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PC ELECTRIC ANNOUNCES

2018 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

PC Electric announced the 2018 winners of the continuing education scholarships at its 79th Annual Membership Meeting earlier this year. A \$1000.00 scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from each of the three parishes that PC Electric serves.

Winning the Pointe Coupee Parish scholarship is **Samantha Hawkins** of Livonia High School of Pointe Coupee. Samantha is the daughter of Jerry and Tamara Hawkins of Maringouin. She plans to major in Agriculture or Accounting. Lucky Number: 510400

The Iberville Parish scholarship winner is **Samantha Fleniken** of St. John High School. Samantha is the daughter of Patrick and Karen Fleniken. She plans to major in Communication Disorders.



Winning the West Baton Rouge Parish scholarship is **Travionna Fields** of Livonia High School. Travionna is the daughter of Terricka and Travis Fields of New Roads. She plans to major in Pre-Medicine.

The board of directors, management and staff of PC Electric extend congratulations to each of these very deserving students. Lucky Number: 1368701



POINTE COUPEE PARISH

SAMANTHA HAWKINS
*Livonia High School
of Pointe Coupee*



IBERVILLE PARISH

SAMANTHA FLENIKEN
St. John High School



WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

TRAVIONNA FIELDS
Livonia High School

MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATE | HONOR | REMEMBER

PC Electric wishes everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day holiday. Our office will be closed on Monday, May 28. A dispatcher will be on duty if there is an emergency or outage.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, **MYRON A. LAMBERT**

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We all depend on electricity to power our lives, but accidents can happen when electricity is improperly used. Lucky Number: 1851302

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU

PC Electric's concern for safety extends beyond our employees. We care deeply about the safety of our members, and this month, we encourage you to plug into safety. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes. Lucky Number: 2143000

To promote safety education in our local communities, we promote safety demonstrations in local schools and at community events to inform members how to stay safe around electricity. We frequently provide electrical safety content on our website, Facebook page and Twitter page and we encourage the public to contact us if they see a downed power line or any other type of dangerous electrical situation. We strive to provide our communities with safe, reliable and affordable electricity and to serve as your trusted energy advisor, now and well into the future.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO EMPLOYEES

It is no accident that safety is a top priority at PC Electric. We are committed to a culture of safety that is integral to our daily operations. Our lineworkers are required to wear personal protective equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn in tandem to protect from electrical shock. Our safety team regularly discusses important safety issues pertaining to work within the building as well as out in the field. Lucky Number: 220100



GENERAL MANAGER

MYRON A. LAMBERT

As the General Manager of PC Electric, I believe it is my duty and responsibility to raise awareness about the importance of electrical safety. We ask that you take a moment this month to plug into safety.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

plug into safety

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#ElectricalSafetyMonth

TIPS FOR UPCOMING HURRICANE SEASON



Every year at this time people in south Louisiana brace themselves for another potentially destructive hurricane season. Hurricane season begins on June 1 and continues through November 30. Myron A. Lambert, manager of PC Electric, said, "Since we cannot stop hurricanes the only thing we can do is work on being better prepared and know what to do in case one hits."

PC Electric is offering suggestions on what should be done to protect life and property if a hurricane threatens. Mr. Lambert is asking the residents of our tri-parish service area to consider the following safety tips when a hurricane warning is issued:

MAKE PLANS FOR ACTION:

The best way to cope with a hurricane is to always be prepared for one. A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in a specified area in 24 hours or less. If a warning is given, stay tuned to radio or TV for official bulletins. Secure lawn furniture and other loose material outdoors. Fill the bathtub with several days supply of drinking water. Turn up the refrigerator to maximum cold and do not open it unless necessary. Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent their lifting from their tracks. Check batteries in flashlights, stock up on canned foods and be sure you have plenty of medical supplies. Windows should be secured with either tape, plywood or shutters. Lucky Number: 367901

STAY OR LEAVE?

When a hurricane threatens your area, you will have to make the decision whether to evacuate or ride out the storm in the safety of your home. If local authorities recommend

evacuation, you should drive carefully to the nearest designated shelter using recommended evacuation routes. Make sure the house is locked and the water and electricity is shut off at main stations. Leave food and water for pets, since many shelters do not allow them. Take small valuables with you, but travel light.

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FREEZERS/REFRIGERATORS:

First, open the freezer door as little as possible. With a freezer that is full, foods can stay frozen up to 72 hours. A half full freezer can still keep food frozen up to 24 hours after the power goes out. Should the power stay off for several days, dry ice can preserve the food in the freezer.

BE CAUTIOUS:

During high winds, electric lines can be torn down by limbs and trees. Any dangling line or lines on the ground can be deadly. Call PC Electric's office to report a downed line, outage or any hazardous situation. Crews will be on the job as soon as weather conditions permit.

"PC Electric is committed to supplying its members with dependable and safe service in all kinds of weather," said Mr. Lambert. "A hurricane is not a pleasant experience. Yet, staying safe and calm can make it an easier one."

PC Electric is your electric cooperative serving areas of Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and Iberville parishes. PC Electric currently has storm preparedness brochures, hurricane tracking charts and how to operate a portable generator guidelines available at its office at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads. Please stop by Monday-Thursday between 8:00 a.m and 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to pick up these helpful brochures. Lucky Number: 1799200

PC Electric is more than just an electric utility company. We are Connecting People...Impacting Lives! Lucky Number: 1923202

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Make sure your refrigerator door seals are airtight for maximum energy efficiency. Test the seal by closing the door over a piece of paper (so that it's half in and half out). If you can easily pull the paper out, your seal may need to be replaced or the latch may need to be adjusted.

Source: energy.gov



Lucky NUMBERS

LOOK FOR YOUR LUCKY ACCOUNT NUMBERS!

If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by June 30, 2018 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill.

Your account number can be found on your bill statement. **Good Luck!**

BUILD YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Waiting to prepare for a hurricane, severe storm or other natural disasters could be life-threatening. Make sure you have all the supplies you need in your emergency kit. Here's what we recommend you include:

WATER



Include at least one gallon per person, per day. It's best to plan on a 3-5 day supply.

FOOD



Keep a 3-5 day supply of food in your kit. Check expiration dates every six months.

CLEANING SUPPLIES



For sanitation, add cleaners, trash bags, moist towelettes and paper towels.

FLASHLIGHT



Pack a flashlight or battery-powered lantern in your kit in case of a power outage.

FIRST AID KIT



Pack basic first aid supplies, such as bandages, antiseptic wipes and hand sanitizer.

EXTRA BATTERIES



Include plenty of extra batteries or charging equipment for your devices.

CASH



Set aside a little cash in case you can't use your debit or credit cards during an outage.

PET SUPPLIES



Include a 3-5 day supply of food, water and medications for your pets.