

Employee of the Month - May 2017

Philip Myer

Each month Pointe Coupee Electric highlights one of its valued employees.

The cooperative understands the importance of its member owners getting to know the people who are instrumental in providing them with quality electric services.

This month Pointe Coupee Elec-



tric introduces Philip Myer to its member owners.

Since May 2008, Philip has worked the 1098 miles of Pointe Coupee Electric lines.

He currently holds the position of 1st Class Journeyman Lineman and is responsible for new construction of lines, troubleshooting, providing service work, and maintaining the current system.

Philip says what he enjoys most about his job is meeting the members when he is out working the lines. (Acct. No. 1419610)



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Make a switch to safety by spotting potential problems in your home

Some light switches in a home get used dozens of times a day, and their state can tell you a lot about the health of your home's overall electrical system.

Be on the lookout for the following symptoms and address them immediately.

Potential Problems

If any of these symptoms sounds familiar for any of the lighting control points in your home, have the electrical system inspected by a qualified electrician as soon as possible:

- The home is more than 40 years old and has aluminum wiring but has not recently undergone a safety inspection by an electrician.
- A wall plate is hot to the touch.
- There is discoloration on or around a switch plate.

- You hear crackling, popping or buzzing from an outlet or switch.
- Lights dim and/or flicker without cause.
- Breakers trip or fuses blow often when a switch is turned on.
- You detect an odor—especially of chemicals or burning—when a switch is used.

Safe Solutions

Cracked, broken or missing cover plates should be replaced immediately to prevent accidental contact with wiring.

All switches and lighting equipment should bear the mark of a nationally recognized safety testing laboratory such as UL, Intertek or CSA.

There are numerous ways to update your light switches and make them safer.

Upgraded features also can be used to achieve different effects. Dimmers set lighting at desired levels and can extend the life of light bulbs. Timers provide added security and improve safety. Motion sensors enhance security, add convenience and can save energy. Remote controls and smart panels offer flexibility and control over your lighting, sometimes remotely via smartphone. (Acct. No. 1453111)

If you want to switch up your lighting controls or improve their safety, contact a qualified electrician.



TOP TEN

HURRICANE EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS

- Emergency food, drinking water
- Flashlights and batteries
- Cash and credit cards
- Medicine/prescriptions
- First aid kit
- Personal identification
- Matches and lighters
- Gas for generator or vehicle
- Radio (battery-operated)
- Cooler (with ice)

PCEMC sponsors 12th Annual Art Contest

Recently, the children of Pointe Coupee Electric members as well as children who attend one of Pointe Coupee Electric's adopted schools were invited to participate in the cooperative's 12th annual art contest.

The art was required to have an electrical theme and the words "Thank You" had to be included somewhere within the drawing. All art entries become the property of Pointe Coupee Electric, and the winning art will be displayed throughout the Pointe Coupee Electric's office buildings.

First place winners received a \$35 Wal-Mart gift card, a plaque and a certificate. Second place winners received a plaque and a certificate while all third place winners received a ribbon and a certificate. The following students were selected as winners in this year's contest:

Elementary Division:

- First Place – Allie Davis, Catholic of Pointe Coupee
- Second Place – Mary McDuff, Catholic of Pointe Coupee
- Third Place – Madeline Martinez, Trinity Academy

Middle School Division:

- First Place – John Cato, Devall Middle School
- Second Place – Kierra Talley, Devall Middle School
- Third Place – Thornton Walker, III, Valverde Elementary

High School Division:

- First Place – Anna Teer, False River Academy
- Second Place – Megan Martinez, Trinity Academy

On behalf of Pointe Coupee Electric's management, board of directors and staff, we would like to thank all of the students who participated in the art contest and congratulate our contest winners.

Pointe Coupee Electric is your electric cooperative serving parts of Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge parishes for over 75 years. We are an equal opportunity provider and employer. (Acct. No. 2210403)



Happy Fourth of July!

Pointe Coupee Electric would like to wish you and your family a very happy and safe July 4th holiday.

Our office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. A dispatcher will be on duty in the event of an emergency or a power outage.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

PCEMC presents Math and Science awards to local students

Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation is proud to be a partner in education. Your electric cooperative sponsors a variety of educational programs throughout the local schools in its tri-parish service area. One of these programs is the Math & Science Awards Program.

Pointe Coupee Electric just recently presented numerous Math and Science Awards to students in many of its adopted schools throughout its tri-parish service area. The awards were available to elementary, jr. high and high school students in schools throughout Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge parishes.

The Math and Science Awards were given to the students who had the highest combined Math and Science grade in each of the three different school levels: graduation from elementary school (4th grade, 5th grade or 6th grade depending on the school and parish); graduation from middle school or junior high (8th grade); and graduation from high school (12th grade).

The elementary students that received the awards were presented with a framed certificate and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card. The junior high students receiving the awards were presented with a framed certificate and a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. The high schools students receiving the awards were presented with a framed certificate and a \$75 Wal-Mart gift card.

The management, board members and staff of Pointe Coupee Electric wish to extend congratulations to all of the following award winners for the 2016-2017 school year:

Iberville Parish

- Crescent Elementary School (6th grade) – Kayne Brock Guillory – Parents: Marlin and Barbara Guillory of Bayou Pigeon
- North Iberville Elementary (6th grade) – Jada Dotson – Parent: Johnetta Dotson of Maringouin.
- Plaquemine High School (8th grade) – Tamara Banks – Parents: Kevin and Linda Banks Plaquemine
- Plaquemine High School (12th grade) – Elizabeth Anderson – Parent: Barbara Anderson of Plaquemine
- St. John Elementary School (5th grade) – Blaise Joseph Mendoza – Parents: Lane Mendoza and Nina Seneca of Rosedale
- St. John Middle School (8th grade) – Julia Anne Bucher – Parents: Mr. and Mrs. George Bucher, III of Plaquemine
- St. John High School (12th grade) – Lilianne Ngoc Nguyen – Parents: Dinh and Yen Nguyen of Plaquemine

Pointe Coupee Parish

- Catholic Elementary of Pointe Coupee (6th grade) – Bryce Vielee – Parents: Anthony and Wendy Vielee of Port Allen
- Catholic High of Pointe Coupee (8th grade) – Madeline Kodie Lorio – Parents: Michael and Crystal Lorio of Livonia
- Catholic High of Pointe Coupee (12th grade) – Dylan Cody Jarreau – Parents: Joseph and Paula Jarreau of Ventress
- False River Academy (6th grade) – Bran-

- don Ballard – Parents: Eric and Christy Ballard of Ventress
- False River Academy (8th grade) – Jordan Dauthier – Parents: Chad and Dana Gauthier of Jarreau
- False River Academy (12th grade) – Matt Joseph LeLeux – Parents: Michelle and Riley Blanchet and Scott LeLeux of Rosedale
- Livonia High School (8th grade) – Mahaila Willard – Parent: Natalie Willard of New Roads
- Livonia High School (12th grade) – Karlie Pourciau – Parents: Kirt and Katharine Pourciau of Livonia
- Rosenwald Elementary (5th grade) – Jar'Kiya Joseph – Parents: Casey Joseph and Jarvis Boudreaux of New Roads
- Rougon Elementary (8th grade) – Katelyn Rose Duckworth – Parent: Ginger Moreau of New Roads
- STEM Magnet Academy (6th grade) – Braden Fontenot – Parents: Patrick and Angela Fontenot of Ventress



- STEM Magnet Academy (8th grade) – Camila Frech – Parents: Henry and Sandra Frech of Jarreau
- Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary (6th grade) – De'Travin Mykeil Washington – Parents: Brandon Draper and Darnisha Washington of Lettsworth
- Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary (8th grade) – Adjah Shadwan Johnson – Parents: Ronnie and Meshall Johnson of Batchelor
- Valverde Elementary (6th grade) – Hayden Wayne Kent – Parent: Michael Blain Kent of Maringouin

West Baton Rouge Parish

- Chamberlin Elementary (4th grade) – Layni Denyse Taylor – Parents: Richard and Natalie Taylor of Port Allen
- Devall Middle (8th grade) – Sabrina Sue Bowen – Parent: Melissa Bowen of Port Allen (Acct. No. 1870102)
- Holy Family (5th grade) – Ethan Crochet – Parents: Horace and Shelly Crochet of Port Allen
- Holy Family (8th grade) – John William Cole – Parents: Egeria Mladenka of Baton Rouge
- Port Allen High School (12th grade) – Gabrielle Mitchell – Parents: Richard and Toshia of Bueche

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for our crews:**
*please be aware of
utility work zones*

