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People's Powerline

County Road 3460, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

A newsletter for PEC's electric consumers

Protect your appliances with PEC POWERShield

Plug in to surge protection that begins at your meter

High-tech gadgets, appliances, and computers all have one weakness in common: deadly power surges. Too much electricity coursing through connecting wires can fry circuitry inside sensitive electronics, reducing them to expensive trash.

Unfortunately, electric current coming from your wall outlet doesn't always remain at a steady, optimal 120 volts. Electricity can spike for a number of uncontrollable circumstances, such as weather events, animals interfering with

electrical equipment and vehicle accidents with utility poles which can send millions of volts searing through your wiring.

Many homeowners believe that adequate surge protection begins and ends with plugging their computer into a power strip. Unfortunately, that's seldom the case.



First of all, not all surge protectors live up to their name; some are little more than glorified extension cords. Second, a surge will follow any wire into a house — phone and cable lines included — and threaten fax and answering machines, televisions, satellite systems, computers, and modems. And third, delicate electronic circuitry proliferates today's modern home, leaving common appliances as vulnerable as computers to the effects of surges. 783100705

suppressors. As the term implies, these devices suppress a fluctuating power supply by diverting excess voltage to a ground wire.

PEC is proud to offer POWERShield which consists of two levels of protection: 1) at the meter base and 2) within the home in order to provide the ultimate in protection.

The first line of defense against surges is a socket device installed at your meter

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CO-OP PROUD FOR 7 YEARS



Clay Anderson began his full-time employment with the co-op in 2007, and currently serves as PEC's Electrical System Engineer.

All is not lost

Homeowners can protect most digital electronics and appliances with surge

Report Power Outages 1-877-272-1500 or
(24 hrs/day 7 days a week) (580) 272-1500, local Ada Area



MEMBER WINNER ANNOUNCED



(l-r) Winning PEC member Wendi Archer of Stratford receives a Co-op Proud gift basket from PEC Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Lucas Hudson. Mrs. Archer and her husband Edward signed up on PEC's SmartHub in December to be entered to win the basket full of products made and sold on electric co-op lines.

POWERShield Perks

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base. This device is designed to reduce any potentially damaging external, high-voltage spikes and surges to a "safe" level before they enter your home via the power line.

Extra protection is provided by surge suppression devices installed at outlets within your home for sensitive electronic equipment. When installed properly, these devices will protect your equipment from surges through the electrical wiring, telephone lines and coaxial cable. Device warranties range from \$250 to \$50,000.

Equipment and warranty are provided by TESCO, a name trusted by cooperative customers throughout the United States.

Protect your home through this program for \$4.95 per month and a one time installation fee of \$50, with a 60 month lease agreement. 690801100 *During March, the \$50 installation fee is discounted to \$25. No deposit is required for current PEC consumers who have received service during the most recent 24 months and have established good credit with the cooperative. (For those who do not meet this criteria, there is a \$100 refundable security deposit required to join the program.) The outside equipment remains the property of PEC; however, the devices inside the home are yours to keep.

Call us today at (580) 332-3031 or toll-free 1-877-456-3031 within the local Ada calling area.

POWERShield and **POWERWatch** are this month's featured Co-op Proud products. For each monthly featured product you purchase or join throughout the year, you'll be entered to win one of five special Co-op Proud gift baskets. Our next drawing is scheduled for June 1, 2015. The lucky winner will enjoy a variety of products produced and sold by various rural electric member-owned and operated businesses located on PEC electric lines and throughout Oklahoma.

POWERWatch:

"Let us watch your power when you're NOT."

PEC has optional metering equipment available which will automatically notify PEC's dispatch center of an outage at your specific location.

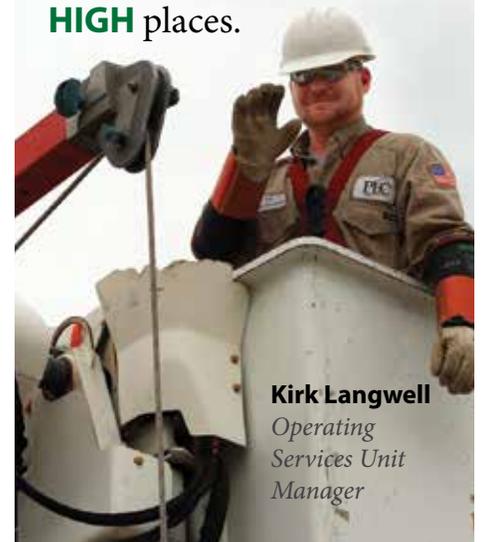
For members who elect this option, **POWERWatch** will notify PEC of a power outage, even when no one is at home. **POWERWatch** is ideal for lake homes and other locations that are not regularly occupied--or just when you're on vacation.

Peace of mind for only \$3 per month (single-phase meters), which is simply added to your monthly PEC electric bill. Three-phase customers may take advantage for \$6 per month.

And that's not all . . . we'll even send you a **POWERWatch** email once your power has been restored to your meter for an additional \$1 per month. 261500502

Simply contact PEC's Customer Service department at toll-free 1-877-456-3031 or (580) 332-3031 (local Ada area) for more information or to initiate **POWERWatch** today at your meter location.

You've got friends in **HIGH** places.



Kirk Langwell
Operating
Services Unit
Manager



(l-r) Sid Sperry, OAEC Director of Public Relations & Communications & Research, presents PEC Vice President of Communications Jennifer Boeck the 2014 Award of Merit for Best News Feature, with OAEC's Oklahoma Living magazine editor Anna Politano assisting.

Boeck Receives Writing Award

People's Electric Cooperative (PEC) recently received recognition in the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) annual communications competition.

Feature news story "Spicing Things Up the Co-op Way" written by Jennifer Boeck, PEC's Vice-President of Communications and *People's Powerline* editor, won the Award of Merit for Best News Feature in the competition. Her story appeared in the May 2014 issue of this newsletter and told the story of Don and Flossie Sims' jerky business located in Allen, Oklahoma, which has operated for the past 10 years as Don's Lazy S Jerky.

"While it is a great honor to have a story selected as one of the best in the state, it is much more of an honor to acknowledge our outstanding member-owners," said Boeck. "Outstanding stories happen inside PEC's service area everyday because of our amazing members. Getting to tell their story is the greatest reward."

A special dinner honored the award recipients during the statewide association's annual Oklahoma Living University (OKLU) editor's workshop held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this past November. Winning entries were displayed during the event.

Participants in the awards competition competed with Oklahoma's 28 rural electric cooperatives.

The *People's Powerline* is PEC's member newsletter which is circulated to approximately 15,000 individuals monthly. Boeck has been employed at PEC since January of 1999.

OAEC is a statewide association created and voluntarily supported by local electric distribution and generation/transmission cooperatives. The association is comprised of 30 member systems: 28 in Oklahoma and two Arkansas systems that have a portion of their membership residing in Oklahoma.

People's Powerline is published monthly by



Business Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
(877) 456-3031 or (580) 332-3031 (Ada Area)

24 Hour Outage Reporting System

(877) 272-1500 or
(580) 272-1500 (Ada Area)

Website: www.PeoplesElectric.coop

IMPORTANT DATES

Bills mailed 31st
Bills should be paid by the 10th
Cutoffs made 20th

STEPS TO FOLLOW IF YOUR ELECTRICITY GOES OFF

1. Check your fuse or breaker box.
2. Check with your neighbors. Are they off? Have they reported the outage?
3. Call our 24 hour Outage Reporting System at toll-free 1-877-272-1500 or (580) 272-1500 (local Ada area).
4. Always report outages promptly! Remember, the cooperative's responsibility ends at the meter. If a service call is made and the trouble is found on the consumer's side, a \$50.00 service charge will be assessed.
5. **For faster service, please make sure we have the correct phone number(s) for your account on file. Your phone number will be used to access your account information.**

Providing electricity and energy service to over 20,000 meters in the following 11 south central Oklahoma counties: Atoka, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Hughes, Johnston, McClain, Murray, Pittsburg, Pontotoc and Seminole.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Watch the story of Don's Lazy S Jerky come to life on video!

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While you're online, access current and past issues of this newsletter along with much, much more . . . all right at your fingertips!



Find us on YouTube!



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Appliances account for about 13 percent of your home's energy use. If they have energy-saving settings, use them! If they're nearing voting age, considering replacing them with a new, energy-efficient model.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

LIVESTOCK & PET

Reg. Polled Hereford heifers, 10 months- 2 years old; Remittal Online 122L and PW Victor Boomer, P606 genetics, also a few bull calves. (580) 332-2468

2 bay horses, mare 6 years old, her colt, a female, age 11 months old, both for \$400, nice horses. (580) 265-4533

Racing pigeons for sale; come join our pigeon racing club. (580) 265-9210 1022000300

Beagle puppies, 3 months old, \$75 each; Great Pyrenees puppies, \$75 each; have male and females. (405) 712-2109

Angus Bulls, 7 to 10 months old, Angus business 55 years, same location. (580) 456-7241

2 Pygmy goats, born January 4th, Billy and Nanny, coloring of brown, black and white. (580) 332-8407

Seeking suitable home for puppy, female lab mix, gold color, first shots, \$25, Roff. (580) 456-7616

(5) 1 year old laying production Red Hens, \$10 each. (405) 238-7734

FARM & EQUIPMENT

John Deere, 8' heavy duty brush hog; Herd Cyclone seeder 3 bu. capacity; Wylie 300 gal. sprayer; Frontier 7' tiller, sold by John Deere, excellent cond.; Baldwin Piano, \$600 obo. (405) 818-4815

Two chicken coops; one large w/pen, \$200; one small, \$100; ready for chickens, cash only. (580) 993-0263

2001 231-S Massy Ferguson diesel tractor, 45 hp, low hours, excellent condition, factory awning. (580) 618-1104

Surge 1, cow milking machine, 1/2 horsepower, rebuilt, works excellent, \$1000. (405) 712-3078

John Deere 4020 tractor, late 60's model, loader w/bucket, \$8250; Savage pecan tree shaker, 48", \$6800; Nut Hustler cleaner, \$4800; Conveyor tables, \$2200. (580) 320-1920

New Holland 315 string square baler, good grass hay, 4x5, 1/2 round bales. (580) 279-3748

Fresh bermuda/mixed square bale hay, barn kept/dry, \$5/ bale, South on Kerr Lab Rd. (913) 226-8200

Bermuda hay, small square bales. (405) 238-0393

D17 Allis tractor with grapple fork, manure and dirt bucket, small grass bales and choice Alfalfa hay, an upright green bin, approx. 2 1/2 tons, also a 3.3 bottom P10W. (580) 421-5905

Account Number Winner

Congratulations to David Timmons of Wardville who found his account number in last month's newsletter. The find netted him a \$5 credit on this month's electric bill. The other numbers belonged to Gene Bittle of Ada, Vivian Seiler of Sulphur, Leroy Ussery of Oklahoma City and Reg Easterling of Ada. It's easy to win. Just find your account number located somewhere in the newsletter, then call, write or come to PEC by the 12th of the month in which your number is published to claim your \$5.

AUTOMOTIVE

After market parts for Yamaha, V-Max & Triumph Rocket 3 motorcycles. (405) 712-1957

4 Goodyear Wrangler SRA tires, under 3000 miles, 256 x 60 x 20. (405) 615-5227

2008 RHD Jeep Wrangler, 2 door, white, 135,000 miles, \$10,500. (580) 235-1824

2006 Chevy HHR, 4 cyl, auto, \$5750 obo; 2002 Chuck Wagon dump bed, 11hp Honda, \$1950 obo. (580) 272-4888

1997 Ford Ex-Cab, 3rd door, with a 2003 4.2 V-6 motor, heat/air work excellent, new alt., front braking, spray in bed liner, maroon w/tan interior. (580) 265-4336

REAL ESTATE

Brick home, 1.81 acres, rural water, 2 bdrm., attach garage, 1 bath, CH&A, many extras, RV shed, shop, updated house, clean, gazebo. (405) 238-0437

Prime office space available, easy highway access, Highway 1 in Latta, frontage. (580) 332-3217

For lease: nice 2 bdrm. house in Ada, new carpet, A/C, all electric, range, fridge, washer & dryer furnished, lawn care by landlord, no smoking, \$600 month, \$600 deposit. (580) 272-3023

70 acres, M/O property borders lake on North side, great hunting, deer and turkey, Holdenville, \$2500 an acre, leave message. (405) 712-1615

2 story, 4 bdrm., 1 bath, on 4 city lots in Holdenville, needs TLC, wood floors, ceramic counter tops, dishwasher, cook top, wall oven, \$25,000 or reasonable offer. (405) 683-3516

4 rent or lease: 3 bdrm., 3 bath, all appliances, inside laundry, very nice, \$600 deposit, \$600 month, HWY 59, 5 miles W. of Byars, school bus to door. (405) 677-3781

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

2012 82" Mitsubishi flat screen TV with remote in mint condition, \$3700; 2012 Playstation 3, mint condition, comes with 22 games, \$400. (580) 927-0784

I'm sitting out here in the carport freezing to death. I'm an inside appliance, but these people won't let me back in. I am clean & work great. A white electric range, \$275. (580) 272-4979

Mahogany dining room table, \$500. (580) 768-4880

Kenmore heavy duty dryer. (580) 436-0339

MISCELLANEOUS

I'll be glad to quilt your top, t-shirts, pictures, etc or I'll quilt it from start to finish! (580) 332-3847 or (580) 436-7002

(4) 6 - 8 inch cement blocks. (580) 272-3249

Quilting frame (PVC), new in box, 39" x 28", adjustable from 29" -35", \$85. (580) 927-5502

Metal roofs, vinyl siding, 2 years experience, free estimates. (405) 783-4284

Barn full of antiques and collectables for sale. (580) 399-6211

8x12 storage shed, brand new including delivery and set up, \$1495. Call for more details. (405) 783-4370

Let me do your embroidery, business, schools, individuals. (405) 484-7287 132003001

Sewing, zippers, patching, alterations, reasonable prices; adult walker, \$20; adult potty chair, \$20; punch bowl and 21 cups, \$25. (580) 332-5831

Triple panel aluminum sliding glass patio door, 6' 8" high x 9' wide, w/frame, free to a good home, 1.5 miles N. of Ada, come and get it. (580) 436-4352

Siding for you home, privacy fence, rustic cedar furniture, hobby wood, etc. Custom cut lumber for whatever you may need! Family owned sawmill. (580) 371-8349

Sewing machine service and repair, home and commercial, Ada area. (580) 665-1001

Used sheet iron, approx. 60 sheets, 10' x 12'. (580) 310-2137

18 volt Earth Wise pole saw, used once w/manual. (580) 272-3278

WANT TO BUY

Would like to buy Harrison Oak night stands. (580) 384-5410

A Stonewall 1961 school yearbook; old railroad items. (580) 399-8866

Looking to lease pasture to lease cows around Ada. (580) 235-7257

MOBILE HOMES, RV'S, BOATS, & ATV'S

2007 Wildwood 5th wheel, 2 slides, bunkhouse, 32 foot, good cond., \$12,500, located in Holdenville. (405) 592-9626

1979 Delta motor home, sleeps 2, needs repair, \$2000. (405) 379-5177

-FREE-

Classified Ads for PEC Members!

Type or print your ad on the lines below and mail it in. Remember, we are limited on the amount of available space, so mail ads as soon as possible or email your ad to ads@peopleselectric.coop with name/account number.

Name: _____

Acct. No.: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Since we are limited on the amount of available space, ads will be taken until the classified section is full. Ads received after the section is full will not be held for the next issue. They should be re-submitted. The number of ads published each month will vary according to availability of space and ad content. We reserve the right to delete words and edit ads if they are too long.