

Walden and Faucette Selected for Washington Youth Tour

Cook High School student, **Taylor Walden**, and Brooks County High School student, **Garrett Faucette**, will spend one week of their summer attending the 46th annual Washington Youth Tour—an all-expense paid leadership experience sponsored by Colquitt EMC and other EMCs in Georgia.

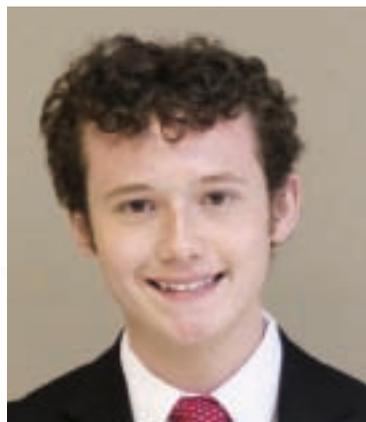
Before flying to Washington, D.C., Taylor and Garrett will spend a day in Georgia where they visit Atlanta sites and tour the Little White House in Warm Springs. In D.C., stops include Ford's Theater, the Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Union Station, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, Capitol, Washington Monument, and the Jefferson, World War II, Lincoln, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans monuments and memorials.

The youth will also participate in a moving wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, view the United States Marine Corps Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial, attend a Congressional meeting with U.S. Representatives, and meet both U.S. Senators from Georgia.

Taylor and Garrett will be joined by 103 Georgia high school students and more than 1,500 students from 44 states for the event. As Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to teach high school students about U.S. history, government and the importance of public service.



TAYLOR WALDEN
Cook High School



GARRETT FAUCETTE
Brooks County High School



The following members were presented to the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors to serve on the 2011 Nominating Committee:

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The Nominating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the Colquitt EMC headquarters in Moultrie to make nominations for three board positions.*

CEMC members elect directors by mail and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The 2011

Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at Spence Field in Moultrie.

*In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make other nominations by petition no less than eighty-five days prior to the Annual Meeting.

This Committee will be officially seated on June 6, 2011.

The following Directors' terms will expire on November 1, 2011:

District 2, **Noel Childers**
(Brooks County)

District 3, **Jimmy Griner**
(Berrien County)

District 4, **Simmie King**
(Cook County)

May is Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Georgia's electric cooperatives are joining with the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) to raise awareness of potential home hazards and the importance of safety. This year's campaign challenges people across the country to evaluate the electrical safety of their own homes.

Georgia's electric co-ops offer these tips to help identify and eliminate electrical hazards, to protect yourself, your family and your home:

- Make sure entertainment centers and computer equipment have plenty of space around them for ventilation.
- Use extension cords as a temporary solution, and never as a permanent power supply.
- Do not place extension cords in high-traffic areas, under carpets, or across walkways, where they pose a potential tripping hazard.

- Use a surge protector to protect your computer and other electronic equipment from damage caused by voltage changes.
- Heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to accommodate your needs.
- Have additional outlets installed by a qualified, licensed electrician.
- Keep liquids, including drinks, away from electrical items such as televisions and computers.

Electrical safety awareness and education among consumers, families, employees and communities will prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities. Visit the Electrical Safety Foundation International's Virtual Home at virtualhome.esfi.org to learn more about home electrical safety.



Summary of Bylaw Provisions Pertaining to Membership, Annual Meetings, Board Representation, Nomination and Election Procedures for Election to the Board

ARTICLE II Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held between October 1st and November 30th of each year at such place in the counties of Colquitt, Tift, Cook, Berrien, Lowndes, or Brooks as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of reporting results of the directors' election, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon written request signed by at least three (3) directors or at least ten percent (10%) of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the county of Colquitt in the state of Georgia specified in the notice of the special meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than seven (7) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail to each member, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, in the case of a special meeting, or by any other director in the case of any meeting whose time, place, and date have actually been fixed by the Board of Directors. In making such computation, the date of the meeting shall not be counted. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered five (5) days from date when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting, and the attendance in person of a member at any meeting of the members shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting unless such attendance shall be for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business, or one or more items of business, on the grounds that the meeting shall not have been lawfully called or convened.

No matter which requires the affirmative vote of at least a clear majority of all the Cooperative's members shall be acted upon at any meeting of the members unless notice of such matter shall have been contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. At least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 5. Voting. Each member who is not in a status of suspension, as provided for in Section 6 of Article I shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote. Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative prior to or upon registration at each member meeting of satisfactory evidence entitling the person presenting the same to vote. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or these Bylaws.

Section 6. Order of Business. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum, reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be. The reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings and the taking of necessary action thereon, the reading of unapproved minutes may be waived by a majority of the members present; and announcement of directors elected, presentation and consideration of, and action upon, reports of officers, directors, and committees, unfinished business, new business, adjournment.

ARTICLE III Directors

Section 1. Number and General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The area served by Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation shall be divided into districts for the purpose of determining the district or area from which representatives shall be chosen to serve on the Board of Directors.

The directors shall be fixed as follows:

District 1	Colquitt County	2 Directors
District 2	Brooks County	1 Director
District 3	Berrien County	1 Director
District 4	Cook County	1 Director
District 5	Lowndes County	2 Directors
District 6	Tift County	1 Director
District 7	Worth-Tift Counties	1 Director

At the expiration of the term of any director his successor shall be elected for a period of three (3) years.

Section 2. Qualification, Election, and Tenure. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is an employee, a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member of the Cooperative.

Upon the establishment of the fact that any person holding a directorship or any other position of trust in the Cooperative lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause him to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the Directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days before the date of each annual meeting, 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 on the Committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No employee of the Cooperative, member of the Board of Directors, known candidate for election, or any close relative or member of the same household of an employee, director, or a known candidate shall be appointed a member of such Committee. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee or nominees with respect to each Directorate District from which a director must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected. The Committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same Directorate District.

Any fifty (50) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts from which they are nominated, not less than eighty-five (85) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted.

Section 4. Voting for Directors. The election of directors, or any bylaw amendment, change, or action directly relating to the election of directors, will be conducted by mail. To be eligible to vote for directors, a member must have been a member on August 31 of the year in which the election for directors is held. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting, one ballot shall be mailed by the Cooperative to each member entitled to vote. The ballots shall contain the names of all persons nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition for each Directorate position to which a director is to be elected. Only members residing in each Directorate District may vote for, and elect, the director for that District. No member in any election may vote for more than one nominee from any Directorate District. Members shall mark their ballots indicating the director for whom they wish to vote and return said ballots to the Cooperative either by mail or by delivery to the main office or any district or branch office not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Any ballot received in the mail or by hand delivery less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting shall not be counted for the purpose of election of directors. The notice to the members entitled to vote in which the ballots are enclosed shall contain instructions to the members as to how to mark their ballots for election of directors, and said instructions shall be explicitly followed in order for a ballot to be counted. The failure of any member to receive a ballot for any reason shall not invalidate the election of directors as provided for herein.

Section 4-A. Uncontested Elections. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the nominating process set forth in Section 3 of this Article yields only one nominee with respect to the position of director of any Directorate District which must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected, then no vote of the members shall be required with respect to such Directorate position; and the sole nominee shall be deemed elected in accordance with these Bylaws.



Teachers... Apply for CEMC's 2011 Bright Ideas Program

Colquitt EMC awards Bright Ideas grants to teachers (grades K-12) to help fund innovative projects in any subject area. For more information, please contact Joni Fox at (229) 386-2278 or e-mail questions to jonifox@colquittemc.com.

Applications must be turned in by June 3, 2011.

3 Myths about Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Myth #1: CFLs contain dangerous amounts of mercury.

FACT: CFLs contain only trace amounts of mercury, usually less than that found in a can of tuna. However, it is still important to properly dispose of used or damaged bulbs. Check with your current waste disposal service for guidelines. Also, some retail stores will accept used bulbs for free disposal.

Myth #2: CFLs are too expensive.

FACT: The increased demand for CFLs has caused prices to drop substantially. The average price of a CFL is around \$2.00 compared to an incandescent bulb which averages around \$0.50. However, CFLs use an average of 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer. The average energy savings from replacing one incandescent bulb with a CFL is \$10.00 per year.

Myth #3: CFLs will not fit in fan and candelabra fixtures.

FACT: This was true just a few years ago; however, CFLs are now available in every size and configuration imaginable (such as frosted glass, curled lamp tips, and traditional incandescent shapes).

CEMC 2011 Scholarship Program

Applications for Colquitt EMC's 2011 Scholarship Program are now available.

Colquitt EMC awards scholarships to students who are enrolled in colleges or universities located in Colquitt EMC's service area. To be eligible, scholarship recipient's primary residence must be the household of a Colquitt EMC member.

Applications and additional details are available in our offices and at www.colquittemc.com. The deadline to apply is **Friday, June 17, 2011**.



REA CO-OP HISTORY

In honor of Colquitt EMC's 75th Anniversary, we are asking our members for stories, pictures, and interesting objects from Colquitt EMC or REA history. If you have memories or stories of "when the lights came on" **please share your story.**

The contact person is Jessica Spangler, (229) 985-3620, or jessicaspangler@colquittemc.com.



Recipes of the Month



Granma's Taters

- 2 large cans sweet potatoes (14-16 oz. each)
- 8 oz. can crushed pineapple (undrained)
- 2 cups light brown sugar
- 10 oz. bag miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9x11" baking dish with cooking spray. Drain sweet potatoes and mix until smooth in a large bowl. Add undrained pineapple and brown sugar and stir or beat until well blended. Pour mixture into baking dish. Bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cover the top of dish with marshmallows. Place in oven and bake 5-8 minutes or until marshmallows brown. *Yield: 8 servings*

—Recipe submitted by Marilyn Johnson

Note: Nutrition information is not available for this recipe.

Corn Pudding

- 15 oz. can cream corn
- 3 eggs (beaten)
- 2 ½ tablespoons self-rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray baking dish with cooking spray. Mix all ingredients and pour into baking dish. Bake for 25 minutes. Reduce heat to 325° and bake for 30 minutes. *Yield: 6 servings*

—Recipe submitted by Marilyn Johnson

Note: Nutrition information is not available for this recipe.

Share your favorite recipes with us!

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