Fall 2019

Energy Matters

Cleco customers see savings

Beginning Aug. 1, the average Cleco customer will see a bill credit of approximately \$14 a month for the next 12 months. The benefit stems from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which reduces Cleco's corporate tax rate, and the savings are being passed along to customers.

Cleco has been accruing the TCJA savings. In July, the Louisiana Public Service Commission approved Cleco's plan to credit customers over \$84 million.

A 'TCJA Bill Credit' line item will appear on customer bills beginning August 2019 and will continue through July 2020.



On July 10, the Opelousas Board of Aldermen unanimously voted to grant a 10-year franchise agreement extension to Cleco with two years remaining in the existing contract. Cleco has been serving Opelousas since 1989, and this new contract extends our partnership through 2031.



Opelousas Mayor Julius Alsandor and Cleco Principal Governmental Services Representative Sabrina Salling



Safety law reminder Overhead Safety Act

The Louisiana Legislature enacted the High Voltage Overhead Power Line Safety Act in 2001. Under this act:

- Louisiana law prohibits any unauthorized persons from working, including moving equipment, within 10 feet of any high voltage overhead line.
- If any unauthorized person intends to work within 10 feet of any high voltage overhead line, the person responsible for the work to be done must notify the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead line 48 hours prior to commencing work.
- Work shall be performed only after satisfactory mutual arrangements have been completed between the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead line and the person responsible for the work to be done.

Back to School Safety

It's that time of year again! With increased traffic on roadways and school zones becoming active again, remember to watch out for children and obey all state roadway laws.

- Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on an undivided road
 if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.



Cleco in the Community



On July 2, Cleco President and CEO Bill Fontenot spoke to the Ville Platte Rotary Club on how Cleco is becoming Louisiana's leading energy company.



On June 18, Cleco awarded the Port of Iberia \$113,686 in incentives for upgrading its lights with LED lighting through Cleco's energy efficiency program Power Wise.™



On June 14, Cleco employees assisted the COPE INC. TRIO Programs with their 1st Annual STEMFest in Alexandria. The day consisted of various hands-on activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

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Cleco donates \$5,000 to Solomon House in New Iberia to replenish food pantry



On July 23, Cleco presented Solomon House of New Iberia with a check for \$5,000 to replenish their food pantry after having to discard 1,000 pounds of perishable food following Hurricane Barry.

"Helping our customers and the communities in which we live, work and serve is part of our culture, and it's how we do business," said Steve Segura, Cleco manager of origination and retail retention.

Solomon House feeds up to 200 Iberia Parish families each month.



SEAFOOD CASSEROLE

- 1 lb fresh crabmeat
- 1 lb fresh shrimp
- 1/2 bell pepper
- 1/2 onion
- 1 c celery
- 1 sm jar pimento
- 1 c mayonnaise
- 1/2 c half & half
- 1 tbsp worcestershire sauce
- 1 c rice cooked
- 1 tsp seafood seasoning
- 1 c bread crumbs
- Salt to taste
- Cayenne pepper to taste
- Garlic powder to taste



Sauté bell pepper, onion and celery in butter until soft. Mix all ingredients together and put in two-quart, buttered casserole dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 375 degrees.