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## CFEMC Awards Scholarships at Inaugural Celebration

The Coweta-Fayette EMC Trust hosted its inaugural scholarship dinner on April 14 at the Coweta-Fayette EMC Headquarters, celebrating the achievements and bright futures of local students. The evening was marked by inspiration and recognition, as CEO Chris Stephens honored each recipient by highlighting their academic accomplishments, dedication to community service and plans for the future.

A total of 22 students received scholarships, including seven \$1,000 technical scholarships for students attending West Georgia Technical College and Clayton State University and 15 \$3,000 Melissa Segars scholarships. Recipients represented the region, with 13 students from Coweta County, eight from Fayette County and one from Heard County. Read more about Operation Round Up on the next page!



**Technical/Trade School Recipients:**

### Coweta County:

Alexis Diedrich, West GA Technical College  
Emma Rodriguez, West GA Technical College  
O'Malley Marie Anderson, West GA Technical College  
Rachel Singh, West GA Technical College  
Samantha Brackin, West GA Technical College  
Vy Yen Vo Le, Clayton State University

### Heard County:

Andrew Betts, West GA Technical College

See photos of each recipient  
and from our celebration by  
scanning the QR code!



**Melissa Segars Scholarship Recipients:**

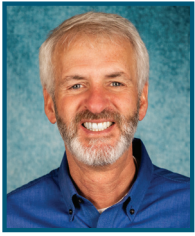
### Coweta County:

Callie Steward, East Coweta High School  
Calum Ewing, Northgate High School  
Cooper Perkins, Northgate High School  
Davis Markham, Newnan High School  
Jordin Guy, East Coweta High School  
Lianna Realbuto, Northgate High School  
Mary Hollis Kidd, Newnan High School

### Fayette County:

Andrew Dawson, Sandy Creek High School  
Curtis Merritt, Whitewater High School  
Emma Doyle, Fayette County High School  
Gabrielle Ferguson, Sandy Creek High School  
Kenza Lezoul, McIntosh High School  
Lincoln Richey, Whitewater High School  
London Rivers, Whitewater High School  
Tyler Cape, Starr's Mill High School

# Powering Possibilities: Celebrating Community Impact & Staying Safe This May



Chris Stephens  
CEO

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, one of the things we value most is the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve. That impact is never more evident than when we see the lives touched through programs supported by our members.

This past month, we had the privilege of hosting our **first-ever Operation Round Up Scholarship Dinner**. This was a milestone for our cooperative. Thanks to the generosity of members who participate in Operation Round Up, we were able to award nearly **\$60,000 in scholarships** to outstanding local students. These young men and women represent the very best of our communities, and it was an honor to celebrate their achievements alongside their families, teachers, and community leaders.

Programs like Operation Round Up demonstrate the power of small contributions coming together to create something truly life-changing. When members round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar, those extra cents add up to opportunities for students to pursue higher education, for our non-profit organizations to receive funds to support their mission and projects, and for our communities to grow stronger together.

We're also excited to share that we recently hosted our **first Operation Round Up Fishing Tournament**, another new way to bring our community together while supporting a great cause. Events like this, and our upcoming Golf Tournament in May, help us expand the reach of Operation Round Up, allowing us to give back even more to the communities we proudly serve.

While we celebrate these moments, May also serves as an important reminder of another core priority at Coweta-Fayette EMC: safety.



**May is National Electrical Safety Month**, and it's a time to reinforce the importance of staying vigilant around electricity—both at home and in the workplace. Electricity powers our daily lives, but it must always be treated with respect.

We encourage all our members to take a few simple steps to keep safety top of mind:

- Check cords and outlets for damage and replace any that show signs of wear.
- Avoid overloading circuits or extension cords.
- Keep electrical devices and outlets away from water.
- Be mindful of overhead power lines when working outdoors or using ladders and equipment.
- Teach children about electrical safety and the dangers of playing near utility equipment.

For our business members, ensuring equipment is properly maintained and that employees are trained on electrical safety practices is equally important.

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, safety isn't just a monthly focus; it's a **daily commitment**. From the crews who work in the field to the employees who serve you in our offices, safe practices guide everything we do. We put safety first because the well-being of our employees, members and the communities we serve matters to us.

As we move into the summer months, we remain grateful for the continued support of our members. Whether it's through participating in Operation Round Up, attending community events, or partnering with us to promote safety, you are an essential part of the cooperative difference.

Together, we're not just powering homes and businesses, we're powering possibilities.

**Our first Casting for a Cause Bass Tournament raised over \$30,000 for Operation Round Up! See more photos, standings and how to "round up" your bill by scanning the QR code!**



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