

POWERlines

Entrepreneurial Spirit

America has always been blessed with innovators, entrepreneurs, scientific leaders and educators who think outside the box to create products, businesses and ideas that have changed our world for the better.

As we all struggle together to move out of the present sluggish recession and into growth and prosperity, we must remember: astounding creativity kicks in when a great need develops.

Your cooperative's employees – through their deliberate and thoughtful actions – always strive to increase efficiency, reduce costs and continually improve service to the Members (all at the same time!). We consider ourselves successful when we are able to do more with less. I am very proud of the decisions we have made to secure long-term, reasonably priced wholesale power and of the professionalism exhibited in carrying out Member business.

Coweta-Fayette EMC's share in Plant Vogtle is one example. The generating plant's new nuclear reactor units 3 and 4 presently under construction are expected to be on line in 2016 and 2017, respectively. Oglethorpe Power Company and its distribution cooperative Members, which include Coweta-Fayette EMC, own a 30 percent share of the new reactors being built. While these power plants are expensive to construct, they will provide a significant percentage of the energy used by our Members when they come on line, and the fuel costs will be minimal.

We also support and utilize natural-gas fueled electric generation. As a result of the recently expanded use of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing – commonly called "fracking" – natural gas prices are at record-setting lows. These drilling and production techniques, currently being used on shale rock formations within the continental U.S., have greatly expanded the known natural gas reserves in America.

Until natural gas prices stabilize at a rate that "fully supports" inherent drilling and production

costs, we anticipate slight increases in natural gas prices. When gas prices come in balance with drilling and production costs, we think everyone will agree that the cost of natural gas is still extremely reasonable, and its stability is far-reaching into the future.

In fact, the majority of our electric generation peaking capacity is produced using turbines fueled by natural gas. As a result of low prices during the last year, the cost of electricity produced by natural gas generation units has become temporarily competitive with that of some base load coal plants.

Natural gas price stability is wonderful for cooperatives because it allows us to budget strategically and accurately for the future. We believe the extremes in variability in natural gas prices, like those that occurred in the past due to hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and other factors, will have only minimal effects in the future. Most of the shale geological formations that will be produced are on land and easily accessed. We are pleased that our wholesale electric power unit costs are lower and that our Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas Members have benefitted greatly in the form of lower costs for homes and businesses.

We agree, along with other knowledgeable and informed energy providers, that using every arrow in the quiver is the right energy strategy. That includes nuclear, natural gas, 21st-century coal, renewables and energy efficiency.

We are confident our Members will have a bright future and continue to experience the wonderful quality of life where we live and work. We know that to be true, because the *entrepreneurial spirit* is alive and well in our service area.

For the Team,

Anthony H. Sinclair "Tony"
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Local Teens Win EMC Leadership Trip to Washington, D.C.

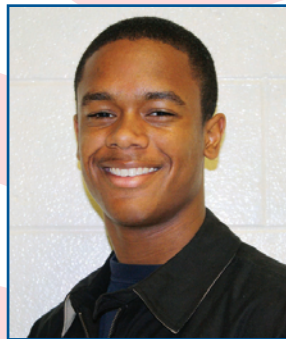
When asked the secret to success, many community and business leaders often cite early experiences that not only provided guidance, encouragement and peer networks, but also prepared them for a life-long journey of leadership and service.

Through the support and sponsorship of Coweta-Fayette EMC, one such opportunity will be available to two area teenagers this summer. East Coweta High School student Derian Pugh, 15, and Sandy Creek High School student Biko Hemphill, 17, will join over 100 other Georgia teens attending the 47th Washington Youth Tour, an all-expense-paid, week-long leadership event set for June 14-21 with stops in Atlanta and D.C.

As Georgia's oldest leadership program for students, the Washington Youth Tour is conducted by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (Georgia EMC), in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and designed to teach high school students about U.S. history, government and careers in public service.

In addition to personal development offerings, students will also receive in-person U.S. history lessons involving visits to the Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga. and travel to Washington, D.C. where they will meet Georgia's congressional leaders in the U.S. House and Senate, participate in National Youth Day and visit a number of treasured monuments and memorials. Participants are given the chance to explore our government and history up-close while having fun, making new friends and learning about careers in public service.

According to Coweta-Fayette EMC Youth Tour Coordinator Mary Ann Bell, participant evaluations



Coweta-Fayette EMC is proud to announce this year's Washington Youth Tour winners (shown l-r): East Coweta High School student Derian Pugh and Sandy Creek High School student Biko Hemphill. Congratulations, delegates!

from previous trips show a significant increase in students' self-awareness; self-confidence; ability to impact the community; and goal-setting, communication and team-building skills.

To underscore the importance of leadership and service in young adults, the Washington Youth Tour was inspired by former president Lyndon Johnson, who encouraged electric cooperatives "to send youngsters to the nation's capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Delegate Derian Pugh is the daughter of Derrick and Gwendolyn Pugh of Newnan. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a career in medicine at Emory, Spelman, UGA or Xavier University.

Delegate Biko Hemphill is the son of Dana and Winifred Hemphill of Fayetteville. Upon graduation, he plans to attend Vanderbilt University and participate in sports while majoring in pre-law.

Control Your Electricity Costs 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 and receive a \$10 participation bill credit every October! To view frequently asked questions about the program or register, please visit our website at www.utility.org. If you have additional concerns, please contact a customer service representative at 770-502-0226.

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

Bright Futures ahead: Coweta-Fayette EMC Trust Awards Scholarships to Local Technical College Students

*Congratulations to our 2012
scholarship winners!*

To help students in our service area acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to compete in an ever-evolving workplace, the Coweta-Fayette Trust, Inc. Board of Directors recently awarded \$10,000 to deserving technical school attendees for 2012.

Ten students enrolled at both Southern Crescent Technical College (Griffin Tech) and West Georgia Technical College were selected to receive individual \$1,000 scholarships for tuition, books or course-specific tools and equipment.

This funding, made possible by Coweta-Fayette EMC's Operation Round Up Program, was awarded to top academic performers seeking financial assistance. The winners of this year's scholarships were selected by the Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation Board and West Georgia Technical College Foundation Board based on a combination of need and academic performance.

Coweta-Fayette Trust, Inc./Operation Round Up has awarded 110 technical scholarships totaling \$148,400.00 since the program began in 2000.

Operation Round Up is a Coweta-Fayette EMC program that contributes more than \$250,000 each year to worthy groups in our service area. These awards are made possible by voluntary contributions from co-op members whose monthly 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 EMC Trust.



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How to Buy an Energy-Efficient Appliance



You're shopping for a new refrigerator and on a budget. The best buy is the fridge with the lowest sales price, right?

Not necessarily. The cost of owning an appliance has three components: the initial purchase price, the cost of repairs/maintenance and the cost to operate it.

To figure out what you'll spend over the lifetime of the appliance, you must look at all these factors. The appliance with the lowest initial purchase price, or even the one with the best repair record, isn't necessarily the one that costs the least to operate.

You can learn about the efficiency of an appliance through the yellow-and-black EnergyGuide label. The Federal Trade Commission's Appliance Labeling Rule requires appliance manufacturers to put these labels on:

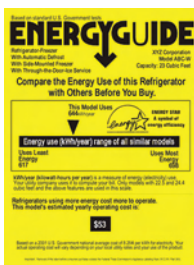
- ♦ Refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers
- ♦ Water heaters, furnaces, boilers
- ♦ Central air conditioners, room air conditioners, heat pumps
- ♦ Pool heaters.

When you shop in a dealer's showroom, you should find the labels hanging on the inside of an appliance or secured to the outside. They should specify:

- ♦ The capacity of the particular model
- ♦ For refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers and water heaters, the estimated annual energy consumption of the model
- ♦ For air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces, boilers and pool heaters, the efficiency rating
- ♦ The range of estimated annual energy consumption of comparable appliances.

Some appliances may also feature the ENERGY STAR logo, which means the appliance is significantly more efficient than the average comparable model.

*Source: Federal Trade Commission,
U.S. Department of Energy*





**Slight change
to member
account numbers
coming soon...
Watch for more
info in next month's
PowerLines!**

Summer Rates

Residential

Summer (June 1 - October 31)

Service Charge	\$20.00/mo.
First 750 kWh/mo	7.80¢/kWh
Over 750 kWh/mo.	10.65¢/kWh

Electric Water Heater Credit (June 1 - October 31)
\$2.00/mo.

(One EWH credit per household)

Residential Load Management Annual Credit

\$10.00 credit applied to the member's bill in October for allowing the EMC to cycle the air conditioner and/or water heater during the months of June - September.

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