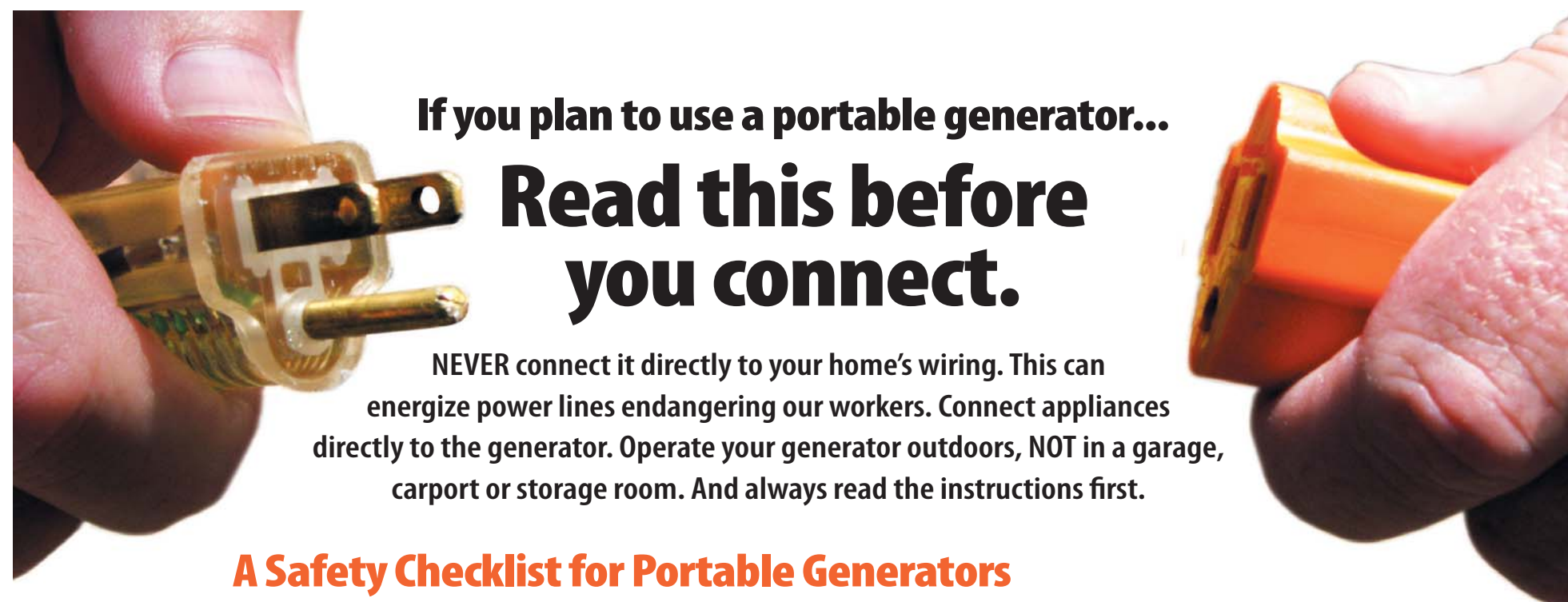




Southern Pine Electric Power Association

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



If you plan to use a portable generator...

Read this before you connect.

NEVER connect it directly to your home's wiring. This can energize power lines endangering our workers. Connect appliances directly to the generator. Operate your generator outdoors, NOT in a garage, carport or storage room. And always read the instructions first.

A Safety Checklist for Portable Generators

- Be sure the generator you have selected has ample capacity to supply the lighting, appliances and equipment you plan to connect. Consult an electrician for assistance if needed.
- Purchase your portable electric generator from an established dealer who can provide service and maintenance if needed.
- Read the manufacturer's instructions thoroughly.
- Use your portable generator outside to avoid dangerous exhaust fumes.
- Do not operate your generator while standing in wet conditions. This could cause an electrical shock to anyone who comes in contact.
- For personal safety, make sure your generator is grounded so it does not become electrically charged.
- Only connect appliances directly to a portable generator. Do not connect the generator directly to the wiring system in your home or other building through outlets or your meter. This may damage your wiring system or back feed electricity endangering utility workers restoring your line.
- Do not attempt to fill the generator's fuel tank while it is operating as the gasoline may ignite.
- Do not tamper with the engine speed adjustment. This could cause overheating and cause a fire.
- Have a charged fire extinguisher nearby as a precaution.

If you have questions about portable generator safety, please contact Larry Blakeney, Southern Pine's safety coordinator, at 800-231-5240 or (601) 785-6511 ext. 371.

Area communities to stage annual festivals, events

Organizers in Magee, Raleigh and New Hebron have announced plans for upcoming events:

• **Magee's 31st annual Crazy Day** is set for Saturday, Sept. 16. The festivities begin at 7 a.m. in downtown Magee and conclude at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Crazy Day attractions will include an arts and crafts show with more than 200 exhibitors, a 5K walk/run sponsored by the YMCA, children's rides, ponies, duck pond, climbing wall and space walk.

Entertainment will include gospel music and a variety show. The Lions Club will host a golf tournament on Friday, Sept. 15.

For more information, contact Beulah Stephens, Magee Chamber of Commerce, at (601) 849-2517 or visit the Web site at www.mageechamber.com.

• **The Raleigh Heritage Festival** will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, in Raleigh. The festival will begin with a run at 7:30 a.m. behind the Methodist church.

Arts and crafts vendors will open for sales by 8:30 a.m. behind the downtown

stores and offices. The farmers' market will offer produce, potted plants, flowers, honey, syrup, preserves and other items.

Other attractions include a car show, old machinery exhibit and grist mill, antique tractors and cars, and children's activities.

Entertainment will feature The Leaf River Boys, choruses and other acts.

For more information, contact Sheila Bryant at (601) 782-4527 or Jane Burrows at (601) 782-4339.

• **New Hebron's Annual Pulpwood Festival** is set for Saturday, Oct. 28. The event will feature its largest-ever flea market, a quilt expo, antique car show, children's activities, arts and crafts demonstrations, food and all-day music and entertainment in Town Park.

Compozitionz, an R&B group, will perform at 7 p.m. Concert admission is \$12; advance tickets are \$10. Children 8 years old and younger admitted free.

For information, call (601) 694-2532 or (601) 694-2229. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.



An Energy Star home nears completion in Noblewood Homes' new Glen Arbor residential development, located in the Brandon area on Louis Wilson Road.

Glen Arbor sets grand opening

The first Energy Star residential community to be built in Southern Pine Electric Power Association's service area will host its grand opening this month.

Glen Arbor, a 114-home Noblewood Homes development under construction in Brandon, will host the official opening Sept. 15, from 4-7 p.m.

Throughout the weekend, Glen Arbor will offer extended open-house hours and family-friendly events.

Glen Arbor homes are being built in

compliance with the federal government's Energy Star standards for energy efficiency. Each of the homes features construction techniques, equipment and appliances that will increase comfort and deliver energy savings.

The community is located on Louis Wilson Road (old Highway 18), south of Brandon.

To learn more about Glen Arbor homes, call Noblewood Homes at (601) 824-1946 or visit the Web site, www.noblewoodhomes.com.



Tenelia Frier, Magee Huddle House owner, holds the Best of the Best award her restaurant earned in a national corporate-sponsored competition.

Magee restaurant earns 'Best' award

Southern Pine Electric Power Association congratulates Tenelia Frier, owner of the Magee Huddle House, which has been named national winner of the restaurant chain's Best of the Best competition. Huddle House, which has more than 400 restaurants in 16 states, sponsors the competition to reward restaurants that deliver the best customer service and execution on a daily basis.

"My employees' pride in customer service and cleanliness is the reason we have been successful," said Frier, who opened her franchise three years ago.

The award included a \$15,000 cash prize, which Frier distributed among her employees based on their tenure and the extra efforts they contributed toward earning the award.

Happy Labor Day!

Southern Pine Electric Power Association offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

A dispatcher will be available to respond to emergency calls.