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Cool Gift for a June Bride

Help newlyweds spring for energy efficiency

JUNE, TRADITIONALLY CALLED THE wedding month, isn't usually when young couples think about things like heat pumps. But maybe it should be.

If you know newlyweds who plan to buy a manufactured home, do them a favor: Tell them to insist on a heat pump — and to do this before the home rolls off the lot!



They should resist electric resistance ("strip" heating) or electric "furnaces," which comes standard in many manufactured homes.

A heat pump costs more up front but the newlyweds will thank you once they've dodged a few budget-busting bills next winter. Some mobile home residents with resistance heat saw their monthly bill for January surge toward \$1,000. With a heat pump, bills are usually under \$200.

Good ideas

Co-ops have long promoted heat pump use, so we were pleased that Palmetto State consumers purchased 2,063 of them during this spring's S.C. Appliance Rebate Program. We helped the state Energy Office promote the rebates to encourage members to invest in efficient technologies. Now, S.C. consumers stand to save close to \$14 million, the Energy Office estimates.

The same motive drove Pee Dee Electric and other S.C. co-ops this spring to propose the Rural Energy Savings Program, which is drawing national praise. We're seeking federal funding to make low-interest loans to members for home energy improvements. We proposed it because many members cannot get conventional loans for this purpose.

We should all invest in efficiency. If you can afford to do so, do it now.

The payback will come in lower power bills, greater comfort and higher home resale values.

If you can get financing for a home but can't swing the necessary energy upgrades, check into an ERC (Energy Resource Conservation) Loan from Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. Contact Page Chestnut at 843-665-4070.

Beyond 'marriage walls'

Here's another tip for newlyweds: Pay attention to "marriage walls." Not the one between the "man cave" and the wife's home office.

In manufactured housing, there's usually a "marriage wall" between sections. Poorly sealed, it can fill with outside air, create drafts and run up energy bills. Make sure your home is well-sealed and insulated.

We have more money-saving tips PeeDeeElectric.com. Hopefully, the Rural Energy Savings Program will be approved, and we'll be able to offer newlyweds and other members something beyond valuable advice.

Until then, maybe dear old Mom and Dad can help their happy couple spring for a heat pump. As wedding gifts go, it's not as exciting as a honeymoon cruise, we know. If the newlyweds aren't blown away by this idea, remind them that heat pumps do double duty as efficient central AC units. As young folks like to say, "That's way cool."

James A. Goodson

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Members to Congress: Keep fighting for us

ABOUT 50,000 E-MAILS HAVE BEEN SENT TO SOUTH CAROLINA congressmen this spring, encouraging them to keep up the fight to protect consumers from unfair increases in electric bills.

As of May 1, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative members have sent 12,863 messages (cards and/or e-mails) in support of the nationwide Our Energy, Our Future campaign, according to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). More than 406,000 messages have been sent from the twenty electric distribution cooperatives in South Carolina since the Our Energy, Our Future campaign began.

Their messages thank S.C. congressmen for leadership on environmental challenges and ask for continued support. Co-ops support the view that Congress, not the EPA, should determine how to regulate stationary sources of greenhouse gases while keeping electricity affordable.

NRECA began Our Energy, Our Future in February 2008. Pee Dee Electric and other S.C. co-ops earned national recognition for helping their members send about 230,000 messages to Congress by Election Day in 2008, reminding leaders that climate change legislation should be fair, affordable and achievable.



Tom Ruff of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina talks with PDEC members at the 70th Annual Meeting about sending an important message to Congress concerning electric rates and the environment. The Our Energy, Our Future initiative has generated over 406,000 cards and/or e-mails to the South Carolina delegation in Washington.



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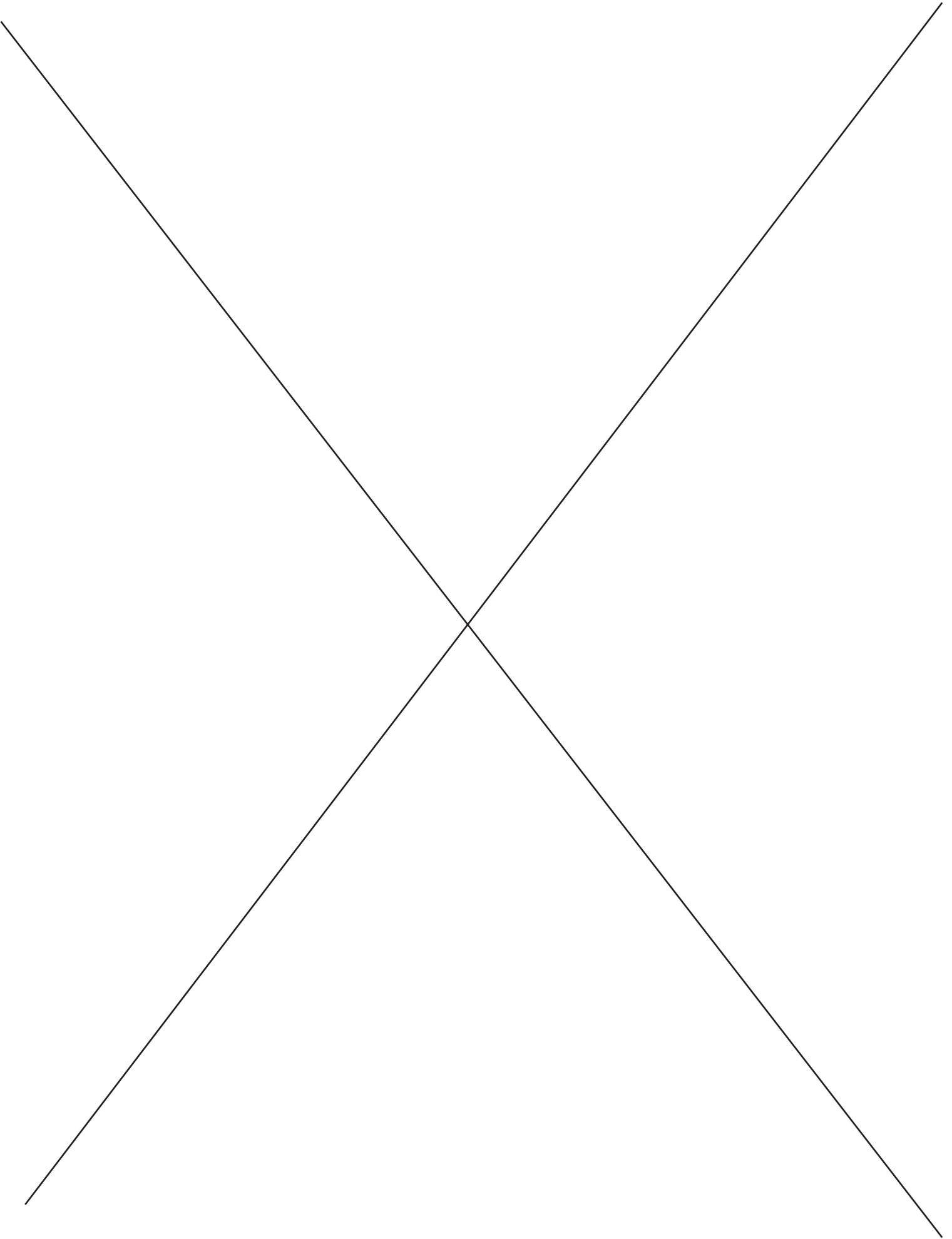
PAGE CHESTNUT

TWO LOCAL STUDENTS TOURING THE NATION'S CAPITAL THIS MONTH courtesy of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative will have very full plates—including breakfast at the Supreme Court.

The high court stop is a new highlight of this year's Washington Youth Tour, June 12-17. Leslie Stokes of Timmonsville and Megan Morris of Darlington are representing PDEC on the whirlwind tour of historic sites, government buildings, museums and monuments. This summer's trip also includes visits to the Pentagon's 9/11 memorial and the National Archives.

Pee Dee Electric Cooperative sponsors rising high school seniors on the chaperoned trip each summer. They join students representing other co-ops across the state in Washington. The South Carolina students meet with their congressmen, learn more about electric co-ops and rub elbows with their peers from co-ops across America.

Access youthtour.coop for photos from this year's Youth Tour. You can also follow the S.C. delegation at twitter.com/scyouthtour.





Want a \$50, \$200 or \$250 Energy Credit?

If you own a 50-gallon or larger water heater, you may qualify for a one-time, \$50 credit on your energy bill.

If you need a new water heater, you can receive a \$200 credit with the purchase of an energy efficient electric water 50 to 79 gallons or a \$250 credit when you purchase an 80-gallon or larger water heater.

Pee Dee Electric wants to help you save money and still enjoy hot water.

Qualifying requirements include:

- ▶ control switch installed by PDEC
- ▶ 30 amp 2-pole breaker
- ▶ 10/2 copper wire with ground

For complete details on the H2O Select Water Heater Program contact Jeff Singletary, 843-665-4070 or 866-747-0060.



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Jeff's Tips

by

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Electricity and the Farm

LIGHTING

Electricity accounts for nearly 90 per cent of the life-cycle cost of owning and operating a fluorescent lighting system, while lamp costs account for only one to two per cent.

Consider replacing all incandescent lighting with CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps). CFLs are 75 per cent more efficient and last 7 - 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. They are available in a variety of sizes and can save over 50 per cent of current incandescent costs.

Replace rows of incandescent lamps or T12 fluorescent fixtures with T8 lamps and electronic ballasts. T8/electronic ballast combinations can save over 25 per cent when replacing T12 linear systems.

Install timers and/or photo cells on lighting fixtures or systems to ensure it is only on when required.

MOTORS

Most manufacturers now offer motors that are more

efficient than the regulated minimum efficiency models. Motors can last up to 25 years, so buying a new one or replacing an old motor is an important investment decision.

Motor purchase prices represent only about three per cent of the lifetime cost for most motors - the remaining 97 per cent goes toward the operational cost of electricity. This means one or two per cent improvement in efficiency rating can provide substantial savings. The payback period can be less than five years, depending on variables including the cost of power and the operating hours.

Motors operate most efficiently when matched close to their load. The efficiency peaks between 60 and 80 per cent of full load, depending on motor size. The energy efficiency of a motor begins to drop off substantially below 50 per cent of full load. Thus, using

a motor that is oversized for its application will result in a loss of efficiency.

Variable frequency drives (VFDs) or adjustable speed drives (ASDs) should be considered if there are motor applications on the farm where the motor load varies. By automatically adjusting the speed, energy savings can be realized.

If I can be of help with specific tips for your situation, please contact me by phone or e-mail. 843-665-4070 or 866-747-0060. jsingletary@PeeDeeElectric.com.

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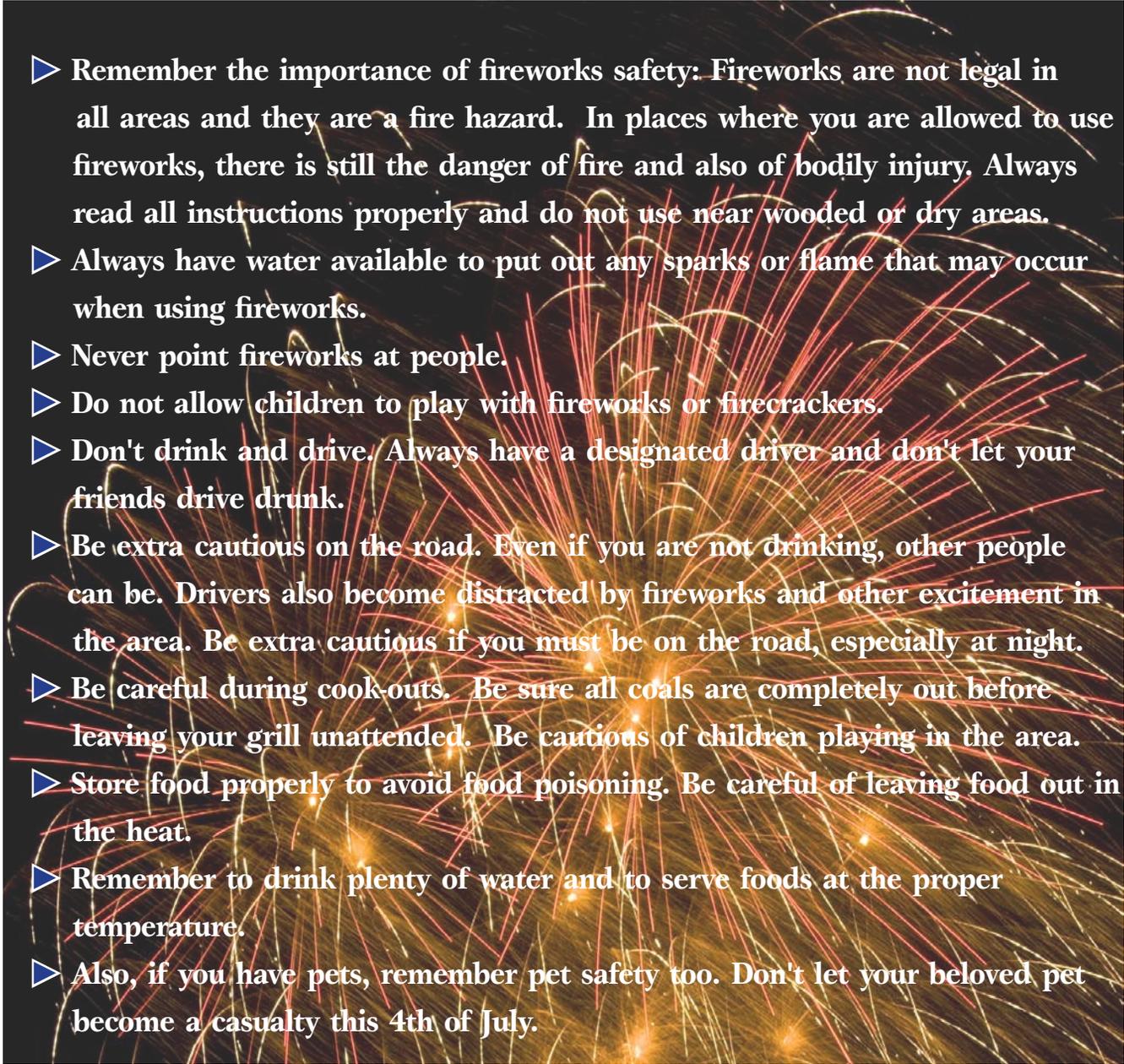
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4th of July Safety Tips

by Billy Rowe - PDEC Safety Coordinator

The 4th of July should be a day of fun and celebration, but it is also one of the most dangerous days of the year. You can keep your Independence Day fun and safe when you follow the proper safety tips. Whatever your plans are for this holiday, be sure you remember these safety tips.

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- ▶ Remember the importance of fireworks safety: Fireworks are not legal in all areas and they are a fire hazard. In places where you are allowed to use fireworks, there is still the danger of fire and also of bodily injury. Always read all instructions properly and do not use near wooded or dry areas.
 - ▶ Always have water available to put out any sparks or flame that may occur when using fireworks.
 - ▶ Never point fireworks at people.
 - ▶ Do not allow children to play with fireworks or firecrackers.
 - ▶ Don't drink and drive. Always have a designated driver and don't let your friends drive drunk.
 - ▶ Be extra cautious on the road. Even if you are not drinking, other people can be. Drivers also become distracted by fireworks and other excitement in the area. Be extra cautious if you must be on the road, especially at night.
 - ▶ Be careful during cook-outs. Be sure all coals are completely out before leaving your grill unattended. Be cautious of children playing in the area.
 - ▶ Store food properly to avoid food poisoning. Be careful of leaving food out in the heat.
 - ▶ Remember to drink plenty of water and to serve foods at the proper temperature.
 - ▶ Also, if you have pets, remember pet safety too. Don't let your beloved pet become a casualty this 4th of July.

Happy Independence Day!

