

Pickwick Electric Cooperative's
Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15,
McNairy Central High School

Activities start at 4:30 p.m.
Business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Displays, food,
entertainment, door prizes

Party jumpers for the kids;
free hot dogs and soft drinks

Entertainment will be provided by
the Renewed Gospel Ministries Quartet
starting at 5 p.m.

Each of the first 400 members
to register will receive a 25-foot extension cord.

Please accept our invitation to attend and
help us celebrate 74 years of service
to our community.

Holiday closing

Pickwick Electric Cooperative
will be closed
Monday, Sept. 7, 2009,
for Labor Day.



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.

Notice of Annual Meeting

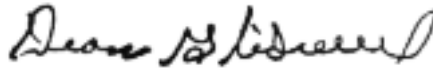
Members of Pickwick Electric Cooperative

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009

Pursuant to Article III, Sections 3.01 and 3.03, of the bylaws, as amended, the regular meeting of the members of the above cooperative will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, 7 p.m., at McNairy Central High School in Selmer to take action on the following matters:

- (1) Report of officers, directors and committees;
- (2) Announce results of elections held at district meetings; and
- (3) Any other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

This the 17th day of August, 2009.



Secretary

Annual meeting program

- 4:30-7 p.m..... Registration
- 5-6:45 p.m..... Entertainment by the
Renewed Gospel Ministries Quartet
- 7 p.m..... Order of business

- 1. Call the roll or check registration to determine if a quorum is present.
- 2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof or the waiver of notice of meeting, as the case may be.
- 3. Reading of the unapproved minutes of the previous meeting of members and the taking of necessary action thereof.
- 4. Presentation and consideration of and action upon reports of officers, directors and committees.
- 5. Report by Karl Dudley, PEC president.
- 6. Announce results of elections held at district meetings.
- 7. Unfinished business.
- 8. New business.
- 9. Adjournment.
- 10. Drawing of prizes.

Robert Davis promoted

Robert Davis was promoted to the position of assistant technician-special equipment in July. His new job responsibilities include testing meters, reading the power route, substation inspections and other substation duties as assigned.

Davis began his employment with the cooperative on March 21, 2005, as right-of-way man.

Davis and his wife, Patricia, live in Selmer and have two children — Joey, age 4, and Dakota, 2.

As for hobbies, Davis enjoys hunting and gardening.



Robert Davis

It's back-to-school time — Help keep our children safe

It's back-to-school time across America. For parents, it's a bittersweet reminder of the passage of time as we watch our children grow and become increasingly independent. It's also a time when we think about their safety.

Pickwick Electric Cooperative shares that concern. With the beginning of every school year, thousands of co-op line workers across the nation are keeping an eye out for children on their way to or from school.

At first glance, it may seem that there is little connection between school kids waiting for their bus and the line crew in the local co-op's truck. But look again. Those line crews working on utility poles probably have kids waiting for their school buses alongside yours. Making sure all our children stay safe is part of what holds local communities together, and it's part of the work PEC takes pride in every day.

The following precautions should be practiced when your children take the bus to and from school:

Don't let your children arrive at the stop too early. They may be tempted to wander or get into mischief.

Make sure they know what to do if they miss the bus: Come back home, or, if at school, report to a teacher. Never accept a ride from a stranger.

If the stop is a long way from home, plan and discuss with your children where they can go in an emergency.

If it is dark on the way to or from the bus, make your children visible. Use retro-reflective tape on their clothing, and avoid dark colors.

Make sure they wait well away from the roadway and stay back until the bus has come to a full stop and the doors open.

Children should always walk 10 feet in front of the school bus;

never walk behind it. If you can't see the bus driver, the driver can't see you. Forbid running, pushing and horseplay.

Tell your children to come straight home from the bus, no detours.

Practice these safety tips, and have a safe and happy school year.



Do-it-yourself home energy audits

One of the first steps to making your home more efficient involves understanding how it uses energy. Just as a doctor has to do a thorough examination of a patient before writing a prescription, your home will need a good inspection before most inefficiencies can be identified and corrected.

You can easily conduct a basic home energy audit with a simple but diligent walk-through. When auditing your home, keep a checklist of areas you have inspected and problems you find. Full lists are available online at the Alliance to Save Energy, Home Energy Checkup (search for it at www.ase.org). This tool can be useful in key areas to locate most trouble spots.

Locating air leaks

First, make a list of obvious air leaks (drafts). The potential energy savings from reducing drafts in a home may range from 5 percent to 30 percent per year, resulting in a much more comfortable residence. Check for indoor air leaks such as gaps along a baseboard or edge of the flooring and at junctures of walls and ceiling.

Inspect windows and doors for air leaks. If you can rattle them, movement means possible air leaks. If you can see daylight around a door or window frame, then the door or window has a leak; you can usually seal these through caulking or weatherstripping.

On the outside, inspect all areas where two different building materials meet, including all exterior corners, siding and chimney junctures and areas where the foundation and the bottom of exterior brick or siding join. You should plug and caulk any holes or penetrations for faucets, pipes, electric outlets and wiring.

Also, look for cracks and holes in the mortar, foundation and siding, and seal them with the appropriate material. Check the exterior caulking around doors and windows, and see whether exterior storm doors and primary doors seal tightly.

When sealing any home, be aware of indoor air pollution and appliance “backdrafts.” Backdrafting

occurs when various appliances that burn fuels and exhaust fans in the home compete for air. An exhaust fan may pull combustion gases back into the living space. This can obviously create a very dangerous and unhealthy situation.

Insulation

Heat loss through the ceiling and walls in your home could be very large if insulation levels are less than the recommended minimum. When your house was built, the builder likely installed the amount of insulation recommended (if any) at that time. Given today’s energy prices (and future prices that will probably be higher), your insulation might be inadequate, especially if you have an older home. Online energy audits will provide more details on checking insulation levels in the attic, walls and basement.

Heating/cooling equipment

Inspect heating and cooling equipment annually or as recommended by the manufacturer. If you have a forced-air furnace, check filters and replace them as needed. Generally, you should change them about once every month or two, especially during periods of high use. Have a professional check and clean your equipment once a year.

Lighting

On average, lighting accounts for about 10 percent of a home’s electric bill. Examine the wattage size of the light bulbs in your house. You may have 100-watt (or larger) bulbs where 60 or 75 watts would do. You should also consider compact fluorescent light bulbs for areas where lights are left on for hours at a time.

More information on both do-it-yourself and professional energy audits can be found at www.energysavers.gov, or you can contact Pickwick Electric Cooperative at 731-645-3411.

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Heat pump loans available

In an effort to help our consumers reduce their energy bills, Pickwick Electric Cooperative and the Tennessee Valley Authority are offering a promotional interest rate that will apply to all heat pumps with a minimum SEER rating of 14 (split or packaged) and advanced heat pumps. The promotion will end Sept. 30, 2009. The heat pump must be installed by a TVA-approved QCN contractor.

To be eligible for the heat pump financing program, a member must meet the following requirements:

- Must have electric service in his or her name.
- Must be the registered property owner.
- Must pass a credit check.

Loans are available up to \$10,000 for the financing of one unit and \$12,500 for two units.

Contact the PEC member services department at 646-3825, 646-3786 or 646-3764 for more information.

