



## Carrying the Cooperative Torch

I have always felt that trust and respect should be earned, and I'm proud that your co-op has striven to inspire those sentiments in our Members since its inception. In 1945, a few forward-thinking community leaders assembled together to form your wonderful cooperative. In 1947, Coweta-Fayette EMC first began providing electricity to our founding Members. Since those early days, our directors and employees have continued working hard to gain your trust and respect through their actions and deeds.

Many of you may have heard me say that in every decision we make, we first reflect upon what would be in our Members' best interest. Our Membership is diverse, and we serve both urban and rural areas at almost 75,000 account locations. There are individual residences, family farms and large subdivisions, as well over 5,800 small and commercial businesses. We serve over 50 large industrial consumers who require an available capacity greater than 1,000 kVA. We are truly "big enough to serve" any entity reliably and affordably, but more importantly, we are "small enough to care" – and we always will!

It sometimes seems that we are in a constant state of change requiring a considerable amount of our time and energy... but change can be a very positive thing. For example, we've embraced new technology to serve you better. One such upgrade is the full installation of our Two-Way Automatic Communication System (TWACS) "smart meters," which communicate electric usage and outage information back to the cooperative via our own power lines. Another is our recently implemented Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system, a change that has already enhanced customer service efficiency.

Our supervisors and employees routinely receive in-house employee training when new processes and procedures arise that will allow the cooperative to respond quicker, more efficiently and at the least possible cost. Continual improvement is part of the Coweta-Fayette EMC business model, and we know we can always do better to achieve success for you.



We fully evaluate suggestions and thoughts from our Members and employees. Some of the most beneficial ideas I have received in my life came from brand-new employees and

Members. Typically, there are many variables that must first be researched when you receive a suggestion. And while many ideas are implemented, sometimes – due to safety, efficiency or cost – no action is advisable. In all cases, however, we appreciate each and every comment, even if it is not ultimately utilized. Constructive criticism is a good thing.

In today's technology-based society, being flexible in the face of change is just part of our modern world. What was relevant in the past must often be remodeled to meet modern cooperative needs. One thing that will never change is our appreciation for Members and our historical and present commitment to providing exceptional service and value.

When you watch the Olympics, it is always preceded by the carrying and passing of the Olympic Torch by athletes and officials. Today's co-op employees are carrying the torch first lit many years ago. It is an honor to do what we do for our Members, and we will never extinguish the co-op torch's eternal flame.

For the Team,

*Anthony H. Sinclair "Tony"*  
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# Coweta-Fayette Power Line Technician Wins Medal at Statewide Lineman's Rodeo

Rain and wind could not dampen the spirit of competition and camaraderie during the 2013 Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, held May 4 at Chehaw Park in Albany.

Despite occasionally heavy rainfall, professional line crews with electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia, including Coweta-Fayette EMC, competed with teams from city and municipal systems.

Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, the Lineman's Rodeo has become popular with utilities and the public, since the competition gives line crews an opportunity to showcase the skills that are necessary and essential to restore power in the electric utility business.

"These guys are directly responsible for getting the lights back on," said Coweta-Fayette CEO Anthony "Tony" Sinclair. "They have the hardest job in the business and work in some of the toughest conditions imaginable. Whether it's rain, hail, tornadoes, sleet or snow, these guys respond to the call for help when needed."

That experience and dedication was evident during the competition. This year's rodeo attracted 26

three-person journeyman teams and 38 apprentices and involved four events: a written exam to test an individual's technical knowledge, changing an 8-foot cross arm, a mystery event announced at the competition – which this year involved changing out a solid blade switch and/or replacing a lightning arrestor – and the hurt man rescue in which crews help an injured or fallen comrade.



Crews consider the hurt man rescue – the event in which Coweta-Fayette EMC apprentice lineman Dustin Arrington took 3<sup>rd</sup> – to be sacred within their profession. In these mock situations, injured workers are assumed to be unconscious and injured. As such, the responsibility of saving a coworker lies solely with linemen, since emergency responders typically lack the experience and skills required to perform the life-saving work on high-voltage power lines.

In addition to Coweta-Fayette EMC apprentices and journeymen, crews competed from Carroll EMC in Carrollton, Cobb EMC in Marietta, Flint Energies in Reynolds, GreyStone Power in Douglasville, Jefferson Energy in Wrens, Snapping Shoals EMC in Covington and Walton EMC in Monroe.

An awards banquet was held to recognize winners in each division, as well as overall team winners.

## Save Time this Summer – Update Older Appliances!

Hand-churning ice, sugar, cream and fruit into your favorite summer ice cream has a certain charm, especially if it evokes memories of hot July afternoons spent blending the sweet treat with Grandma.

Grandma didn't have an electric ice cream maker. If she had, the two of you could have devoted 20 minutes to dessert-making, instead of all day.

Electric versions of old-fashioned cooking tools make meal preparation so much faster and easier that it's worth considering an investment or two. The microwave oven, of course, is a top time-saver at dinnertime, steaming, baking, melting and reheating at speeds two to five times faster than on the stove or in a conventional oven. Other examples:

- A pressure cooker can simmer a stew in half an hour – vs. two or three hours on the stove top.
- A high-speed blender with blades sharp enough to chop ice can turn fresh, crunchy ingredients into soup in less than two minutes. At the higher end

of the price scale, blenders can even heat the soup so you don't have to warm it up on the stove.

- An induction cook top sends heat directly to the pot rather than transferring it through stove-top coils, making quick work of everything, from heating food to boiling water.
- Hand-held blenders let you whip and puree food right in the pot while it's on the stove, so you don't have to transfer your ingredients to a bowl on the counter.
- Programmable appliances like coffeemakers can be preset to turn on and off at the same time every day, saving you from trekking to the kitchen the minute you stumble out of bed.
- Washing machine and dryer settings on newer models let you presoak now and wash later – without resetting the controls. Permanent-press and steam-fresh settings work better than ever to deliver wrinkle-free clothing right from the dryer.



# 2013 Melissa Segars Memorial Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to another group of extraordinary young men and women from Coweta-Fayette EMC's service territory. We are always amazed by the caliber of our local teenagers, and these winners are no exception!

To further enrich our cooperative's commitment to community, the Coweta-Fayette Trust, Inc., Board of Directors recently awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to 18 deserving high school students for the 2013 school year. Through Operation Round Up and other cooperative programs, the EMC has donated over \$510,500 to students in our service area over the past 19 years. We applaud the dedication and drive shown by these hard-working young people and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

Operation Round Up is an EMC program that contributes more than \$250,000 annually to worthy groups in our service area. This is made possible by voluntary contributions from co-op members whose electric bills are "rounded up" to the nearest dollar. The difference between what is actually owed and the next highest dollar is placed in an interest-bearing account, and this money is managed through a separate board of directors, the Coweta-Fayette Trust.

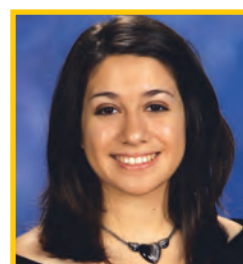
## \$1500 Scholarship Winners



**Rebekah Dishman**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Michael and Belinda Dishman  
Entering: Southern Polytechnic State University



**Raven Rhodes**  
East Coweta High School  
Parent: Marquisa Gray  
Entering: University of West Georgia



**Rachel Anne Buentello**  
McIntosh High School  
Parent: Stephanie Gohsman  
Entering: Oglethorpe University



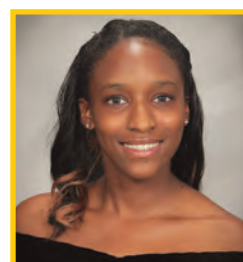
**Hunter Harrison**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Jeff and Debra Harrison  
Entering: St. Andrews University



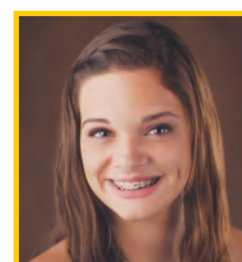
**Khadijah Phillips**  
Newnan High School  
Parent: Emma Smith  
Entering: University of West Georgia



**Ashley Cain**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Chris and Angela Cain  
Entering: Brigham Young University



**Alona Shanice Sanders**  
Newnan High School  
Parent: Vicki Ray  
Entering: Albany State



**Sidney Reynolds**  
Northgate High School  
Parents: Scott Reynolds and Amy Slinkard  
Entering: University of Georgia



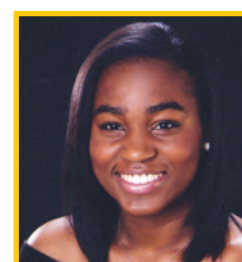
**Jillian Speck**  
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School  
Parent: Janet Speck  
Entering: Agnes Scott College



**Nana Amoah**  
Starr's Mill High School  
Parent: Monica Owusu  
Entering: Emory University



**Mariyah Sonita Bahadur**  
Whitewater High School  
Parents: Danny and Cathy Bahadur  
Entering: Oglethorpe University



**Vanesha Waiters**  
Whitewater High School  
Parents: Van Waiters and Desiree Screen  
Entering: University of Georgia

## \$3000 Scholarship Winners



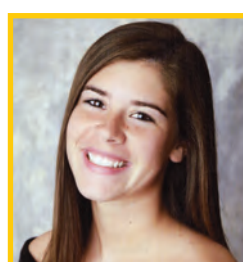
**Sonia Nunez**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Jose Nunez and Rosa Nunez Mosqueda  
Entering: University of West Georgia



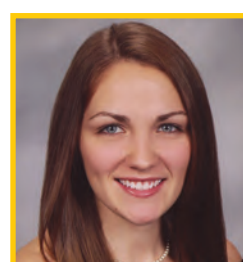
**Tyler Blevins**  
McIntosh High School  
Parents: Steve and Laura Blevins  
Entering: Georgia Institute of Technology



**Mary Rutland Rand**  
Newnan High School  
Parent: Lissa Rand  
Entering: Auburn University



**Valerie Louise Pettigrew**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Mike and Tracy Pettigrew  
Entering: University of West Georgia



**Victoria Byous**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Larry and Cara Bentley  
Entering: University of West Georgia



**Annie Walker**  
Whitewater High School  
Parents: Ray and Lynn Walker  
Entering: Samford University

# Control the Cost of Electricity with \$witch/\$ave



As fuel prices continue to rise, many U.S. utilities are realizing the need to actively incorporate energy-saving programs into their daily business model. At Coweta-Fayette, the Switch/Save program is one way your EMC is working to promote energy efficiency and lower power costs.

Over the last 20 years, thousands of members have allowed us to install load management switches on electric central air conditioning/heat pump systems to help reduce summer peak demand (generally June-September). With everyone's cooperation – and little to no inconvenience – a sizable amount of money has been saved. It is imperative from a financial standpoint, however, that we continue to minimize the effects of increased air conditioning, and the more people who participate in the program, the greater the savings will be for all Coweta-Fayette EMC consumers. This initiative even helps save on future power costs by delaying the construction of expensive new generating plants!

The most convenient way to control demand is to install remote-activated load management switches on new and existing electric central air conditioning/heat pump systems. The compressors will cycle off for approximately seven (7) minutes each half hour during peak hours (2-8 p.m. on weekdays ONLY). The air handler fan will continue operating to maintain the temperature inside your home or business. Between cycling, air conditioners operate normally.

If you are interested in helping control peak demand, sign up for Switch/Save today. A \$10 credit will be applied to your October bill for allowing the EMC to cycle air conditioning/heat

**Get \$10 just  
for making  
the switch**

pump systems during the months of June-September. To view frequently asked questions about the program or

enroll, please visit our website at [www.utility.org](http://www.utility.org). If you have additional concerns, please contact a customer service representative at 770-502-0226.

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Douglas B. Warner, Attorney

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**Nominating Committee for Upcoming Board Elections Announced**

**Bylaws of Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation**

**Article III Directors**

**3.05 Nominations by Nominating Committee.** It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days nor less than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which the board members are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the geographical areas served by the Cooperative. No member of the board may serve on such committee. Written notice of the names of the members of the committee and meeting date for the committee shall be provided to the members prior to such meeting. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to meet not less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting and to nominate one or more candidates for each seat on the board of directors that is to be filled at such meeting.

**Nominating Committee:**

**Kenneth Charles Baker**  
Newnan

**Irene Edwards**  
Fayetteville

**John B. Harp, Jr.**  
Fayetteville

**W.S. Craig**  
Brooks

**Mark T. Fletcher**  
Brooks

**James R. Lanier**  
Newnan

**Ronald Davis**  
Fayetteville

**Travis Hardy**  
Brooks

**Joe R. Nolen**  
Newnan

The three directors whose terms expire this year are:

**Therol Brown**  
Seat 1  
Fayette County

**K.M. Spaller**  
Seat 2  
FayetteCounty

**J. Neal Shepard**  
Seat 1  
Coweta County

**3.06 Nominations by Petition.** Other nominations for such elections may be made by written petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) members, which shall be submitted to the secretary of the Cooperative or his/her nominee not less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

**3.07 Notice of Nominees.** The secretary shall be responsible for posting at the headquarters of the Cooperative the nominees for each seat made by the nominating committee and by petition and shall provide written notice thereof to the members by separate written notice or by including such notice in the notice of the meeting at which the election is to be held.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting held June 25, 2013. This committee will meet August 7 and prepare a list of nominations that will be posted at the EMC office at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting on October 12, 2013.