

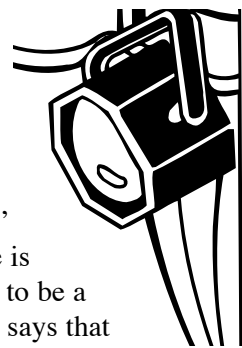
Employee of the Month - April 2009

Marie Myer Wells

Each month PCEMC highlights one of its valued employees. PCEMC understands the importance of its member-owners getting to know the people who are instrumental in providing them with quality electric services.

This month PCEMC would like to introduce Marie Myer Wells to its member owners. PCEMC is fortunate to have Marie as part of their dispatching department. Marie started working for PCEMC in 2001. Marie presently holds the position of Dispatcher. She is in charge of answering phones, tracking hurricanes, tornadoes and

sending linemen out to restore our members' power. Marie is also certified to be a lineman. She says that the thing she enjoys most about her job is talking with and helping each member when they call.



High water at Old River

Pointe Coupee Electric would like to inform our members who are customers at Old River that in the future that when the flood stage at Baton Rouge reaches 30 feet, all consumers behind the levee will be subject to disconnection without any further notice.

This is due to safety concerns caused by the rising water. As in the past, all power across the levee will be disconnected when the flood stage reaches 35 feet at Baton Rouge (Acct. No. 2068302).

When the water recedes, our crews must first inspect all lines for any safety issues. When it is deemed safe, the primary lines will be energized.

Once a customer decides to have their facilities turned on, they should check the wiring and disconnect switch(es) to see if there has been any damage, then once everything is deemed safe, please turn off all breakers, then tape your name on your meter base.

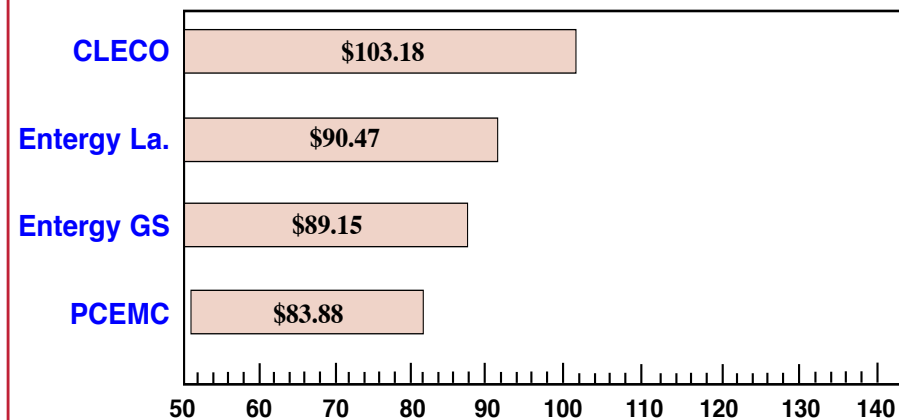
After this is done, call the dispatcher at 225-638-3751 and let us know you are ready. Our field personnel will not connect any facility without a field order.

Look for your lucky account number on pages 8-9

If you see your account number published this month on inside pages 8-9 of this issue of LOUISIANA COUNTRY, call Pointe Coupee Electric by the last business day of May to receive a \$25 credit on your bill! Contact us at (225) 638-3751 or (800) 738-7232. Your account number can be found on your PCEMC bill card. Winning account numbers will only be listed on the inside, centerfold pages.

RATE COMPARISON

**Residential Bills for 1,000 Kilowatt Hours
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• Figures taken from reports filed with the LPSC

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PCEMC crews aid Arkansas co-op after ice storm

Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corp. (PCEMC) was among Louisiana electric consumer-owned utilities that sent men and vehicles to assist co-ops to recover from an ice storm that left 1.3 million people in the dark in late January after a major ice storm (Acct. No. 901800).

PCEMC sent seven employees with several vehicles to Craighead Electric Cooperative in Jonesboro, Ark.

Co-op employees standing from left to right are Josh Sanders, Will Ramagos, Jeff Serio and Joe Langlois. Kneeling from left to right are Scott Mougeot, Johnny Plauche and Jerry Moore. The co-op employees performed recovery work for about 10 days in Arkansas.

Damage was so extensive some utility service could not be restored in the region until mid-February.

General Manager J.H. "Jodie" Cotten noted PCEMC was pleased to provide aid to some of the same co-ops that had come to Louisiana's aid during Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Gustav. PCEMC is part of a network of 900 consumer-owned electric utilities across the United States that come to each other's aid during disasters and also work together on various regulatory and economic concerns.



Youth Tour students attend Co-op Leadership Conference

PCEMC's 2009 Youth Tour winners Derrick Savoy from Iberville Parish, Christian Bondy of Pointe Coupee Parish and Corey Young of West Baton Rouge Parish were joined by NRG, Louisiana Generating winners Justin Soileau of Pointe Coupee Parish and Reynecia Douglas of West Baton Rouge Parish during a recent Louisiana Electric Leadership Conference in Baton Rouge in late March.

During the conference, the students formed mock cooperatives, visited the Pointe Coupee Electric office, learned about different career opportunities in the electric co-op industry, toured the State Capitol, met with representatives and senators from the area, sat in a committee hearing and toured the Governor's Mansion.

The 28 Youth Tour delegates come from all over the state to participate in the Louisiana Tour to the nation's capital,

June 12-19, 2009 when approximately 1,250 participants from 37 states will meet in Washington for the 42nd National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's "Government-in-Action" Youth Tour Conference (Acct. 1809000).



Shown above, left, are PCEMC Youth Tour delegates Corey Young, Derrick Savoy and Christian Bondy. Shown above, right, are Louisiana Generating delegates Reynecia Douglas and Justin Soileau.

Pointe Coupee Electric has participated in the program for three decades. NRG, Louisiana Generating began sponsoring students three years ago as part of its expanding community support program.

Residential safety checklist

May is Electrical Safety Month and here are ten quick checks you can make in your home today to help make it more electrically safe:

OUTLETS

Check for outlets that have loose-fitting plugs, which can overheat and lead to fires. Replace any broken wall plates. Make sure there are safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.

CORDS

Make sure cords are in good condition—not frayed or cracked. Make sure they are placed out of traffic areas. Cords should never be nailed or stapled to the wall baseboard or to another object and they should not have any furniture resting on them.

EXTENSION CORDS

Check to see that the cords are not overheated. Additionally, extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis; they are not safe as permanent household wiring.

PLUGS

Make sure the proper type plug is in each outlet. If you are using three-prong plugs in a room with two-conductor outlets, do not cut off the ground pin (the bottom prong) from the plug; this could lead to an electrical shock. A better solution is to use a two-prong adapter. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit. This could lead to fire or shock. Plugs should fit securely into outlets and outlets should not be overloaded.

GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTERS (GFCIs)

GFCIs can prevent electrocutions. They should be used in areas where water and electricity may come into contact. Test GFCIs regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions to make sure they are working properly.

LIGHT BULBS

Check the wattage of all bulbs in lighting fixtures to make sure they are the correct wattage for the size of that fixture. Replace bulbs that have higher wattage than recommended; if you don't know the correct wattage check with the manufacturer of the fixture. Make sure bulbs are screwed in securely; loose bulbs may overheat.

Ewing elected chairman of loan committee on national board

Jimmy Ewing, Jr. was elected to serve as chairman of the Loan Committee of the board of directors of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) in February following its annual meeting in New Orleans.

Ewing is also president of Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation in New Roads, Louisiana. Ewing was elected from District 8 and seated in 2007 to serve a three-year term on the CFC board. District 8 is comprised of Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana.

CFC is a not-for-profit finance cooperative that serves the nation's rural utility systems, the majority of

which are electric cooperatives and their subsidiaries. With more than \$20 billion in assets, CFC provides its member-owners with an assured source of low-cost capital and state-of-the-art financial products and services.



PCEMC announces 2009 scholarship winners

Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation (PCEMC) recently announced the winners of this year's continuing education scholarships.

A \$500 academic scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from each of the three parishes that PCEMC serves.

PCEMC recently announced the recipients of the 2009 scholarships at its 70th annual membership meeting (Acct. No. 1639700).

Winning the Pointe Coupee Parish scholarship is Ryan Joseph Frey of Catholic High of Pointe Coupee in New Roads. Ryan is the son of Mark and Melinda Frey of Morganza.

The Iberville Parish scholarship winner is Delky Ladreka Arbuckle of Port Allen

High School. Delky is the daughter of Linwood and Joyce Arbuckle of Rosedale.

Winning the West Baton Rouge Parish scholarship is Deyonna LaShae Lockett of Port Allen High School. Deyonna is the daughter of Patricia Marcelin of Port Allen.



Arbuckle



Frey



Lockett

Pointe Coupee Electric extends a sincere message of congratulations to each of these very deserving students and is proud to continue its support of the education and academic development of our future leaders.

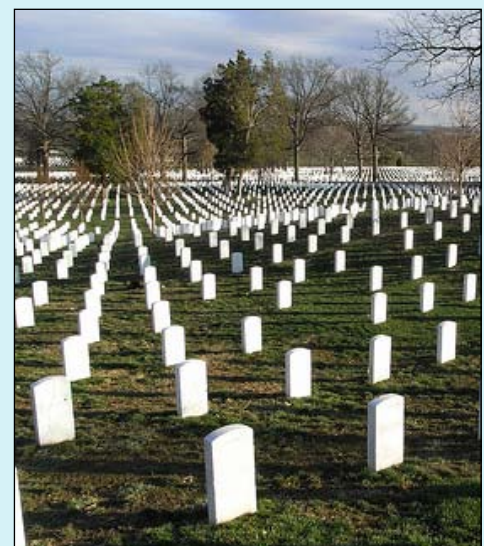
Holiday office hours

In honor of the men and women who have protected our freedom...

Pointe Coupee Electric will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

A dispatcher and crews will be on duty for emergencies or interruption of service.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!



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Co-op representatives converge on Washington to talk about affordable power for the future



At left, top, PCEMC directors Irvin Settoon (left) and Jimmy Ewing (right) are shown visiting with Congressman Rodney Alexander. At left, bottom, Ewing and Settoon are pictured with Congressman Bill Cassidy. The PCEMC directors recently traveled to Washington as part of the national 2009 Rural Electric Cooperative Legislative Conference to express their concerns over climate change legislation. For more on the latest developments and to make your own voice heard, click the "Our Energy, Our Future" link at www.pcemc.org.