimmy Dickey
Incumbent director

District 5, Aug. 7, 2006
Selmer Community Center
Registration 7 p.m.
Business meeting 7:30 p.m.

Janice Lawson
Incumbent director

District 7, Aug. 8, 2006
Ramer Elementary School
Registration 7 p.m.
Business meeting 7:30 p.m.

Jamie McAfee
Incumbent director

District 9, Aug. 10, 2006
Michie Elementary School
Registration 7 p.m.
Business meeting 7:30 p.m.

Follow these steps to cut your cooling costs

Did you know that space cooling is the biggest user of energy in the summer? It's true! There are, however, many ways you can reduce energy costs while keeping your summer cool.

By simply turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours each day, you can save as much as 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. Many thermostats come with an automatic setting. When using a programmable thermostat, you can adjust the times you turn on the air conditioner according to a preset schedule.

Here are other money-saving tips designed to keep cooling costs down:

- Set the thermostat to the highest comfortable temperature. Keep your house warmer when you aren't home during the day but cooler when you come home at night.
- Keep the outside air-conditioner unit free of airflow obstructions and trim back trees and shrubs at least two feet.
- Check filters on air conditioners at least once a month; change as necessary. For most central air units, heat pumps and window units, the filter is located behind the return grill. Dirty filters limit airflow and force equipment to work harder and use more energy.
- Keep cooled air inside the home. Caulk and weatherstrip around doors and windows, close the fireplace damper and fill holes and gaps where wiring and pipes enter the house.
- Do laundry, wash dishes, shower and mop floors in the late evening or early morning to decrease humidity during the hottest parts of the day.
- Make sure your clothes dryer and attic are well ventilated.
- Another long-term way to make your home cooler is to plant shade trees on the south and west sides of your home.

Employees assume new positions

When employees resign or leave Pickwick Electric Cooperative for any reason, it provides an opportunity for promotions and realignment of duties and responsibilities

among other personnel. The retirement of Larry Gage on July 5 was no exception. Four employees have been promoted and others have been assigned additional duties.



Bobby Barnes

Bobby Barnes has been promoted to the position of director of member relations.

Bobby began his employment with the cooperative on Sept. 18, 1978, as plant accountant. In March of 1987, he was promoted to electrification advisor, the position he held until his recent promotion.

Bobby and his wife, Betty, live in the Morris Chapel community. They have one son, Michael, who is president of Community South in Selmer.



Beverly Lambert

Beverly Lambert was promoted to the position of member services representative, effective July 3.

Beverly was employed by the cooperative on June 13, 1977, as accounts receivable clerk. In 1987, she was promoted to plant accountant, the position she held until her recent promotion.

Beverly and her husband, Bill, live in Selmer. They have one daughter, Hollie, who is a student at Northeast Mississippi Community College.



Kevin Roy

Kevin Roy came to work at the cooperative on Jan. 22, 2001, as junior engineering aide.

Kevin has been promoted to the position of electrification advisor, effective July 3.

Kevin and his wife, Lisa, live in Selmer and have two children. Five-year-old Shelby will be in kindergarten and Chandler, 7, will be in the first grade, both at Selmer Elementary School.



Debbie Tennyson

Debbie Tennyson has assumed the duties of plant accountant.

Debbie was employed by PEC on March 9, 1992, as office clerk. In 1997, she was promoted to assistant member records clerk, moved to receptionist in 1998 and then to accounts receivable clerk in 2001.

Debbie and her husband, Robert, live in Selmer. She has two children: Alisha, a junior at McNairy Central High School, and Megan, who will be in fifth grade at Selmer Middle School.

Pay your electric bill by credit card

Customers can now use their Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards to pay their electric bill.

Customers may also pay by telephone or via the Internet. To pay your bill by phone, call toll-free 1-866-843-9535. To pay via the Internet, go to the PEC Web site at www.pickwick-electric.com and click on "pay bill online."

Members need to keep in mind that the credit card company charges a convenience fee for each transaction.



Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning receives TVA Performance Award

Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning of Selmer recently received a performance award for the installation of high-efficiency heat pumps in existing homes.

Danny Roberts Sr., founder of the HVAC company, accepted the award from TVA for installing the most energy-efficient heat pump systems in West Tennessee. This past year, Roberts' company installed 72 units on TVA's *energy right*[®] program. Roberts was given the award by TVA Marketing Manager Jerry Prince during a luncheon at Risner's Restaurant.

This recognition is one of 14 regional awards presented to members of the TVA Quality Contractor Network. The network is a part of the *energy right*[®] Program, which is offered by TVA and participating power distributors and is designed to assist consumers with the installation of high-efficiency heating and cooling systems.

"We appreciate these companies and their commitment to providing consumers many years of comfortable, reliable, energy-efficient heating and cooling for their homes," said Prince.

Roberts Heating and Air, located at 261 Mulberry Ave., is a father-and-sons-operated business.

Danny Roberts Sr., founded the business more

than 30 years ago. In 1979, he became a Quality Contractor, and since that time the company has installed more than 1,200 heat pumps for the TVA heat pump programs.



From left, Darrell Roberts, Danny Roberts Jr., and Danny Roberts Sr., receive the TVA Performance Award from Jerry Prince, TVA marketing manager.

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 equipment.

Technicians have undergone rigorous factory training to ensure that they are on the cutting edge of technology and provide the best installation possible.

Roberts received his North American Technician Excellence (NATE) certification last year. NATE is the leading certification program for technicians in the heating and air industry. NATE certification is mandatory for TVA Quality Contractors by January 2007.

The *energy right*[®] program is a joint venture between TVA and power distributors that helps consumers save money and energy through the use of high-efficiency electric heat pumps in their homes. Financing is available to those who qualify. Last year, several PEC members took advantage of the financing program.

Danny Roberts Heating and Air Conditioning has been a York Gold Star Dealer for the past 30 years. Gold Star is the highest level a York dealer can achieve. Although its operation is located in a small rural market, Roberts Heating and Air continues to outsell dealers that cover market areas twice its size, including Memphis, Little Rock and Jackson, Miss.

According to York, it also sells more high-efficiency package heat pump units than any other dealer in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee. It has received many York awards over the years, including sales achievement, consumer rebate, sales spiffs and customer service awards.



Danny Roberts and Sons installs more heat pumps meeting the *energy right*[®] requirements than any other contractor in the PEC area.



Holly Spencer
Valedictorian
 Adamsville High School



Brooke Napier
Salutatorian
 Adamsville High School

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 to be
 commended
 for your
 scholastic
 achievements**



Fallon Cone
Valedictorian
 McNairy Central High School



April Sanders
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Holiday closing

**The Pickwick Electric Cooperative office will be closed
 Tuesday, July 4, 2006, for Independence Day.**

