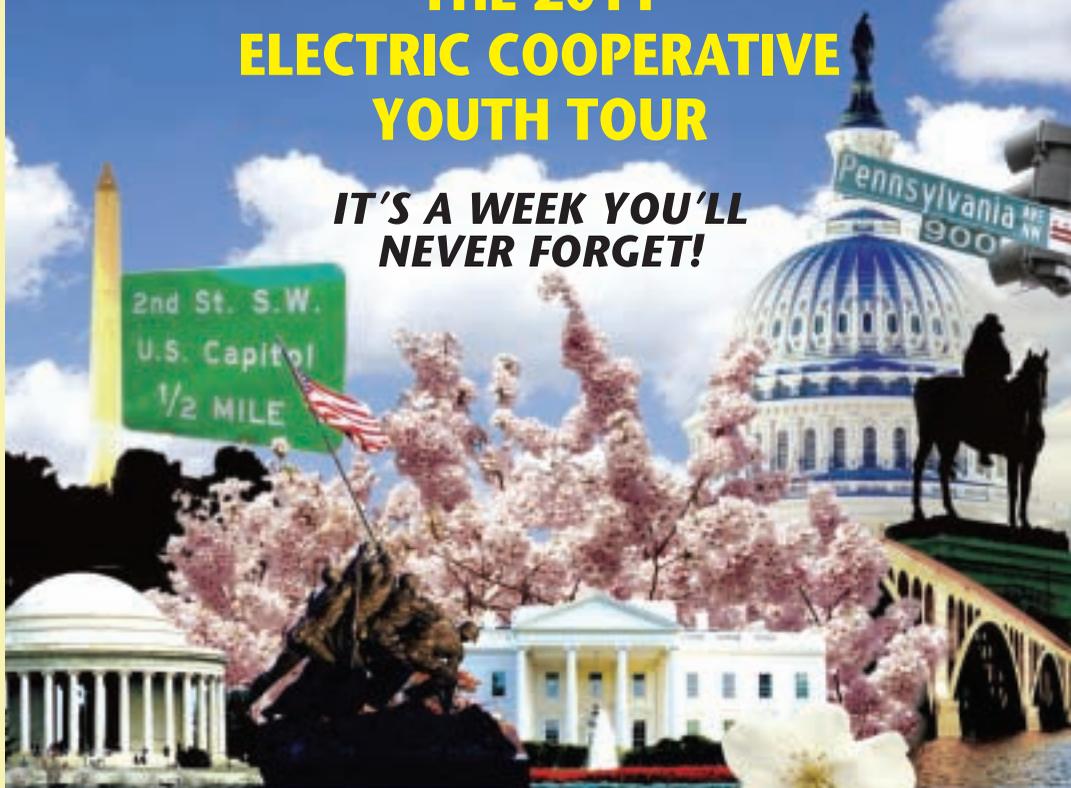




YOU CAN WIN A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO  
WASHINGTON DC

## THE 2011 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR

**IT'S A WEEK YOU'LL  
NEVER FORGET!**



Applications are now being accepted to participate in the 2011 Washington Youth Tour. Two lucky winners will be selected to represent Colquitt EMC on the trip to be held June 9-16, 2011. The competition is open to all high school juniors who are at least 16 years old and reside in a household served by Colquitt EMC.

While on the Youth Tour, Colquitt EMC's representatives will tour the nation's Capitol, visit historic monuments and museums, meet U.S. Senators and Representatives and mingle with more than 1,500 young people representing cooperatives from all across the United States.

**Applications are available at any of our Colquitt EMC offices or online at [www.colquitemc.com](http://www.colquitemc.com). Completed applications for the Washington Youth Tour are due by mail or hand delivery by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 to any Colquitt EMC office.**



## Colquitt EMC System Upgrades

Colquitt EMC is continually upgrading its system to provide consumers with the best service possible. CEMC completed three major construction projects in 2010.

- In May, CEMC energized the Pinegrove Substation on the Lakeland Highway just east of Valdosta. The Pinegrove Substation was built to replace the East Valdosta Substation which was outdated and had reached full capacity. The brand new substation serves approximately 8,100 consumers.
- In August, CEMC energized the Omega Substation on Keith Fletcher Road. The Omega Substation was

built due to increased load in the area. The station will ultimately deliver power to 1,800 consumers in south and west Tift County and parts of Colquitt County.

- The Rosehill Substation, located in the western part of Colquitt County, was upgraded in November. The upgrade was necessary to ensure room for future growth and provide back-up capabilities.

"These new substations and upgrades will greatly increase Colquitt EMC's ability to maintain our goal of providing safe, reliable, and low-cost power to our members," said Charles Tucker, Manager of Engineering.

In 2011, part of the Brookfield Substation will be rebuilt and upgrades will be made to the Lenox and Walkerville substations.

## Apply For Walter Harrison Scholarship

Colquitt EMC is currently accepting applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical institute in Georgia.

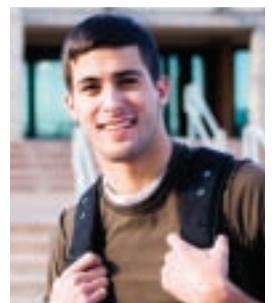
The Walter Harrison Scholarship was created in 1985 by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, the trade association representing the 42 electric cooperatives of Georgia. The award pays tribute to the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement and a leader at local, state and national levels in the electric cooperative program. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$133,500 in scholarships, in cooperation with Georgia EMC's, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and Georgia Rural Electric Supply Corporation.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance. Grade point average, SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, and financial need are considered when determining eligibility.

Students applying for the scholarship must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete an application, and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with a glimpse into his or her future plans. Entries are reviewed by a committee comprised of EMC directors and managers across Georgia.

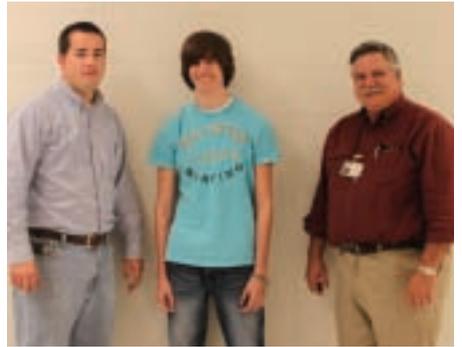
To receive an application, contact Colquitt EMC at (229) 985-3620 or visit [www.colquittemc.com](http://www.colquittemc.com).

**Completed applications must be received by February 1, 2011.**

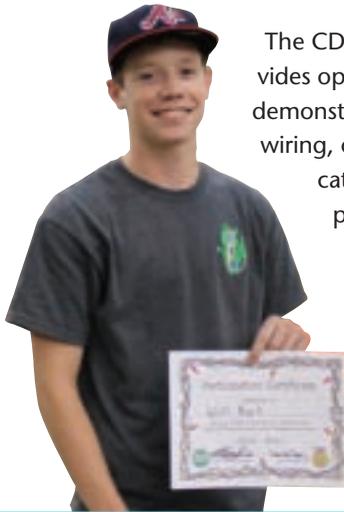


## EMC/FFA Electrical Wiring Career Development Event

Each year, the EMC's in Georgia sponsor the Electrical Wiring CDE (Career Development Event) for the FFA. Colquitt EMC, along with other nearby EMC's, recently hosted the Area 5 and Area 6 CDE's. The EMC's sponsor these events as a means of supporting education in the safe and efficient use of electrical energy.



*L to R: Advisor James Hunter, winner T.J. Powell (Berrien County), & Area Mechanics Teacher Von Peavy*



The CDE is a competition that provides opportunities for FFA students to demonstrate their skills in electrical wiring, critical thinking, and communications. The students are tested through a hands-on wiring problem, a written problem-solving assessment, and an oral presentation.

Colquitt County High School FFA student, Will Burt, won 1st place at the Area 5 competition in Tifton. Berrien County High School FFA student, T.J. Powell, won 2nd place at the Area 6 competition in Nashville. Both Will and T.J. will be moving on to compete in the State Agricultural Electrification CDE.

***Congratulations Will and T.J.***

## Community CONNECTIONS

(Right) Andy Sykes, Valdosta Serviceman, making a presentation to the Lake Park Elementary School students on Career Day.



(Below) Colquitt EMC employees gathered to spread cheer in Tifton's annual Christmas parade on December 4th.





## Please Burn With Care

**ATTENTION:** Use firebreaks around any utility poles on land that will be burned under controlled conditions. By using a firebreak to protect utility poles, you can help Colquitt EMC save thousands of dollars in repair costs. Also, you can avoid potential safety problems resulting from burned poles.

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

## Why Electric Bills May Go Up in the Winter

Many consumers, even those who do not have electric heat, often see their bills increase in the winter and wonder why. It's sometimes hard to determine a clear reason for this. Here are some things that might contribute to higher bills this time of year.

- More "at home" activities – extra holiday cooking, dishwashing, TV watching, etc.
- Using more lights because the days are shorter
- Using outdoor lights (and Christmas lights) more in the winter
- Using electric space heaters
- Using electric blankets and heating pads
- Taking warmer baths and showers
- Using washers and dryers more
- Using heat (Most heating systems require electric power in some way, and they run almost continuously when it's extremely cold.)

## Keeping Track of 2011...

A chart is provided below to keep an accurate record of your monthly electric bills for 2011. Use the chart to compare monthly kwh consumption and the number of days in the billing period.

	Date Read	Reading	kwh Used	Cost	Date Paid
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
<b>TOTAL</b>					



## Recipes of the Month

### Italian Chili

- 2 lbs. Italian sausage (1 lb. hot & 1 lb. sweet)
- 2 (15 oz.) cans navy beans, drained
- 4 (15 oz.) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 (15 oz.) can water
- onion
- bell pepper
- minced garlic
- black pepper
- italian seasoning

Brown sausage in large Dutch oven. Cook until no longer pink. Add onion and bell pepper and cook until vegetables are soft. Add minced garlic, beans, tomatoes, water and seasonings. Simmer for approximately 1 hour on medium-low heat. Ladle into bowls; top with shredded mozzarella cheese and serve immediately. *Yield: 12 Servings.*

**Per Serving:** 475.6 Calories, 25.6g Fat, 1667.5mg Sodium, 51.7mg Cholesterol, 36.7g Carbohydrate.



### Pan-Roasted Broccoli

- 3 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 lbs broccoli, separated into small florets, and stems, sliced (about 5 cups florets and 3/4 cup stems in total)

Stir water, salt, and pepper together in small bowl, until salt dissolves. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium high then add the broccoli stems in an even layer. Don't stir for about two minutes until they get light browned. Add the florets and toss to combine and don't stir for another two minutes, until they just begin to brown. Add water spice mixture and cover pan with lid, cooking for two minutes. Uncover and cook until desired doneness.

**Per Serving:** 108.3 Calories, 7.3g Fat, 192.3mg Sodium, 0.0mg Cholesterol, 9.4g Carbohydrate. **Note:** The following items or measurements are not included listed: pepper