



Pitt and Greene

Electric Membership Corporation

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Member Newsletter

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Do you recognize any of the names listed below?

The following is a list of those who have capital credits owed to them from 1998. If you know any of the names, please ask them to call us at 1-800-622-1362.

Allen, James Lloyd III	Dunn, Annie	Howard, Sandra	Smith, L A
Batten, Mildred W	Edwards, Ethel G	Humbles, C Boyd	Sorrells, Thelma R
Beacham, Steven	Elks, Dennis Earl	Isler, Linda Carol	Stewart, Ruth C
Best, Derick D	Elliott, Randall L	Jackson, George H Jr.	Stox, Kevin Wayne
Bradley, Andre Jerome	Elsey, Stephanie	Jenkins, Jonathan L	Strickland, Jeanette R
Brann, Kevin R	Fields, Marjorie S	Jones, Kenneth J	Surcy, Steven Ray
Bravo, Veronica E	Flores, Mirta Adriana	Jones, Larry	Taylor, Melanie
Bryant, Eva Marie	Garcia, Felix B	King, Joyce L	Teresa's Board & Groom
Canady, Ronald Lee	Gardner, Tammy	Lewis, Louise H	Thompson, Ethel
Caravantes, Angel O	Gibson, Lena Q	Lewis, Mildred	Tilton, Francis B
Carmon, Donnie Earl	Gilbert, Thomas	Madrigal, Irma S	Trejo, Eugenio M
Clark, Franklin D	Gonzalez, Domingo T	Maldonado, Sergio H	Tyson, Lou Ellen
Coates, Harry J	Gordon, Mary Ann	McMahon, Lucia	Varnell, Thelma S
Collier, Linda Lee	Graham, Thurman Jr.	Miles, Mary	Wade, Michael
Combs, Joey Todd	Gulley, Joshua L	Mills, Michael W	Wallace, Ersella B
Condery, Roy Rogers	Hall, Charles L	Mitchell, Eula	West, Robert Darrell
Cortes, Enrique	Hall, Gregory Allen	Moseley, Betty Lilley	White, Bobby Ray
Cox, Leslie Jr.	Harmon, Veronica B	Myles, Michael W	Whitney, Richard A
Cox, Mary M	Hepburn, Gilbert F	Nichols, Reiferd	William Coy Moore
Cross, Teresa Ann	Hernandez, Augustin	Orellana, Martha I	Williams, Andrew
Dail, Marjorie C	Hettle, Jacqueline T	Outing, Betty J	Williams, Andrew L
Daly, Charles Harold	Hines, Eva M	Payne, Michael	Williams, Brenda Joyce
Davis, Helen G	Hepburn, Gilbert F	Perez, Aristeo P	Williams, Helen C
Davis, Mary Simpson	Hernandez, Augustin	Pittman, Kelvin T	Williams, Mary L
Deans, Anna B	Hettle, Jacqueline T	Pittman, Victoria O	Williams, Ricky
Dial Call	Hines, Eva M	Pridgen, Sarah J	Wilson, Jessie
Diggens, Ernest Lee	Holloway, Melva C	Perez, Jose R	
Draughn, Mark B Jr.	Hopkins, Lucy G	Rosalino, Adrian R	

Notice to all members

Please pay special attention to the amount due on your bill. Failure to pay the FULL AMOUNT without a special arrangement made prior to cut off day will result in disconnection and additional service charges. Don't get caught off guard.

Do you need to update your contact information? If you have a new telephone number or need to add a secondary contact to your account, please call Pitt & Greene EMC at 252.753.3128.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time in the kitchen during the holiday season? Here's one way to be more energy efficient: Unplug small kitchen appliances, like toaster ovens and microwaves, when not in use. You could save \$10 to \$20 per year.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy





Manager's Message

By: Mark A. Suggs

What would life be like without electric co-ops?

In the holiday movie classic, "It's a Wonderful Life" the lead character, George Bailey (played by Jimmy Stewart), wishes he had never been born due to financial troubles he is experiencing. Through the help of an Angel, he sees how many lives would have been negatively affected if he didn't exist. George comes to realize that, even with his problems, he has a wonderful life with great friends and family.

So what do you think life would be like if community leaders had not founded Pitt & Greene EMC on June 8, 1937?

Living in the U.S. in 2019, it is nearly impossible to imagine life without electricity. So many of our modern conveniences that improve the quality of our lives are dependent on electricity as the "fuel" to make them work. From the alarm clock that wakes us up, to the refrigerator that keeps our morning milk cold and fresh. From the HVAC unit that keeps us cool in the summer and warm in the winter, to the vacuum that lets us clean more efficiently and all those kitchen appliances that save us time and physical energy. Of course, so much of our entertainment, whether it comes from the TV, radio or computer, depends on the kilowatt-hours that your electric co-op provides. Just think, there would be no smart-phones or cell phones if there were no electricity.

Businesses of all kinds rely on electricity to produce and sell the products we need. So, it is no wonder that many electric co-ops feel that, while our primary product is electricity, we are really in the quality of life business.

As we celebrate the season that reminds us to be thankful for all that we have, it is important to remember the 1.3 billion people in the world that still live without reliable electric service. That is equal to about four times the U.S. population!

Many of the things we take for granted living in the U.S. are much harder and more time consuming for people in developing countries around the world. We are proud members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) that is working through their affiliate, NRECA International, and the NRECA International Foundation to help bring power to people in developing countries like Haiti and Liberia.

We are thankful that our community ancestors had the vision and foresight to do what needed to be done, gathering friends and neighbors to form the electric co-op. As the electric business of the 21st century continues to evolve, you can count on Pitt & Greene EMC to meet all of your electric energy needs. More importantly, we are here to help improve the quality of your life.

Cooking up holiday energy savings

For many of us, the best holidays involve home-cooked meals and wonderful aromas of turkey, stuffing and baked goods wafting throughout the house. It means a busy kitchen and a bustling house full of family and friends. If this rings true for you, despite the increased kitchen activity, you still have an opportunity to save energy during the holidays.

Cut carbs (carbon) painlessly

In addition to being the “heart of your home,” your kitchen could pump savings back into your wallet. According to the Department of Energy, cooking accounts for 4.5 percent of total energy use in U.S. homes. This number, combined with the energy use associated with refrigeration, dishwashing and hot water heating means that as much as 15 percent of the energy in the average American home is used in the kitchen. So, saving energy here can have a significant impact on your household budget. For example, when preparing side dishes, baked goods, soups and such, consider using small appliances like a crock pot, toaster oven, microwave or warming plate instead of your conventional oven or stovetop. These small appliances are a smart, energy-saving alternative, typically using about half the energy of a stove.

Seal in efficiency

When using your oven, don't peek! Opening the oven door can lower the temperature by as much as 25 degrees and causes your stove to work harder (consuming more energy) to return to the desired cooking temperature. If your recipe calls for baking the dish more than an hour, it is not necessary to preheat the oven. If your oven is electric, you can likely turn the oven off for the last five to ten minutes of cooking and allow the residual heat to complete the job. Clean burners and reflectors increase efficiency and offer better heating, so don't neglect this small but important task.

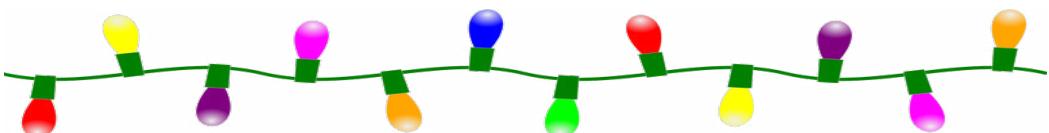
Just as keeping the oven door closed seals in efficiency and enables the stove to operate more economically, the same rules apply to the refrigerator and freezer. Keep the doors closed as much as possible so cold air doesn't escape. However, leaving the door open for a longer period of time while you load groceries or remove items you need is more efficient than opening and closing it several times.

If you are entertaining a large group, you may be able to give your furnace a brief holiday. When your oven is working hard and you have a house full of guests, the heat from the stove and the guests will keep your house comfortable, enabling you to turn down the thermostat.

Clean up with energy savings

When it's time to clean up, extend fellowship to the kitchen, and wash and dry dirty dishes by hand. This uses less energy than a dishwasher. However, don't leave the water running continuously, or you will waste energy. If you do use the dishwasher and rinse dishes before loading them, use cold water. Run the dishwasher with full loads only, and if possible, use the energy-saving cycle. Note that dishwashers that have overnight or air power dry settings can save up to 10 percent of your dishwashing energy costs.

By adapting these efficient practices in your kitchen, energy savings will be one more thing to be thankful for this holiday season.





Pitt & Greene EMC will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th for Christmas and Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's.

FALL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS!

Fall is finally here! The leaves are changing, the weather is cooler and the holidays are just around the corner. But Fall also brings a higher risk of home fires and electrical safety hazards.

Read the safety tips below and fill in the blank with the correct term from the word bank.



1. Candles and _____ should only be used by adults.
2. An adult should always stay in the kitchen when something is _____.
3. Smoke alarms should be tested every _____ to ensure they are working. Batteries should be replaced at least once every _____ or right away if they start to "beep."
4. Make sure all _____ are blown out before leaving a room.
5. Keep any items that can burn away from the stove, toaster and other cooking _____.



WORD BANK

APPLIANCES
COOKING

YEAR
MATCHES

CANDLES
MONTH

Answer key: 1. matches 2. cooking 3. month 4. candles 5. appliances

Co-op Office Hours
Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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