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Coweta-Fayette **EMC**

# POWERLINES

## CFEMC hosts job shadowing for Heard County High School students

Coweta-Fayette EMC (CFEMC) hosted a job shadowing activity for Heard County High School students as a way to help benefit our future workforce.

On January 19, six students joined CFEMC to learn about the duties, responsibilities and career paths of linemen, staking technicians, and warehouse personnel.

While observing, they learned about the electric system and equipment used, including substations, transmission lines and distribution lines, as well as power line design and staking, and the overall functions of the warehouse.

This provided the opportunity for students to gain appropriate knowledge and exposure to these roles, learn about the education and training required, and gain hands-on experience.

**"This was a great opportunity for us to share how much EMC has to offer to our future workforce. It allowed us to teach them about jobs and possible career paths within the utilities," said Lori Adams, CFEMC's Director of Human Resources.**



**Pictured above:** Dawson Ramey, Tyler Lasseter, Jacob Watts and Aidan Nelms, Heard County High School seniors, learning about substation maintenance. **Pictured right:** Anthony Walker, Heard County High School senior, learning about electrical equipment used to build our system.



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**"I spent the day cross-training John Paul Awbrey, Heard County High School senior, who is interested in the field of Staking. I showed him new commercial and residential power installations, and he and I staked an underground power replacement job together. I think the whole experience was productive for both of us," said CFEMC's Steve Jones, Senior Staking Technician.**

Students were also given information about the Coweta-Fayette EMC Lineman Scholarship, currently offered by CFEMC. This scholarship allows high school graduates and graduating seniors the chance to complete West GA Technical School Lineman Program, all expenses paid.

**More information about this scholarship can be found by visiting our website at [www.utility.org](http://www.utility.org).**



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# Coweta-Fayette EMC Goes the Extra Mile for You.

**Our electric co-op serves 13  
consumers per mile of power lines.**

**Other electric utilities serve  
32 consumers per mile.**

**Even though we serve fewer along  
the lines, that won't stop us from  
going the extra mile for you, our  
members we're proud to serve.**

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## The President's Message



**Chris Stephens, CEO**

"All politics is local." This observation by the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., former U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous adage underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, we think it is critical to develop and cultivate relationships with our national, state, and local legislators because they craft, introduce and vote on legislation that not only impacts the electric utility industry, but the local business climate, the environment and quality of life for our community. That is why we work closely with all of our elected officials. After all, our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community by safely providing dependable, reasonably priced electricity.

CFEMC is a local business that powers economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our leadership, board members and employees live and work right here in the community we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for our community, ensuring that local legislators know, understand and act on the issues that are important to our area.

We recognize that most legislators vote on a wide range of issues. Their expertise may not include the changing energy industry, which is why CFEMC's staff and Board meet regularly with members of our delegation and with local leaders to provide guidance and expertise from our many years of experience in the energy industry. In December 2022 and again in February 2023, we met with community leaders and members of our legislative delegations to share our concerns, update them on our community involvement, and highlight our numerous "green" offerings now available to our members.

A special thank you to Senator Matt Brass, Representative Debra Bazemore, Representative Josh Bonner, Representative Demetrius Douglas, Representative Lydia Glaize, Representative David Jenkins, Representative Tish Naghise, Representative Mandisha Thomas as well as representatives from the Central Educational Center, Coweta County Government, Coweta County Development Authority, Coweta County School System, Coweta County Sheriff's Office, Fayette County Chamber, Fayette County Development Authority, Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Georgia Public Service Commission, Heard County Development Authority, Heard County Sheriff's Office, Piedmont Fayette Hospital, and Southern Crescent Technical College for taking time out of your busy schedules to learn more about CFEMC.

Today's energy landscape is becoming increasingly complex covering a wide range of topics including electric generation diversity, engineering, vegetation management, technology, renewables, cybersecurity, and the electrification of the transportation sector just to mention a few. As we strive to be a trusted resource on this landscape, we will continue to look after the long-term interests of our members by cultivating and fostering positive, productive relationships with our elected officials and local leaders who know and trust us because we are advocating on behalf of the community we serve.

We are proud to bring electric power into the life of you, our members, while also bringing good things to the community to improve the quality of life for all.