

# In memory of Jimmy Dickey

Pickwick Electric Cooperative's board of directors, employees, attorney and retirees were saddened with the loss of a loyal and dedicated friend, director Jimmy Dickey, who passed away March 7.

Dickey served on the PEC board from 1997 until his death. During this time, he completed the Board Leadership Certification training and the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate training courses taught by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association instructors. He was noted for his fairness in dealing with the membership he represented and for his willingness to accommodate those in need. He took great interest in his community, his family and the cooperative.

Dickey retired as a lieutenant in the Memphis Fire Department after 25 years of service and returned to McNairy County. He served as the Selmer fire chief, McNairy County fire chief and director of the McNairy County Emergency Management Agency and held numerous other positions throughout the county. He was a deacon at Selmer First



**PEC Director  
Jimmy Dickey**

Baptist Church, served on the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, worked with the Southern Baptist Mexico Mission effort and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. He was also a 32nd-degree Mason in the Selmer Masonic Lodge and a member of the Al Chymia Temple of the Shrine in Memphis and the Pickwick Shrine Club.

Services for Dickey were held Wednesday, March 10, at First Baptist Church in Selmer with burial in Mars Hill Cemetery in Adamsville.

Jimmy's memory and his dedication to serve others will remain with us always.

The PEC family extends our sincere sympathy to the entire Dickey family.



## Pickwick Electric Cooperative

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news and information  
for members of Pickwick  
Electric Cooperative.**



# Notice of special meeting for PEC District 5 members

**T**he Pickwick Electric Cooperative board of directors has called for a special meeting to be held at the Selmer Community Center on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 7 p.m., to elect a director for PEC District 5 to fill the unexpired term of director Jimmy Dickey.

An official notice will be mailed to all eligible members of PEC District 5.

## STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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## Aristorenas and Crabb attend Youth Leadership Summit

**A**ndrew Aristorenas of Adamsville High School and Anna Crabb of McNairy Central High School were among 44 high school juniors representing 22 electric cooperatives across the state who attended the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's annual Youth Leadership Summit March 15-17 in downtown Nashville. Crabb is the daughter of Steve and Loria Crabb of Michie, and Aristorenas is the son of Jonathan and Stephanie Aristorenas of Adamsville. Both families live in Pickwick Electric Cooperative's service area.

"The annual summit teaches how important electric cooperatives are to Tennessee's rural communities and provides students an opportunity to see, in person, the legislative process in the Tennessee Capitol," said Joe Jackson, TECA director of youth and member relations.

"We had another excellent group of outstanding young leaders attend this year's summit," Jackson said. "Considering the highly competitive and selective process they undergo to earn a spot on the trip, it's no surprise. Local electric cooperatives, along with school officials and guidance counselors, chose these students based on their interest in government and their leadership abilities."

"The Magic of Leadership" was the theme of the 2010 summit 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 such motivated students in our service area," said Kevin Roy, PEC electrification adviser. "These young people will one day be the leaders of our communities, and we are privileged to provide them with this opportunity to join their peers



**From left, PEC Electrification Advisor Kevin Roy and students Anna Crabb and Andrew Aristorenas meet State Rep. Vance Dennis in front of the Capitol during the 2010 Youth Leadership Summit.**

from across Tennessee to learn about state government and rural electric co-ops."

The summit began Monday evening, March 15, 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 2009 Miss Tennessee Stefanie Wittler and Tennessee Titans cheerleader Lindsey Roznovsky.

Students rose early on Tuesday, March 16, for breakfast and preparations for a visit to the Legislative Plaza to meet their state legislators and sit in on House and Senate committee meetings. Motivational speaker Lynn Hodges, a former Tennessee Valley Authority employee, gave the keynote address, "The Magic of Choice," before TECA Director of Government Affairs David Callis introduced State Rep. Phillip Johnson of Pegram. Johnson answered questions submitted by the students, and Callis explained current bills affecting cooperatives and described what everyone should expect from the legislative committees they were to visit.

The 11th-graders then took a tour of the Capitol and saw state government in action at the committee meetings before posing for photos in front of the historic Capitol building. Aristorenas and Crabb also met with Rep. Vance Dennis of Savannah.

Following the visit to Capitol Hill, the group enjoyed lunch and leadership activities at a Nashville-area YMCA camp. After dinner, students attended a Nashville Predators hockey game at Bridgestone Arena followed by a tour of Tennessee's capital city. Finally, the busy day was capped off with an ice cream social.

Wednesday morning, the students learned more about Tennessee's electric cooperatives and the vital role co-ops play in the communities they serve. Students got an overview of the history of electric cooper-



atives from the “Mission Possible” activity. Then they were divided into teams and competed in “M.A.G.I.C.” (Mastering A Game of Interactive Cooperation), forming their own co-ops and working together to “buy” and “sell” power distribution supplies — power poles, wire, transformers, meters and trucks. Later, they put together all they’d learned, answering trivia questions about electric cooperatives and the state in the “Energy Battle” competition. Trent Sanders, founder and presi-

dent of Leaders Across America, brought the three-day event to a close with his address, “Road to Success.”

“We offer these educational experiences for our students — our future members — because we want them to understand what makes a cooperative special,” said PEC President Karl Dudley. “We want them to appreciate all their electric cooperative provides for their communities and understand why it was so important to form electric co-ops in the first place.”

## Top 10 low-cost steps you can do this summer

1. Caulk and weather strip around windows and doors to stop air leaks. Seal any gaps in floors and walls around pipes and electrical wiring.
2. Change filters monthly; dirty filters make your air conditioning unit work harder.
3. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents; they use 75 percent less energy and last 10 times longer.
4. Install aerating, low-flow faucets and shower heads and repair leaky faucets.
5. Tune up your heating and cooling system. Seasonal tune-ups will keep your system running as efficiently as possible. Have your ducts inspected. Repair air leaks and seal and insulate cooling system ductwork.
6. Insulate! Add insulation to your attic, crawl space and any accessible exterior walls. Add pipe insulation to the first 5 feet of water pipe coming from your water heater. Install light switch and electrical outlet seals on exterior walls. Wrap your water heater with insulation or install an insulating blanket.
7. Look for the Energy Star label when replacing large or small appliances.
8. Use power strips for home electronics, and turn off power strips when equipment is not in use. TVs, DVD players, etc., still use power when the switch is off.
9. Replace worn-out seals on your refrigerator and freezer.
10. Plant a tree! Shade trees placed on the south or southwest side of your home will keep it cooler.

## Holiday closing

The Pickwick Electric Cooperative office will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Should you have an emergency, we will have standby crews available.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



## Winners announced for 2010 Washington Youth Tour Writing Contest



**Sarah Killingsworth**



**Lauren Barber**



**Melanie Kelley**



**Jake O'Brien**



**Esthelee Wright**

Pickwick Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 Washington Youth Tour Writing Contest.

Approximately 350 high school students competed for prizes including a week-long tour of Washington, D.C., cash awards and college scholarships.

A total of 11 winners were chosen. The winners are Sarah Killingsworth, Lauren Barber, Melanie Kelley, Jake O'Brien and Esthelee Wright from Adamsville High School and Chaseton Donahoe, Macy Oldham, Dalton Parker, Samantha Lambert, Nikki Jernigan and Dillon Rorie from McNairy Central High School.

The first-place winners — Sarah, Lauren, Chaseton and Macy — will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the week of June 11-17 as part of the Washington Youth Tour.

Only high school juniors are eligible to participate in the annual contest. This year, students wrote short stories relating to the theme "Electric Cooperatives: Energizing Our Communities." The short stories were judged on originality, appropriate treatment of theme, grammar and composition and knowledge of the subject. These students are to be congratulated for their accomplishments.

PEC has been participating in this program since 1968 and is proud to promote the youth in our communities.



**Chaseton Donahoe**



**Macy Oldham**



**Dalton Parker**



**Samantha Lambert**



**Dillon Rorie**



**Nikki Jernigan**