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# Energy Matters

## Spring Yard Safety

- Call 811 before you dig to avoid hitting underground infrastructure.
- Keep harmful chemicals, tools and equipment out of children's reach.
- Never work with electric power tools in wet or damp conditions.
- Never use frayed or damaged extension cords.



## NEW POWER LINEMAN TRAINING PROGRAM

On Feb. 7, Cleco, in conjunction with South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) and the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce, announced the official opening of the SLCC Power Lineman Training Program housed at the community college's Crowley campus. Cleco contributed \$50,000 to SLCC in 2018 to help establish the program.

The four-month program trains students to build, repair and maintain electrical systems for private and public utility companies. In addition, students receive hands-on safety training that includes best practices when framing and building overhead lines, operating a bucket truck and conducting extensive pole climbing.

"This is an opportunity for Cleco to help develop skilled, trained line workers in Louisiana and ultimately enhance our workforce," said James Lass, Cleco general manager of distribution operations and emergency management. "Cleco is proud to support our industry while better serving our customers and communities."

Upon graduation from the program, students will receive a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Certification, be qualified for employment and receive job placement assistance.

"We are thankful to Cleco and all of our energy partners who joined forces to bring the Power Lineman Program to Crowley," said Jermaine Ford, vice president of economic and workforce development at SLCC. "We know there's a need for line mechanics now and this program will help fill workforce gaps in this industry."



## CLECO POWER WISE™ MARKETPLACE IN FULL SWING

If you've ever wanted to purchase products to make your home more energy efficient but weren't sure what to get, the Cleco Power Wise™ Marketplace is your one-stop-shop.

Cleco Power Wise™ Marketplace carries many popular energy efficient items and brands by NEST, Ecobee and Honeywell, just to name a few. Shopping directly from the Cleco Power Wise Marketplace allows you to take advantage of instant rebates from Cleco. Get started by visiting [www.clecomarketplace.com](http://www.clecomarketplace.com)

For questions, call 1-833-373-6842 or email [energyefficiency@cleco.com](mailto:energyefficiency@cleco.com).

This program is available to all Cleco customers.



## CLECO CORNER

On Jan. 10, Cleco sponsored the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce Banquet in DeRidder. Cleco received recognition from Fort Polk for sponsoring the 519th Military Policy Battalion during the Unit's Viper Week, supporting soldiers and their families.



Cleco sponsored the City of Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center's Black History Month Celebration from Feb. 4 through March 29 featuring an art exhibit with pieces from artists Jerome Ford, Michelle Colligan and Ella Guillory.



On Feb. 27, Alexandria Mayor Jeff Hall addressed Pineville Cleco employees, community leaders and students from Louisiana College. Mayor Hall, a former Cleco executive who made history by becoming the first black mayor of Alexandria, reflected on the contributions of historic African Americans and shared personal stories.



## CLECO IN THE COMMUNITY

On Jan. 9, Cleco presented a \$65,000 check to Louisiana Lions Camp, a free summer camp for youth with special needs, from proceeds generated from its annual charitable golf tournament, Tee Off for a Cause.



Cleco partnered with the Lacombe Recreational Department to hang motivational pole banners around the community on Jan. 16.

Cleco partnered with the American Heart Association (AHA) in February to fight against heart disease. Employees wore red, purchased fundraiser hearts, joined in heart walks and even participated in a heart healthy cook-off in downtown Alexandria on March 9. Overall, Cleco raised over \$4,000 for the AHA.



### EMERGENCY DEFERRED BILLING

Cleco's Emergency Deferred Billing Program allows some customers to defer an excess portion of their bill for several months during an energy emergency declared by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. Customers must meet certain eligibility requirements in order to qualify for the program, and must re-qualify every two years. For eligibility requirements and enrollment information, visit [www.cleco.com](http://www.cleco.com), call 1-800-622-6537 or visit your nearest Cleco customer service office.

## SENSATION SALAD



- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 c vegetable oil
- 1/2 c olive oil
- 1 c finely grated Romano cheese
- 4 sprigs chopped parsley
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 head of romaine or iceberg lettuce

Combine the garlic, lemon juice, vinegar and oils in a quart container with a tight-fitting lid. Add the grated cheese, parsley, salt and pepper; close the lid tightly. Shake the container until all the ingredients are incorporated. Refrigerate until ready to use. Toss the lettuce with the dressing right before you serve.



Please continue to call 1-800-622-6537 to report outages and emergencies.

MyAccount users can report outages online or by texting "OUT" to 25326 (Cleco).