



**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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**These five pages contain local
news and information
for members of Pickwick
Electric Cooperative.**

Deadline for filing director nominating petition

For a member to become a qualified candidate for election as a director, he or 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. Election 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.

Due to a realignment to district boundaries, anyone seeking the candidacy of director should call the PEC office to verify the district in which you live.

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 2010 district meetings are:

District No.	Meeting Place	Meeting Date	Deadline for Filing Nominating Petition
1	Enville Community Center	Aug. 9	July 20
3	Counce Community Center	Aug. 10	July 21
8	Stantonville Community Center	Aug. 12	July 23

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



District meetings scheduled for August

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 1, 3 and 8. In addition to the director election, some nice atten-

dance prizes will be given away at each district meeting.

The district meetings are being held prior to Pickwick Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting, which will be Thursday, Sept. 9. The August and September issues of *The Tennessee Magazine* will have more information on the annual meeting.

We appreciate your continued support of the cooperative by participating in these meetings.

District 1

**Harold Finley,
Incumbent director**

Monday, Aug. 9, 2010

Enville Community Center

Registration: 7 p.m.

Business meeting: 7:30 p.m.

District 3

**John Roberts,
Incumbent director**

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010

Counce Community Center

Registration: 7 p.m.

Business meeting: 7:30 p.m.

District 8

**Owen Lee Qualls
Incumbent director**

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010

Stantonville Community Center

Registration: 7 p.m.

Business meeting: 7:30 p.m.



James Martin

PEC welcomes new board member James Martin

On Monday, May 10, a special meeting was held at the Selmer Community Center to elect a director for Pickwick Electric Cooperative District 5 to fill the unexpired term of director Jimmy Dickey, who passed away in March. Anthony Knight, James Martin and Jackie Weaver were the candidates that ran for this position. After votes were cast and counted, Martin was elected to represent the district.

Martin and his wife, Jean, live in Selmer, and he owns and operates Martin Land Surveying. In his spare time, he enjoys camping.

PEC extends a warm welcome to Mr. Martin.

Energy-efficiency tip of the month

Heat from sunlight coming through windows and hitting the roof can increase air-conditioner use significantly. Use shade trees and shrubs in landscaping design to reduce cooling costs. Block heat in the summer — but let it through in the winter — with deciduous trees, which will lose their leaves in the winter.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Know what's below: Call before you dig

Whether it's a dreamed-up deck addition or a landscaping masterpiece, summer weather is a great time for outdoor improvement plans to actually play out.

But if your planned projects include digging like planting a tree or bringing in a backhoe for trench work, you'll have to wait a few more days so the job can be done safely. Underground utilities such as buried gas, water and electric lines can be a shovel thrust away from turning a summer project into a disaster.

To find out where utility lines run on your property, dial 811 a few days prior to digging. Your call will be routed to a local "one-call" center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and affected local utilities will be notified.

In a few days, a locator will arrive to designate the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes and cables with flags or marking paint so you'll know what's below. Then the safe digging can begin.

Although many homeowners tackling do-it-yourself digging projects are aware of "call before you dig" services, the majority don't take advantage of the service. A national survey showed that only 33 percent of homeowners called to have their lines marked before starting digging projects, according to the Common Ground Alliance, a federally mandated group of underground utility and damage prevention industry professionals.

Although light gardening typically doesn't call for deep digging, other seemingly simple tasks like planting shrubs or installing a new mailbox post can damage utility lines. A severed line can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: The 811 service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted and can help you avoid serious injury. For more information about local services, visit www.call811.com.

Sources: *Common Ground Alliance, SafeElectricity.org*

PEC offers water heater incentives

Pickwick Electric Cooperative residential electric water heater incentive program

A \$50 incentive will be paid toward the purchase of a new electric water heater when an existing electric water heater is replaced.

A \$200 incentive will be paid when a new electric water heater is installed in a new all-electric home.

A \$50 incentive will be paid when a new electric water heater is installed in a new gas-heated home.

A \$200 incentive will be paid when a gas water heater is replaced with a new electric water heater.

For more details, call 646-3786 or 646-3825 or visit www.pickwickec.com.

Guidelines to follow to receive electric water heater incentives

1. Notify Pickwick Electric Cooperative that your water heater has been replaced and that you are requesting incentive money.
2. The Member Services Department will set up a date to verify installation.
3. The homeowner, tenant or contractor must provide PEC with a copy of the invoice showing the date, place of purchase and cost of the electric water heater (new homes excluded).
4. PEC must have a signed document stating whether the incentive is to be paid to the homeowner, tenant or contractor.
5. All incentives will be processed after the member services representative has verified that the new electric water heater has been installed.

PEC's 75th history continues ...

*The following story of "when the lights came on" was told by Mancil Milligan of Counce and appeared in the October 1989 issue of **The Tennessee Magazine**.*

My wife and I were married Oct. 28, 1928. We were both schoolteachers in Hardin County. In '29, the bottom fell out of everything. Before the Great Depression reached its greatest depth, Hardin County was broke, and teachers' warrants could not be paid. The state's educational funds were also exhausted, and no one had heard of federal assistance. We sold a \$100 teaching warrant for \$50.

Somehow we managed to save \$100 and borrowed another \$75. With that \$175, we bought all the materials needed to build a comfortable little four-room house. My father and I did all the building, and my wife did the painting.

When we learned that a rural electric power line was to extend to the south edge of Shiloh National Park, I ordered a 50-cent book and made out an order to Sears for everything I needed to wire the house. The total bill was \$12.50. This included material for a porch light, a gooseneck outside light and a pull chain-type light for each of the four rooms.

I used BX or metal-sheathed cable to wire the house and needed a hacksaw. I did not have one and had no money to buy one. I bought a 10-cent hacksaw blade and made a semi-circular wooden frame from a piece of 1-inch-by-4-inch board. I then tacked the blade on the frame, completing my hacksaw, which, incidentally, I still have.

When the power people came, they looked everything over and set the meter. When they came inside and closed the little 60-amp switch, every light in the house just happened to be on. That day is a memory we shall never forget. How proud we were of our little "electric" home. No other home since has made us happier or prouder than that first one. We were also excited about being one of the first rural people to have electric power.

Our first purchase was an electric iron, and then I traded a shotgun for a small radio. How we enjoyed



Bolton Appliance employees receive a load of electric appliances.

the programs like "Solemn Old Judge," "Sarie and Sallie," "Amos and Andy" and the "Grand Ole Opry." In a short time we had an electric refrigerator and fan.

We were among the first in our rural area to have an electric refrigerator. People all around had heard about our refrigerator and that you could freeze ice cream in it.

One Sunday morning we saw a man coming up our driveway with a yellow 8-pound lard bucket in his hand. He said, "Mancil, I heard that you have an electric refrigerator, and I want you to freeze this bucket of milk into ice cream."

I told him it would take several days to freeze that much, as it took 12 hours to freeze a tray of ice cubes. The man had walked three miles with his bucket of milk. Naturally, he and his family were disappointed when we could not accommodate him.

Our rural line was built by Alcorn Electric Power Co. and was later purchased by Pickwick Electric Cooperative, of which we are still members. We now own an all-electric home, equipped with modern-day conveniences that electricity provides, including a heat pump. But not since that first house have we known the joy and exaltation that we knew when the lights first came on. We truly felt we were in the middle of the "next greatest thing."



Stephanie Combs
Valedictorian
Adamsville High School



Lani Rinks
Salutatorian
Adamsville High School

You are
to be
commended
for your
scholastic
achievements



Emily Pitts
Valedictorian
McNairy Central High School



Hannah Forsythe
Salutatorian
McNairy Central High School



Holiday Closing

Pickwick Electric Cooperative will be closed
on Monday, July 5, for Independence Day.