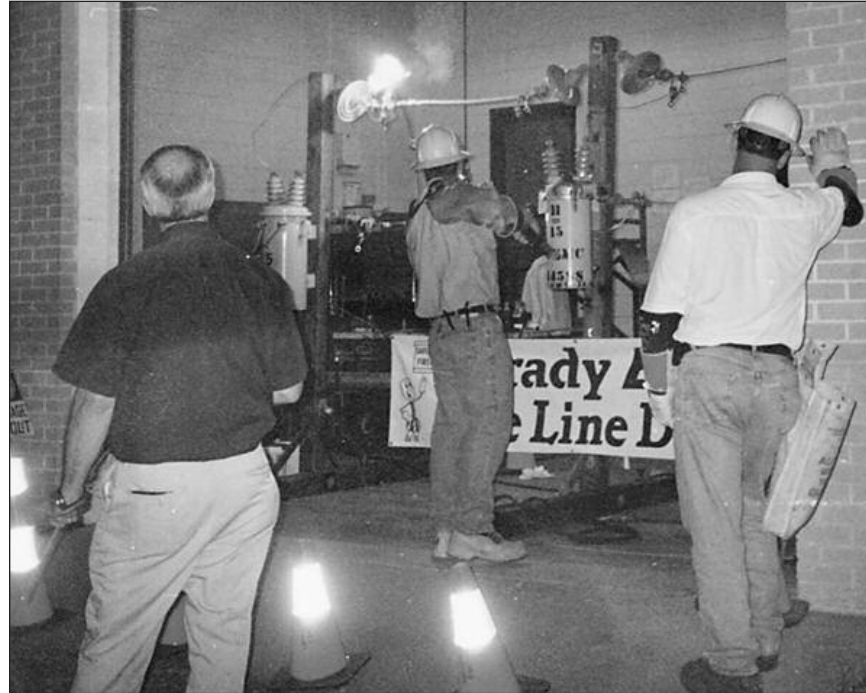
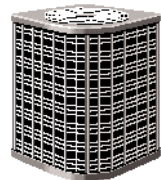


## EMC Employees Conduct Live High Power Safety Demonstrations



Recently, employees of Grady EMC have presented safety demonstrations to the 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the Grady County School System. This was done at Washington Middle School as part of Career Day. The students were receptive and attentive as Lynwood Cone and Jeff Gibbs of Grady EMC conducted the demonstrations. Not only were safety issues discussed with the students; but also, career opportunities that exist within the electric utility industry.

Farmers and volunteer firemen from Grady County, and students from Cairo High School's VoAg department recently attended the live line, high power safety demonstration conducted at Cairo High School. David Strickland, C.H.S. ag-teacher, coordinated the event. Lynwood Cone and Jeff Gibbs again conducted the demonstration with Wayne Windham presenting the program. Safety issues that pertain to volunteer firemen, farmers, and the general public were discussed. Grady EMC would like to thank everyone that attended and to remind everyone to be extra cautious when working with equipment that brings you in close contact with power lines. Various pictures from both demonstrations are shown. ■



### Help Your Heat Pump Out This Summer

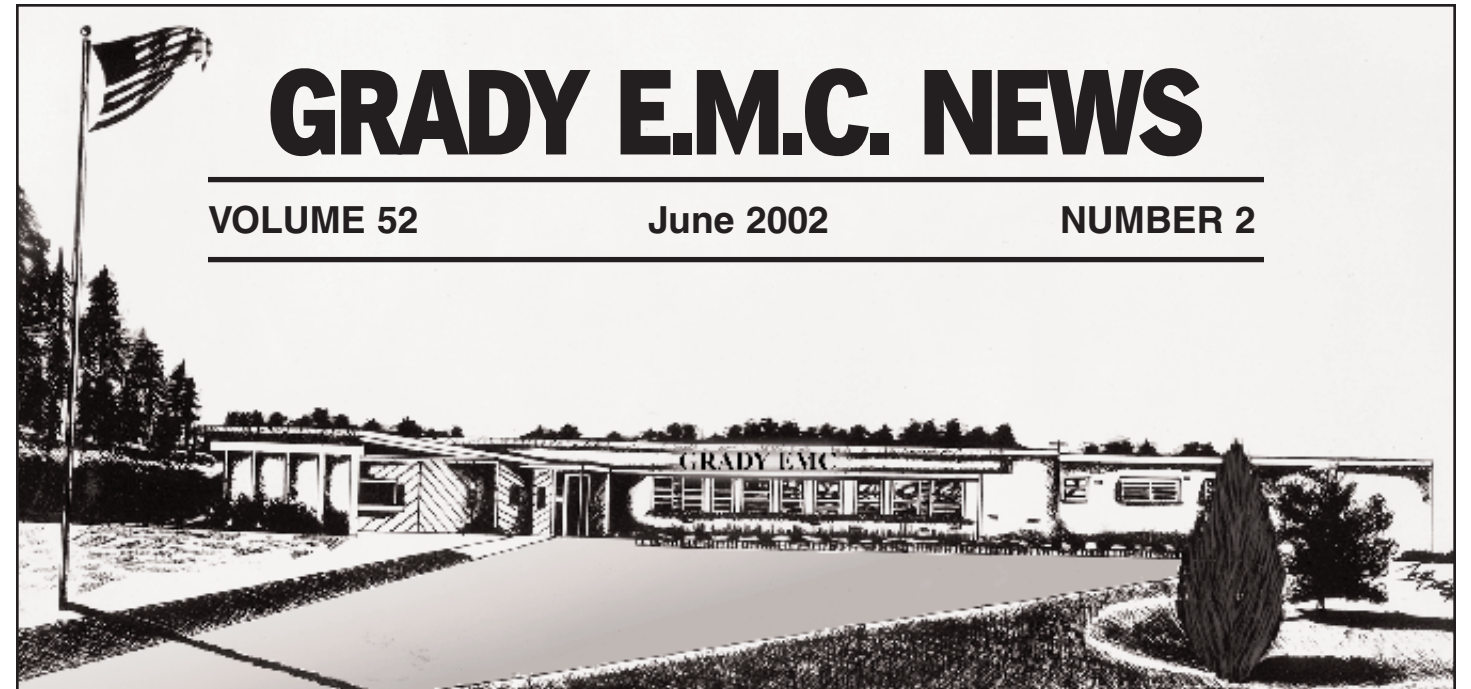
It seems as if we jumped directly from winter to summer this year. Spring is usually the time when we start having our heat pumps checked out for the upcoming summer and winter seasons. As we are already experiencing mid 90 temperatures in April, it is a good idea to have your system checked immediately to make sure it is operating at its' maximum efficiency. Having your unit checked by a licensed heating/air conditioning contractor is recommended. Make sure the unit is full of freon, and that there are no leaves, grass-clippings, or objects that interfere with the proper air flow across the coils. Also, have your ductwork system checked to make sure there are no air leaks. Joints and seams in the ductwork are recommended to be sealed with Mastic as this is a better sealer than tape. Leaking ductwork can rob us of valuable energy. Don't forget to change the air filters on a monthly

basis. Remember, recommended thermostat settings are 78 degrees in summer and 68 degrees in winter. Utilize ceiling fans to keep air moving in the home which helps us to feel more comfortable.



### Extension Cords - Be Safe

As summer activities are upon us such as trimming hedges, shrubs, blowing off decks, driveways, etc., and listening to our radios around the pool, if using extension cords, make sure the cords are not frayed with wiring exposed as this can present a severe shock. Faulty extension cords, especially around a swimming pool, can be especially dangerous. Please check your extension cords and replace if necessary. The three-prong, grounded type should be used for safety's sake.



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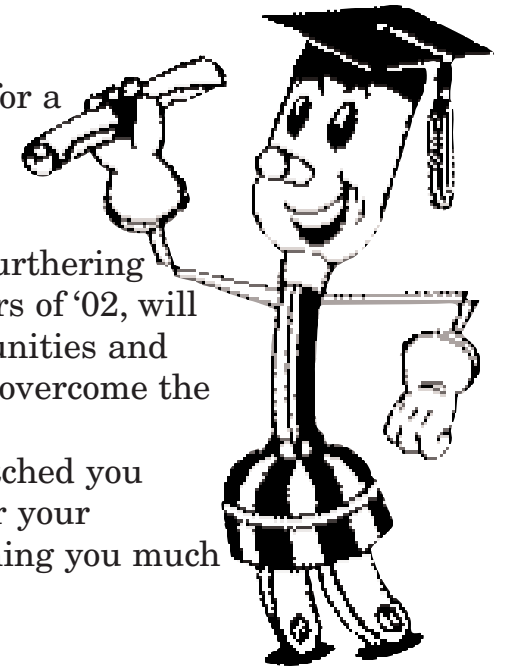
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## Congratulations to the Graduates the Class of 2002

We know this is a day that you have looked forward to for a long time. Your hard work and efforts have finally been rewarded.

The friends and classmates that have preceded you in graduation are now moving on with their lives, whether furthering their education, or entering the workplace. You, the Seniors of '02, will now start doing the same and contributing to your communities and society. you have been equipped to handle the challenges, overcome the objectives, and become a productive individual.

Your families, friends, relatives, and educators have watched you grow and mature and are extremely happy for you and for your accomplishments. Grady EMC also takes pleasure in wishing you much happiness and success in whatever you try to accomplish. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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## \$1,000 Walter Harrison Scholarship awarded to local student

Grady EMC is pleased to announce that Allen Braniff Davis of Cairo, Georgia was recently awarded the prestigious \$1,000 Walter Harrison Scholarship for outstanding high school students. Braniff will be graduating from Cairo High School.

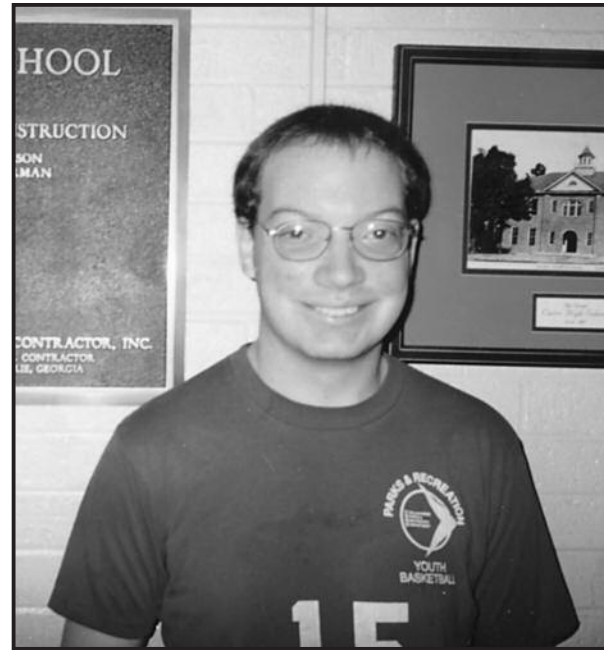
Braniff was one of five winners selected from the sixty-nine finalists. The Walter Harrison Scholarship is awarded annually to students who excel in the areas of grade point average, SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, and who demonstrate a need for financial aid.

Braniff's parents are Terry and Nancy Davis of Cairo. Braniff will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall and will be majoring in Education. He is an honor graduate of the C.H.S. Class of 2002 and is the Salutatorian of his graduating class. He received the Senior Achievement Award in Social Studies, was a member of the Literary Meet and Debate team that won first place in region competition this year, and placed fourth in the boys essay. Braniff's goal is to become a college professor.

The \$1,000 scholarship can be used at any accredited two or four year university, college, or vocational-technical institute in Georgia. The Walter Harrison Scholarship was created in 1985 by the Board of Directors of the GEMC, a trade association for the electric cooperatives of Georgia. Mr. Harrison was a pioneer in the rural electric movement and a leader at the local, state and national level in the electric cooperative program. Since its inception, more than \$80,000 in scholarships have been awarded to deserving students from across our state for postsecondary education. This program is overseen by the Walter Harrison Scholarship Executive Committee with the funds being administered by Georgia Southern University.

Grady EMC considers it a privilege and honor to contribute back to our communities we serve in this manner and we feel Braniff will be an outstanding recipient.

We congratulate Braniff and wish him the best in his future endeavors. ■



Braniff Davis of Cairo, winner of the \$1,000 Walter Harrison Scholarship.

## 2002 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR

"I have for the first time, truly tasted the American spirit. I have a greater love for my nation than ever before." These feelings, expressed by a recent Washington Youth Tour delegate underscores the emphasis of the program - a top-notch tour of our nation's capital that includes meetings with state and national leaders and leadership training, as well as visiting all the major sights. Students also meet and discuss their views with students from other states while learning about history, government and careers in public service.

Grady EMC's student delegates for the 2002 Washington Youth Tour will be Rebekah Mann from Grace Christian Academy in Bainbridge and Kimberly Sellers from Thomas County Central High School in Thomasville. Both students are rising seniors. Rebekah and Kim will meet with dozens of other students from across Georgia to represent our state in Washington. All expenses paid. Once in D.C., the group will connect with hundreds of students from across the country for an incredible week in our national capital. The Washington Youth Tour is a fast-paced, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see how America works. The dates for this summer's tour will be June 13-20, 2002.

Before departing for Washington, Bekah and Kim will spend a day in Atlanta. They will tour the state Capitol and learn about Georgia's 42 EMC's and the electric cooperative industry in the headquarters for Georgia Electric

Membership Corporation and Oglethorpe Power Corporation in Tucker, Ga. They will also participate, as part of the group, on CNN's TalkBack Live show after a tour of CNN Studios. The delegation will also attend a kickoff banquet in their honor on Thursday night.

While in Washington, some of the highlights will include cruising down the Potomac River, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery, touring the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, Ford's Theater, and the National Archives. The group will visit memorials honoring FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, the Vietnam War and the Korean War, and watch the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon perform at the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Museums to be explored will include the Smithsonian Institution, the Holocaust Museum and the Newseum, an interactive museum about the media sponsored by journalists worldwide.

A breakfast or luncheon opportunity to meet personally with their congressional leaders will give them a personal and up-close time to have any questions answered they might have regarding the current issues facing our country.

Various leadership exercises and sessions are interspersed during the tour that are fun, challenging, and educational. As stated earlier, this tour is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience our government and our history up-close - while having fun, making new friends, and gaining leadership skills.

Bekah is a rising senior at Grace Christian Academy in Bainbridge and is very active in various organizations in her school, loves cheerleading, and maintains a high academic standing in her school. Her goals are to further her education in college and to become involved in arts/theater. Bekah's parents are Bruce and Susan Mann of Bainbridge.

Kim is also a rising senior at Thomas County Central High School in Thomasville and is involved also in various activities and organizations in her school. She maintains an excellent academic record and also plans to graduate from college and enter into the field of education. Her parents are Wayne and Pam Sellers of Thomasville.

Grady EMC is proud to sponsor Bekah and Kim as the 2002 Washington Youth Tour delegates. They will be excellent representatives for their respective schools, families, communities, themselves and Grady EMC. CONGRATULATIONS !!! ■



REBEKAH MANN  
Grace Christian Academy

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