

2007 - Right-of-Way Program - 2007

As the year 2006 comes to an end, Grady EMC would like to thank those members for their understanding and cooperation in their involvement with the right-of-way program that was conducted in 2006.

Members served by the Pavo & Reno substations were the ones who had their rights-of-way cleared and cleaned in 2006.

In 2007, those members that are served by the ELPINO and RODDENBERY substations will continue to have their rights-of-way cleared and cleaned. As you probably already know, the right-of-way policy requires up to a thirty (30) feet right-of-way. Various methods are used in this program such as tree removal, tree trimming, and spraying of vegetation in order to maintain this right-of-way to help reduce the number and duration of power outages brought on by falling trees, limbs, etc.

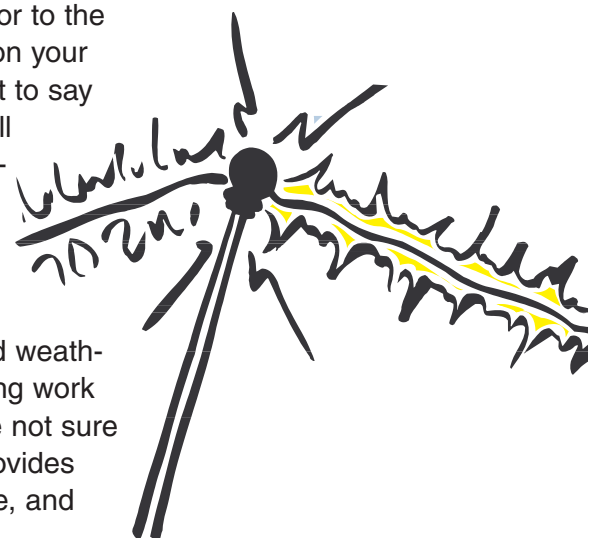
This notification is done as a reminder so that anyone having a concern or doubt can contact your cooperative prior to the work being started on your property. It is difficult to say exactly when this will be done on a specific piece of property due to the miles of distribution lines involved, varying work schedules, and weather conditions affecting work plans, etc. If you are not sure which substation provides energy to your home, and

you would like to know, please call the office and we will verify that information for you.

Grady EMC realizes the sensitive nature of this program for our members, but we are tasked with the responsibility of keeping your lights on with the least amount of interruptions. As we all know, trees, limbs and electricity just don't mix; therefore, the right-of-way program is in place to help keep our lights on as much as possible.

In order to keep potential problems down in the future, we would like to remind and ask everyone that consideration be given to planting trees, bushes, shrubs, etc. at least thirty (30) feet away from an overhead power line.

We hope that providing this information, in conjunction with your understanding and cooperation, will help reduce and eliminate future problems. ■



GRADY EMC ACCEPTING WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Grady EMC is currently accepting applications for the 2007 Georgia EMC Walter Harrison Scholarships.

The scholarships are open to anyone who has not yet completed a bachelor's degree and is attending or planning to attend a two or four-year accredited university, college or technical school in Georgia within the next two years. There will be a total of eight \$1,000 scholarships awarded to individuals living within the service areas of the 36 participating EMCs, including Grady EMC.

Scholarships will be based on financial need and academic ability. The scholarships honor the late Walter Harrison, who was known in Georgia and across the nation as "Mr. Rural Electrification" for his pioneering efforts in the electric cooperative industry. Approximately \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded since the program began in 1985.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship should contact their guidance department counselors at their respective schools to receive an application packet. In addition to the application form, applicants will need to submit an autobiography, school transcripts, letters of recommendation and proof of enrollment or an acceptance letter. Application packets may also be picked up at Grady EMC's office by contacting Donnie Prince.

The applications must be submitted to Grady EMC no later than Friday, February 2, 2007. Winners will be announced by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation on or before April 1, 2007. ■

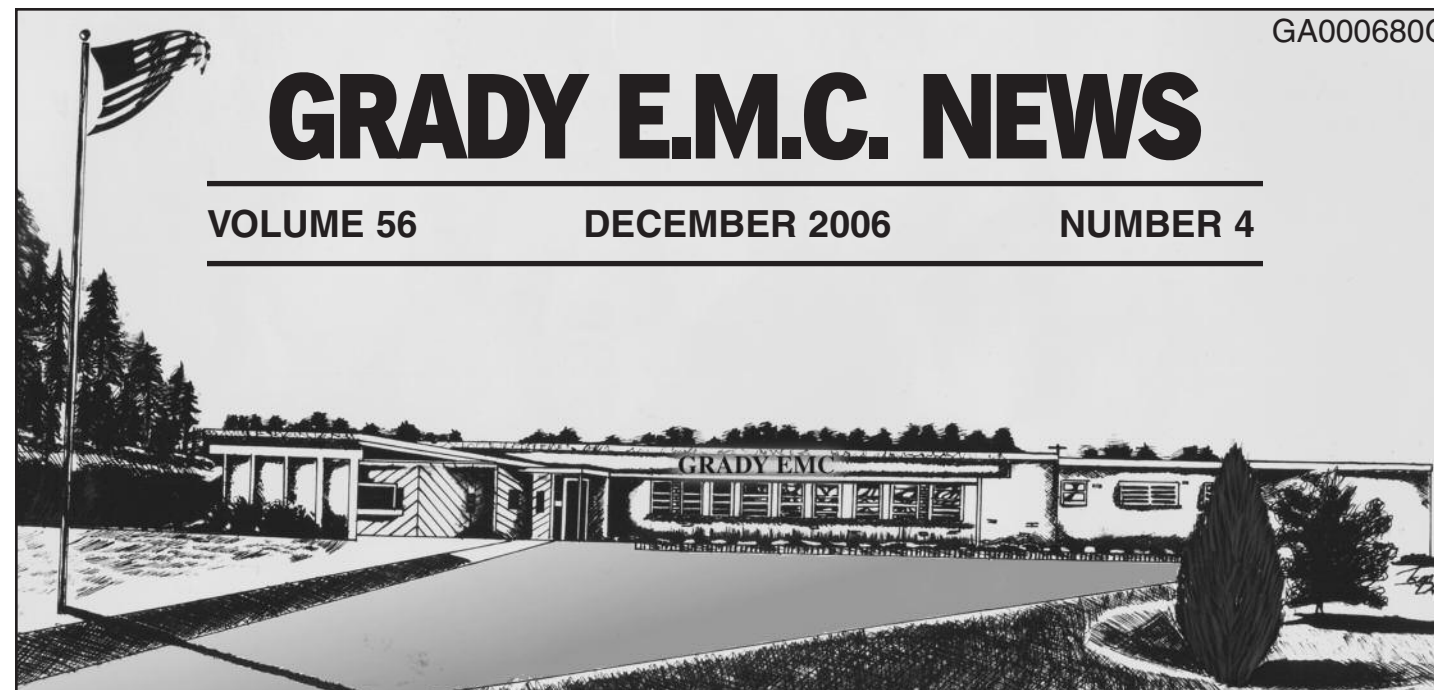
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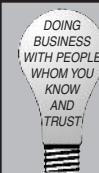
Seasons Greetings

and a very Happy New Year

From the Directors, Staff and Employees of
the Grady Electric Membership Corporation

Holiday Hours: Our office will be closed
for Christmas, Monday, December 25,
and Monday, January 1, 2007, for New Year's Day.

In case of emergency, assistance may be reached 24 hours a day,
7 days a week, at (229) 377-4182.



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68th annual meeting held

Estimated at one of the largest crowds in recent years, over 1,000 members attended the 68th annual meeting of Grady Electric Membership Corporation. The meeting was conducted on Friday, October 20th, 2006, and was held at Grady EMC's office complex on Highway 84W in Cairo, Georgia. As usual, everyone enjoyed visiting with other members, getting to visit with friends, and conducting the business affairs of the cooperative. A total of six hundred (600) members cast their votes in the democratically run cooperative. Director Dewey Brock, Jr., representing District 1, Director James Freeman, representing District 4, and Director G. Willis Smith, representing District 7, were re-elected for another three-year term.

Entertainment this year was provided by the Hymn Masters Quartet. Mr. Sam Sirmons of Climax, Ga., Mr. Bill Bass of Leesburg, Ga., Mr. Joe Salter of Climax, Ga., and Mr. Wayne McDonald of Cairo compose the Hymn Masters and did an excellent job of singing some great Southern Gospel music.

Mr. Donald Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grady EMC, opened the business portion of the meeting by calling on Brother Mitch Clements, Pastor of Summerhill Baptist Church in Boston, Ga., for the invocation. Mr. Cooper then called the meeting to order and called on Grady EMC's attorney, J. Kevin Chason, to conduct the business matters of the meeting. Mr. Chason then introduced Mr. Thomas A. Rosser, General Manager of Grady EMC. Mr. Rosser welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced some special guests in attendance. Mr. Rosser then turned the program over to Mr. Wayne Windham for the drawing of the gifts. ■

2007 Rebate Schedule

Beginning January 1, 2007, Grady EMC will honor the following rebate schedule for our membership. Note: All rebates will be applied as "credits" to the respective member's account.

1. Conversion from gas heat to a minimum 12.0 S.E.E.R. rated energy efficient heat pump. Installation of the new heat pump must be done by a licensed Georgia HVAC contractor. A copy of the customer invoice along with the necessary paperwork must be submitted by the dealer to Grady EMC who will then verify installation for the member. **\$200⁰⁰**
2. Conversion from a gas water heater to an electric water heater - member must present a copy of the invoice for the new electric water heater and an EMC representative will verify installation of the unit. **\$100⁰⁰**
3. Conversion from a gas stove/range to an electric stove/range - member must present a copy of the invoice for the new electric stove/range and an EMC representative will verify installation of the unit. **\$100⁰⁰**

WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR 2007

Once a year Grady EMC selects 3 high school juniors as delegates on the Washington Youth Tour. These students join with dozens of other students from Georgia to represent our state in Washington, D.C. - all expenses paid. Once in D.C., the group connects with hundreds of students from across the country for one incredible week in our national capital. The Washington Youth Tour is a fastpaced once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see how America works. This summer's tour will be held June 7-14, 2007.

"It is not just a week of sightseeing. It is even more than a chance to meet other students from across the nation and shake hands with congressmen. I gained a new sense of pride in my country and respect for those who fight to defend the freedoms it offers." These feelings, expressed by a recent delegate underscores the emphasis of the program - a topnotch 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.

Before departing for Washington, students enjoy a private tour of the birthplace of rural electrification—the Little White House.

Washington highlights will include cruising down the Potomac River, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery, touring the U.S. Supreme Court, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Mount Vernon, the National Cathedral and Ford's Theater. The group will visit memorials honoring FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, World War II, 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 Iwo

Jima Memorial. Museums to be explored include the Smithsonian Institution and the Holocaust Museum.

Interested in 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?

In order to apply for this event, information packets can be picked up from each school's guidance department. Each school has a designated WYT coordinator to work with the interested students. Delegates selected will be enrolled in the Junior class and be at least 16 years of age at the time of the tour. The contest involves writing an essay of 500-1000 words with the topic being a comparison of electric cooperatives to private, investor-owned utilities. The essay has to be received at Grady EMC's office no later than March 9, 2007.

Students of Grady EMC employees are ineligible to enter the Grady EMC contest; however, these students are eligible to enter the WYT contest sponsored by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, the statewide organization.

Grady EMC will sponsor a total of three delegates, one from each of our prime service areas of Decatur, Grady, and Thomas counties.

The purpose of this tour is to recognize, promote and enhance leadership skills in students that have a desire to contribute to their communities and country. All aspects of rural electrification are promoted to enhance a better understanding of the value of rural electric cooperatives. GOOD LUCK to all participants. ■

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