



## EMC Team Members 'Light up the World'

After many months of extensive and dedicated fundraising, Coweta-Fayette EMC employees participated in the Relay for Life event April 27 at the Coweta County Fairgrounds in Newnan. The co-op team – whose theme was “Light up the World” – had over 125 members present, and countless others assisted behind the scenes.

Relay for Life is a community event designed to assist the American Cancer Society in promoting advocacy, procuring funds for cancer research and providing hope and progress to those whom cancer has touched. This year, there was a massive community turnout: countless businesses, churches, not-for-profit groups, families and others rallied together to make this year's festivities a fabulous success.

The Relay parking lots were full, and there were team tents as far as the eye could see around the designated walking track. The first group of walkers during the opening ceremony consisted of cancer survivors and caregivers. As they walked around the track, this brave group was met with continuous applause – a non-stop standing ovation! – and the show of support was inspiring.

Later in the evening, light sticks were placed in the hundreds of luminary bags lining the walking track. Luminaries bore the names of friends and family who fought cancer and won, as well as those who lost their battle. The team luminary walk demonstrated that those who have been taken by cancer will never be forgotten and that their challenge to find a cure has been taken up by loved ones. It is both a time to reflect and a moment of motivation to pledge that we will do all we can in the future to win this battle.

I recently attended a meeting with cooperative communications professionals from all over the nation. We agreed the most important thing for co-op employees to remember is that “you must let Members know you care, before they care what you know.”

Our Relay for Life team members and all of our employees demonstrate commitment to EMC consumers daily, in all they do. Seeing something with your own eyes is worth a thousand words: as I walked around the Relay track with our employees, there was no doubt they cared about our Members. As always, I was extremely proud of each of them.



At Coweta-Fayette EMC, we believe you have to think globally and act locally. We join with other cooperatives in Georgia and throughout the nation to achieve things we could not achieve by ourselves. It is cooperation among cooperatives. Our close association with other co-ops has saved Members millions of dollars over the years and allowed us to provide an even greater level of service.

One thing you may not know is that over 300 cooperatives and private organizations have helped developing countries embrace and use the U.S. electric cooperative model. Since 1962, co-ops have assisted the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in achieving their goal of electrifying the world “one village at a time.”

Your EMC participates in NRECA's international program. We send linemen annually to developing countries for two-week stretches to help locals provide electricity to schools, medical clinics, water pumps and villages where power was not previously available.

We have a wonderful sister cooperative relationship with Coopeguanacaste, which is located on the north-west side of Costa Rica. We have worked on projects there with great success and have provided training for their operations and engineering personnel here at Coweta-Fayette EMC.

For the last two weeks, we were honored to provide training for Christopher Zelaya and Marcos Adolfo, both linemen from Coopeguanacaste. They worked alongside our line technicians and learned many valuable skills to take back home to better serve their cooperative Members. The values we share with our sister cooperative in Costa Rica are successful and built upon integrity, trust and always serving Members first. In fact, I think the United Nations could use our fruitful and long-lasting co-op template instead of some of the models they have used in the past.

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, we can honestly say “we light up the world!”

For the Team,

*Anthony H. Sinclair “Tony”*  
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# EMC Power Line Technicians Shine in Statewide Lineman's Rodeo



*Curtis Baker (left), Lee Sewell (right) and Andrew Betts (not pictured) participated in the rodeo as a journeyman team.*



*Apprentice lineman Steven Robinson competes in the hurt-man rescue event.*



*Chip Moore, also an apprentice lineman, works against the clock while 40 feet in the air.*

Coweta-Fayette linemen Kyle Gillespie, of Newnan, and Dustin Arrington, of Carrollton, were among the winners at the 18th annual Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, held May 5 at Chehaw Park in Albany.

The first-time medal recipients, both apprentices (those in the first four years of lineman training), were awarded for showcasing the gravity-defying skills unique to the lineman profession and essential for restoring electricity under grueling conditions. Despite fierce competition, Gillespie won first place in A-3 Bell & Armor Rod Installation, and Arrington won second place in Hurtman Rescue.

During the rodeo, a variety of complex tasks – pole-climbing, hurtman rescue, transformer repair and high-voltage line-insulator changes – are scored by a team of judges for speed, accuracy and safe practices. Contests typically take place 40 feet in the air, leaving little room for error among participants racing against the clock. Entrants compete individually as apprentices or together as a team of three seasoned journeymen (the highest-qualified linemen).

"This is an extremely honorable profession, and we are so proud of our winners and all the EMC team members who participated," said Coweta-Fayette EMC CEO Tony Sinclair. "Not just anyone can do this job, nor would they want to – it's extremely challenging. When working with electricity, one small slip can lead to tragedy. The rodeo provides an informal setting to

promote safety and reinforce training."

The Georgia Lineman's Rodeo Association, which conducts the prestigious yearly event, strives to maintain a focus on safe work practices in the electric utility industry. The non-profit organization, a partnership of the Electric Cities of Georgia, Georgia EMC and Georgia Power, also promotes relationships among electric utility companies in the state and the Southeast.

In addition to Gillespie and Arrington, EMC linemen Curtis Baker, Andrew Betts and Lee Sewell competed as a journeyman team, and Shea Lasseter, Chip Moore and Steven Robinson competed individually in the apprentice category. Jody Hand, Jerome Arrington and Anthony Walker served as coaches for the event.



*EMC linemen Kyle Gillespie (left) and Dustin Arrington (right) were among the winners at the 18th annual Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, held May 5 at Chehaw Park in Albany. They were coached by Jerome Arrington (middle), an EMC crew chief, and presented with medals at an awards banquet following the statewide event.*

## New Growth in Newnan: EMC Expands Branch on Hospital Road



To better accommodate members and employees at our Newnan branch, Coweta-Fayette EMC began a renovation process on the facility in March. A 15 x 11-foot room was added to the building, creating an additional agent office and waiting area. This expansion will not only provide more privacy for members discussing account information, but will also enhance the overall professional business environment of the branch. Stop by and visit – we hope you like what you see!



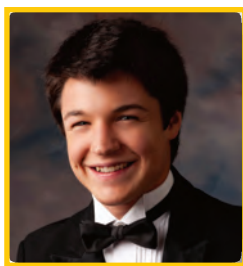
# 2012 Melissa Segars Memorial Scholarship Winners!

Please join us in congratulating 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!

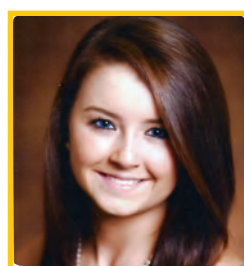
To further enrich our cooperative's commitment to community, the Coweta-Fayette Trust, Inc., Board of Directors recently awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to 18 deserving high school students for the 2012 school year. Through Operation Round Up and other cooperative programs, the EMC has donated over \$474,500 to students in our service area over the past 18 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 \$200,000 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



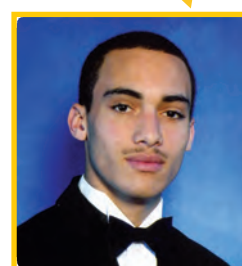
**William Parfitt**  
Landmark Christian School  
Parents: David and Vickie Parfitt  
Entering: Mississippi State University



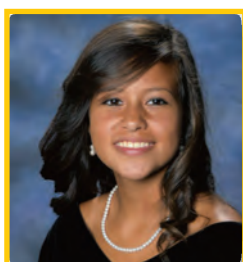
**Kate Collins**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Clay and Mary Collins  
Entering: University of Georgia



**Maggie McDaniel**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: George and Marsha McDaniel  
Entering: Piedmont College



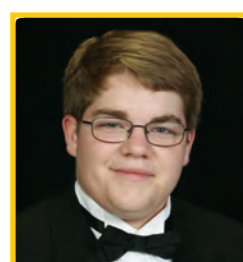
**Andrew Person**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Lindy Hardy  
Entering: Columbus State University



**Desiree Moore**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Dennis and Delia Moore  
Entering: University of Georgia



**Miranda Wagstaff**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Danny and Ashley Murray  
Entering: University of Alabama at Birmingham



**Andrew Kupfer**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Steve and Jennifer Kupfer  
Entering: Valdosta State University



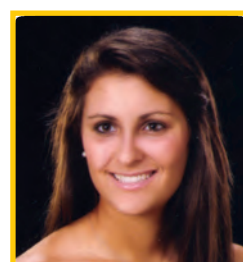
**Casey Williamson**  
Whitewater High School  
Parents: Steven and July Williamson  
Entering: Southern Polytechnic State University



**Dylan Taylor**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Kevin and Angela Taylor  
Entering: Auburn University



**Ashton Omdahl**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Brent and Natasha Omdahl  
Entering: Brigham Young



**Victoria James**  
Whitewater High School  
Parents: Frank and Melody James  
Entering: Gardner Webb University



**Jill Roden**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Rickey and Janet Roden  
Entering: Armstrong Atlantic State University

## \$3000 Scholarship Winners



**Nicholas Smith**  
Newnan High School  
Parents: Rogers and Pamela Smith  
Entering: Reinhardt University



**Ashley Akerson**  
McIntosh High School  
Parent: Dexter Middlebrooks and Paula Akerson  
Entering: Union University



**Kari Chambers**  
Whitewater High School  
Parents: Chuck and Lisa Chambers  
Entering: Shorter University



**Kendall Trammell**  
East Coweta High School  
Parents: Brent and Melinda Trammell  
Entering: University of Georgia




**Anna Adams**  
Northgate High School  
Parents: Wayne and Amon Adams  
Entering: Georgia Institute of Technology



**Maria Velez**  
East Coweta High School  
Parent: Luis and Raquel Velez  
Entering: Barnard College at Columbia University

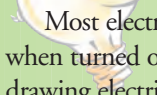
# Renters Have the Power to Save Electricity



If you rent a home, it may seem you can't do much to control electric bills. In reality, there are plenty of low- or no-cost tricks you can implement to cut down on electricity use.

## Electronics and Appliances

The notion that regularly powering down a computer will shorten its life is outdated. Modern computers tend to become outdated themselves before frequent shutdowns cause any damage. The U.S. Dept. of Energy consumer site, [www.EnergySavers.gov](http://www.EnergySavers.gov), offers this guideline: if you won't use a computer for more than 20 minutes, shut off the monitor; if you won't use it for more than two hours, shut the whole thing down. If your computer is slow to wake, however, your own time may be worth more than the electricity you save.



Most electronics feature a glowing light when turned off – that means they're still drawing electricity. A quick fix for this “vampire” load involves plugging various devices into a power strip. Simply flip the switch when you won't be using them.

## Weatherizing

Weather stripping and caulk can go a long way in saving energy and money. Check for gaps around doors/windows. Can you see daylight? If so, ask your landlord if you may seal cracks and reduce air flow. He or she may pay the cost if you do the labor.

Look to windows for additional savings. Try sealing kits you can purchase at any home improvement store.

## Useful Tips

When bulbs burn out, replace them with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). If they have an ENERGY STAR label, these bulbs typically last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs and use 75 percent less electricity.

Use your vacuum to clean refrigerator coils. Similarly, keep your dryer vents clean. Clogged coils and vents cause your appliances to work harder and increase the risk of fire.

## Call Your Co-op



When you're trying to save energy and money, it's good to know you're not alone. Call or email Coweta-Fayette EMC at 770-502-0226 for more information.

*Sources: U.S. Department of Energy (EnergySavers.gov), Cooperative Research Network*

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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.

**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 26, 2012. This committee will meet August 9 and prepare a list of nominations that will be posted at the EMC office at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting on October 13, 2012.

Nominating Committee:

<b>Ms. Frances Coggin</b> Newnan	<b>Ms. Patricia Mitchell</b> Newnan	<b>Mr. Christopher Stanley Seldon</b> Sharpsburg
<b>Mr. Marwin Hallford</b> Fayetteville	<b>Mr. Ralph Todd Rainwater</b> Sharpsburg	<b>Mr. Frederick E. Smith</b> Fayetteville
<b>Ms. Putula Hardaway</b> Luthersville	<b>Mrs. Cynthia S. Reno</b> Fayetteville	<b>Mrs. Joy Smith</b> Grantville

The three directors whose terms expire this year are:

<b>Mr. W.L. Clements</b> Seat 4 Coweta County	<b>Mrs. Alice Mallory</b> Seat 4 Fayette County	<b>Mrs. Mildred Winkles</b> Seat 3 Coweta County
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