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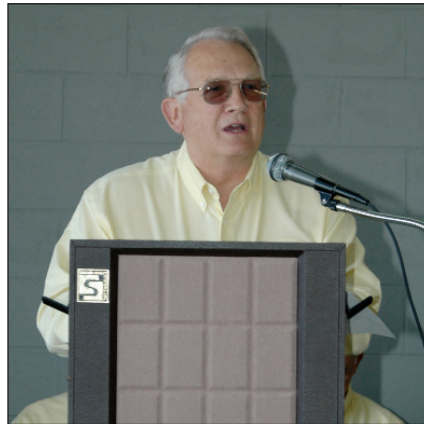
"Owned By Those We Serve"

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## What does it take to manage a Cooperative?

**C**ommitment ... Perseverance ... Endurance ... Loyalty ... just a few words used by CEO Bob Payne at the Cooperative's 65th annual meeting to describe employees who earned awards for 30, 35, and 40 years of service.

In his remarks at the annual meeting, Payne stated that employees are the Co-op's greatest asset and are key to meeting the challenges of growth and development in our area. The 26 employees recognized for service awards ranging from 5 to 40 years totaled 510 years of experience with the Co-op. Payne commented further that since he became manager in January 2000, he had counted 51 new names on the employee list. As he has watched the



**CEO Robert L. Payne addresses members at the 65th Annual Meeting of Members on Oct. 7, 2006.**

seasoned Co-op employees shape these new employees into the "Co-op" mold, he said he is confident that they will be ready to meet the challenges of continuing to provide reliable service for the Co-op.

Employees recognized by Payne at the annual meeting include Mary Fowler, Rex Garland and David Whitaker, who each achieved 30-year awards. Revere Fowler, Ray Roberts and Ermel Southern reached 35 years of service. To honor Betty Greene for her 40 years of service, June 13, 2006 was proclaimed "Betty Greene

Day" by the board members for her loyal and dedicated service to the Co-op. Chairman Charles



**"Betty Greene Day," June 13, 2006, was proclaimed to honor her for 40 years of service. Family and co-workers surprised her with a celebration party.**



**Mary Fowler, Customer Accounts specialist, received a commemorative watch for 30 years of service.**

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Fendley recognized Leon Davis for 30 years of service and David J. Pierce for 15 years of service on the board of directors. Attorney Phillip M. Landrum III also received a 5-year service award.

Payne remarked, "My hair is getting white, and 'they say' that is age, so I will probably be looking at a lot of the future from the outside looking in. As we have employees retiring over the next few years, I am confident that we have employees who are molded and just waiting to step up and meet tomorrow's challenges.

"As CEO, I believe that you manage a Co-op by letting your employees who are trained, committed, loyal and

dedicated do their jobs. Your Co-op is in good hands, and I know they will meet the challenge."



**Ermel Southern (left), Right-of-Way crew leader, registers for the annual meeting. He was recognized with a 35-year award.**



**Director Leon Davis representing Lumpkin County, was recognized by Chairman Charles Fendley for 30 years of service on the board of directors.**

## It could happen to you

By Stacey Fields

**T**he search is on! You could be one of the outstanding students in the Amicalola EMC service area to receive a college scholarship or represent Amicalola EMC on the Washington Youth Tour.

To qualify for a scholarship and/or enter the Washington Youth Tour contest, you must submit an application and provide the required documents by Feb. 9, 2007. You will find scholarship applications and contest information on the Web site at [www.amicalolaemc.com](http://www.amicalolaemc.com), or you may contact your high school counselor's office. You may call Amicalola EMC directly at (706) 253-5200 for more information.

You could be one of five high school seniors to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in 2007. The scholarships are jointly funded by the Operation Round Up® program. You could also be one of three high school seniors to win a \$300 scholarship and represent Amicalola EMC in the statewide Walter Harrison Scholarship program, giving you a chance to receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship. Winners are selected based primarily on financial need and grade point average.

Or you could be selected to represent Amicalola

EMC on the Washington Youth Tour. The Youth Tour is the oldest youth leadership program in Georgia. Since 1965, more than 1,700 students ages 16-18 have represented Georgia on this weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The upcoming tour is scheduled for June 7-14, 2007. Along with the trip, winners also receive a college scholarship.

If you are a high school junior or senior and your home is served by Amicalola EMC, why not apply today? Remember, **It could happen to you!**



DANIEL PECK STUDIOS

**Will England, Erin Davis, and Joel Pritchett attended the Youth Tour as Amicalola EMC's 2006 sponsored delegates.**



**Joel Pritchett speaks at the Georgia EMC Annual Meeting.**

## Gilmer High School graduate speaks before statewide audience

**I** learned from my trip to Washington that our freedom comes at a very high price," recalled Ellijay native Joel Pritchett. He spoke before approximately 350 members of the Georgia Electric Membership Corp.'s (EMC) Annual Meeting on Nov. 13.

Pritchett thanked the electric cooperatives, including Amicalola EMC, for sponsoring the 2006 Washington Youth Tour (WYT) in which he and 98 other Georgia high school students traveled to Washington, D.C., to learn about U.S. history, government and careers in public service.

The WYT, held in June, included visits with Georgia's lawmakers as well as tours of the nation's prized memorials and monuments, including the Washington Monument; and the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans memorials, among others.

In addition to representing Amicalola EMC at this year's WYT, Pritchett was chosen by other students on the tour to represent them as the Georgia delegate on the

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council. Pritchett will represent Georgia's youth in February at the 2007 NRECA annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. In July 2006, he returned to Washington, joining youth representatives from 44 states at the NRECA 2006 Youth Leadership Conference.

A graduate of Gilmer High School, Pritchett was Interact Club president, active in chorus and the year-book staff, as well as a UGA Certificate of Merit Award winner. He is active in Rotary and has won many national Lads to Leaders awards. A member of the Appalachian Cattlemen's Association and 4-H, Pritchett has raised and shown beef heifers for 10 years. He is currently a freshman at Harding University in Searcy, Ark., where his focus is on youth and family ministry and pre-dental curriculum. He is the son of Barry and Rebecca Pritchett of Ellijay.



**Joel Pritchett, front center, poses with AEMC staff and board members at the Georgia EMC Annual Meeting.**



# Amicalola EMC PURPA proceeding Notice of PURPA Hearing

Amicalola Electric Membership Corp. will hold a hearing to facilitate the consideration and determination of standards established by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended by the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005.

This hearing is held pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 26 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and particularly pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 2621, 2622, 2631, and 2632. The hearing will be held at the Amicalola Headquarters in the Dean Center at 544 Highway 515 South, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. The following standards will be considered at the hearing:

1. Net metering, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(11)
2. Fuel sources, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(12)
3. Fossil fuel generation efficiency, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(13)
4. Time-based metering and communications, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(14)
5. Interconnection, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(15)

The hearing will be governed by the "Rules for Conducting Proceedings Required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as amended by the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005)," (the "Rules"), which was adopted by the Board of Directors of Amicalola Electric Membership Corp. on Nov. 16, 2006. A copy of the Rules may be obtained at Amicalola Electric Membership Corp.'s headquarters during business hours. The headquarters is located at 544 Highway 515 South; Jasper, GA 30143, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST/EDT. A copy of the Rules also may be downloaded from [www.amicalolaemc.com](http://www.amicalolaemc.com).

In accordance with 26 U.S.C. § 2631, the United States Secretary of Energy, any affected electric utility, and any electric consumer of an affected electric utility, has a right to intervene and participate as a formal party of record in the hearing. Please see Rule 4 of the aforementioned rules concerning the procedure for intervention.

Any member of Amicalola Electric Membership Corp. that does not desire to intervene and participate as a formal party of record nonetheless will be given the opportunity to make an oral or written statement expressing its position and views on the foregoing standards. Please see Rule 5 of the aforementioned Rules concerning the procedure for making such statements. Oral statements will be accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at the location listed above. If all such statements cannot be taken at that time, then the acceptance of such statements will be continued at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at the location listed above.



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