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Member Newsletter

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Pitt & Greene Electric Membership Corporation is holding unclaimed checks for the names listed below. The owner may claim the check by contacting Pitt & Greene EMC at the address and/or telephone number listed in this newsletter. If satisfactory proof of claim is not presented by October 1, 2017, the law requires Pitt & Greene EMC to submit these checks to the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer to whom all further claims must be directed.

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Anderson, Luther	Carter Jr., Donald Ray	Edwards, James	Ivey, Elias B
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Arellano, J Guadaupe	Carter, Samuel L	Edwards, Myrtle Gunn	James, Lucy Mae
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Baines, Shannon D	Clark, Franklin D	Forrest, Lela G	Johnson, Lewis Carl
Barfield, Pennie G	Coates, Harry J	Freeman, Stephanie L	Johnson, Lisa D
Barnes, Joanne S	Cogdell, Duane	Galloway, Catherine S	Jones, Gregory O
Barnes, Patricia Butts	Colby, Mark H	Garms, Charles Allen	Jones, Verna S
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Bass, Tony L	Combs, Nancy H	Glasper, Brenda T	Joyner, Cynthia Ann
Batten, Gary M	Condery, Roy Rogers	Goins Construction	Kearney, Jeffrey T
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Battle Jr., Howard Leroy	Cotton, Oris Williams	Gray, Melba H	Labohne, Catherine W
Beaman, Robert A	Cowan, Raymond	Griffin, Louise Paige	Lane, Ellen Rose
Beavers, Fannie M	Cox, Leslie Allen	Guzman, Sergio	Logan, Kevin E
Bennett, Fred Ryan	Cox, Mary M	Hamilton, Phillip Ray	Lopez, Leilani Lee
Best, Charlene J	Cox, William	Hardy, Robert Lee	Lupton, Lorri Ann
Blount, Raymond M	Cubitt, Terry A	Harper Jr., Bynum	Maines, Julie Spraggins
Bowen, Corazon D	Curry, Mary C	Harper, Cora Bertha	Manley, Lucinda
Bowen, Deborah Lee	Dail, Marjorie C	Harrell, Joy Moore	Manning, Thelma D
Boyd, Ellen M	Dancy, Herbert Lee	Harris Jr., Ben Williams	March, Troy Michael
Boyea, Becky Ann	Daniels, Ethel H	Harris, Crystal Bunch	Martinez, Ardella E
Boykin, Thomas W	Daniels, James Earl	Harris, Danny R	May Francis PIC Inc
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Braxton, Bob A	Davis, Wilda B	Harris, Rusty Wayne	May, Minnie W
Braxton, Glenda T	Deans, Anna B	Harris, Samuel Lamont	Maya, Shontina Crass
Brown, Rachael Marie	Dial Call	Hernandez, Jose	McCotter, Willie Earl
Bryant, Robert Jasper	Diaz, Jose Luiz	Herring, Sonya Kaye	McDowell, Mamie Lee
Bullock, Debbie Wooten	Diggins, Ernest Lee	Hill, Krista M	McLain, Joseph B
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Burke, Scott A	Dixon, Iline Moore	Holcomb, Monica M	Mendina, Ana Elidet
Caccamise III, Joseph P	Dixon, Kenneth Warren	Holley, Raymond	Jimenez
Caldwell, Richard D	Donlin, Heather Marie	Holmes, Ruebell	Merritt, Brenda Faye
Cannon, Edward Chad	Downs, William A	Hooper, Kevin W	Miller, Edward Earl
Cannon, William	Draper Jr., Lonnie M	Horne, Keicheia L	Miller, JoAnn Z
Capps, John Larry	Draughn Jr., Mark B	Howard, William A	Mitchell, Eula
Carr Jr., Ronnie Charles	Dunn, Annie	Huggler, Jeffrey Alan	Modlin, Ronald Keith
Carr, Hilda E	Dunn, Catherine E	Humbles, C Boyd	Moncrief, Lawrence R
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Manager's Message

By: Mark A. Suggs

Stay focused on safety during harvest

During harvest season, many farmers reap the benefits of advancement in agricultural technology. With the help of GPS auto-steer devices, farmers are able to decrease driver error and maximize productivity. Despite these advances, safety risks remain. To help farmers stay out of harm's way, Safe Electricity shares tips for a safe harvest.

GPS with auto-guidance provides farmers with real-time location data about a field, which can be used for crop planning, map making, navigation assistance and machinery guidance. During harvest, this technology allows drivers to have their hands off the steering wheel as the combine maneuvers itself through the field. Thanks to this technology, farmers can more easily and efficiently maintain accuracy even during low-light conditions, which enhances productivity.

"One critical part of safety around electricity is awareness," explains Kyla Kruse, communications director of the Safe Electricity program. "It's important to remember that farm machinery is vulnerable to hitting power lines because of its large size, height and extensions. Being aware of the location of overhead power lines and planning a safe equipment route can help reduce accidents."

In equipment with auto-guidance systems, less focus is needed on steering, which may lead some drivers to think that they do not need to be as aware of navigation issues. However, even while using a GPS with auto-steering, farm workers need to keep safety in mind and stay focused on their surroundings.

Putting safety first requires alertness, focus and knowledge of potential hazards and safety steps. Varying pass-to-pass accuracy levels and potential issues, such as power poles not being correctly plotted in the system, reinforce the need for drivers to stay focused on the location of the farm equipment while in the field and to be ready to take action if necessary.

Regardless of the technology used on the farm, keep the following electrical safety guidelines in mind:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from power lines—at all times, in all directions.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment such as extending augers or raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead power lines. Grain augers should always be positioned horizontally before being moved.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, contact Pitt & Greene EMC at 252.753.3128.

If your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.

The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire, which is rare. However, if this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

For more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

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Parrott, Carol P	Sims, Elaine B	Tyree, Carey Edward	Williams, Johnny G
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Peele, Warren	Smith, Katherine D	Tyson, James Ray	Williams, Michelle C
Peppers, Diana R	Smith, Willie Gray	Tyson, Lou Ellen	Williams, Raymond
Perez, Rosalia Martinez	Sosa, Juan Carlos	Tyson, Mary	Williams, Robert L
Perry, Billy Wade	Speight, Clara	Vanhoy, Ernest Harold	Wolf, Allen Jerome
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Storm season sets co-op principles in action

Your power is on 99.9 percent of the time, and that's something we're proud of at Pitt & Greene EMC. But summer storms, particularly hurricanes, can create natural, unavoidable circumstances that sometimes lead to serious, widespread outages.

Most of the time, outages are simple to restore, but major storm events can create conditions that snap poles, topple trees and leave power lines dangling. In these situations, Pitt & Greene EMC personnel call on neighboring cooperatives to help get your power back on as quickly and safely as possible.

The deployment of support crews is part of a mutual aid agreement shared between the nation's nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives to help one another in times of emergency. Electric cooperatives across the country use the same line system engineering standards, which means line crews from any part of the country can quickly help sister cooperatives with restoration efforts.

This agreement exemplifies the cooperative principle of "cooperation among cooperatives," which reads: "Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures." This concept makes sense in the cooperative business environment because we're focused on our members.

As an electric cooperative, our members are our priority, and that's why we've worked for years to analyze how we respond to outages and make improvements – because we know you, our members, depend on electricity for almost every aspect of your daily lives.

Important Sales and Use Tax Notice

A purchaser (farmers, manufacturers and commercial laundries) that is eligible for a preferential tax rate on electricity should complete and furnish the seller/electricity supplier Form E-595E, Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement Certificate of Exemption, to take advantage of qualifying reductions.

Tips to prevent wildfires

In 2016, more than 65,000 wildfires burned 5.4 million acres of land in the United States according to the National Centers for Environmental Information. The worst part? Many of these wildfires could have been prevented.

While some wildfires are caused by lightning, approximately 90 percent are caused by human error. Many times, wildfires occur when campfires are left unattended, debris is burned improperly or cigarettes are carelessly discarded.

A wildfire can grow rapidly out of control when the three following conditions are present: oxygen, fuel and a heat source. The fuel can be any materials that are flammable near the wildfire, and the heat source can be a variety of things, like campfires, cigarettes or even warm winds. When these three conditions are met, a violent wildfire can ensue.

By taking a few extra precautions, campers and outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the sights of nature without causing a wildfire. Here are a few tips from National Geographic to help prevent wildfires.

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure you completely extinguish the fire when you're done. Drench the fire with water and stir the ashes until cold.
- Play it safe when using fueled lanterns, heaters and stoves. Lighting and heating devices should be cool before refueling. Keep flammable liquids and fuel away from appliances.
- Never discard cigarettes, matches and smoking materials from moving vehicles, or anywhere on park grounds. Completely extinguish cigarettes before disposing of them.
- When burning yard waste, follow local ordinances. Avoid burning in windy conditions, and keep a shovel, water and fire retardant nearby to keep fires in check.

If conditions are right and you find yourself in the path of a wildfire, evacuate immediately. Listen to local emergency notifications for the most up-to-date information. Better yet, make a wildfire plan for you and your family before a fire occurs.

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires> for more information about wildfire safety and prevention.

***Pitt & Greene EMC will be closed Monday,
September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.***

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