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In observance of the **Memorial Day holiday**, Newberry Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, May 31. Power outages may be reported by calling (803) 276-1121. Emergency crews are on standby.



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Newberry Electric's 70th Annual Meeting brings record crowd

A RECORD NUMBER of 1,651 members registered at Newberry Electric Cooperative's 70th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at the Newberry High School Gymnasium. Each member who registered received a camp folding chair with cushioned seat and headrest, as well as a compact fluorescent flood light. Members enjoyed Southern Gospel music provided by the Cloud Land Vocal Band as they waited for the meeting to begin.

CEO Dan Murphy began his report by telling members that the cooperative is still striving to do what it committed to do at the very first annual meeting in 1940, "Provide member-owners with the best electric service at the best possible price."

Murphy told members that even in a recession, Newberry County was very fortunate that there had only been a few plant closings. If Newberry had experienced large-scale plant closings, it would have caused the co-op to re-spread operating costs across consumers that were left, affecting homeowners, retired senior citizens on fixed incomes, and young families who are struggling to get ahead. He

encouraged members by concluding, "We'll get through this recession together."

Murphy reminded member-owners that NEC is a non-profit organization and any profit made is returned to members in the form of capital credits. This past December, the cooperative returned more than \$600,000 to rate-payers who had service in 1986.

Newberry Electric's General Counsel Tom Pope conducted the business portion of the meeting, in which Johnnie Dickert (Zone 1), Harold Pitts (Zone 2) and Patty Ruff (Zone 3) were reelected to the Board of Trustees.

Master of Ceremonies Lou Green brought excitement to the evening as he announced the winners of various drawings, including an early bird registration prize of a \$200 electric bill credit and two grand prize drawings of a \$500 electric bill credit.

The grand prize winners of the evening, bringing home \$500 electric bill credits were Tassie Mae Hiller and Mrs. Horace Shealy. The \$200 electric bill credit went to Katherine Hawkins.



Caroline W. Shealy, left, and Tassie Mae Hiller won the grand prize—\$500 co-op bill credits. Visit *South Carolina Living's* Facebook page for a photo album of meeting highlights.



WALTER ALREAD

At the Help My House! table, 12-year-old Ethan Meetze learns about proper insulation and sealing—so important to managing energy use and costs!—from Lindsey Smith of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc.

NEC recognized for safety



DEBRA SHAW

Pictured left to right are Don Harbuck, Sarah Mattern, Travis Chapman and Scott Bryant.

THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES of South Carolina recently recognized Newberry Electric Cooperative as the winner of its President's Safety Contest. Newberry Electric Cooperative was ranked first in its category (50 or less employees) for having zero OSHA recordable injuries during the 2009 calendar year.

Scott Bryant, vice president for loss control and training for The

Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc., presented the award to the cooperative's operations line superintendent, Travis Chapman.

Co-op distributes another 1,650 CFLs

Newberry Electric Cooperative distributed about 1,650 energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to members at its recent annual meeting.

As part of the "Do the Light Switch" program with 19 other co-ops around South Carolina, Newberry Electric presented one complimentary 75-watt-equivalent indoor/outdoor CFL floodlight to each member registered in attendance at the April 7 annual meeting.

Newberry Electric has now distributed about 34,550 CFLs to members. By the year's end, South Carolina's electric cooperatives will have handed out more than 2 million CFLs to co-op members since 2008.

One 75-watt-equivalent CFL will save an average of \$44 over its lifetime and will last 6-10 times longer than a standard incandescent bulb. For more ways to save money, members can visit TogetherWeSave.com or nec.coop.



NEC member and employee Chip Moore holds the CFL flood light he received at the 2010 annual meeting.

Area students win scholarships

Two Newberry area Piedmont Technical College students, John Myers and Corey Graham, have received \$500 scholarships from Newberry Electric Cooperative.

Graham works full-time and attends class at night. Myers has a family of six. He helps out with the kids during the week, works on the weekends and attends class at night.

Both students are members of Newberry Electric Cooperative and are obtaining a degree in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC).



Scholarship recipients John Myers, left, and Corey Graham

In awarding the scholarships, the cooperative gives priority to students who are members of the cooperative. The scholarships are open to students in any curriculum and are awarded based on academic achievement and financial need.