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Membership Corporation

"Owned By Those We Serve"

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Comments from the CEO

Preparing for the future

Amicalola EMC will soon begin construction on a new district office in Dahlonega. Members in Dawson and Lumpkin counties will be served by the office, which will be constructed at the intersection of Hwy 52 and Hwy 9.

The current location on Hwy 9 has served members in this area since 1982, but to maintain reliability and to prepare for future growth, it's necessary to have adequate room to store equipment and materials.

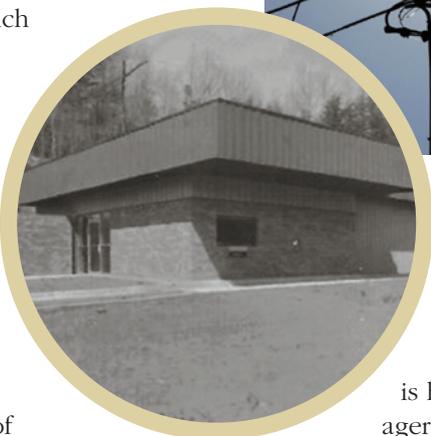
Amicalola EMC has grown substantially in the 35 years since the office in Dahlonega was opened.

In 1982, there were 2,301 miles of line which served 13,563 meters. There were 76 full-time employees. One cashier and a four-man service crew worked out of that location.

Today, there are 5,596 miles of line that serve more than 48,000 meters. There are 135 full-time employees. That office



Left: Photo from March-April 1982 BEACON, showing the construction of the Dahlonega office.



is home to a district manager, three member service representatives, one warehouse person and two construction crews. Construction should begin

by mid- to late summer and an open house is planned once the facility is complete.

Members visiting the Jasper headquarters office this summer will also notice some construction taking place. The administration building, which was originally constructed in 1984, will be getting a new roof, some needed repairs, an updated front exterior and additional employee parking. Normal business hours can be expected during the construction, and your patience is appreciated as the work is being done.

I'd also like to announce the recent promotion of Todd Satterfield to District Manager of the headquarters office in Jasper. Satterfield began his employment with Amicalola EMC in 1983 and will bring 34 years of experience and knowledge to his new position. He has held various positions on the line crews and has been a service crew leader since 2006. His new duties will include supervision and scheduling of the line construction crews working out of the Jasper office.



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Bright Ideas returns!

Teachers, want to win some fast cash for your classroom? Amicalola EMC's Bright Ideas teacher grant program recognizes and rewards creative teachers.

More than \$293,000 has been awarded to area teachers since 2010. This could be the year you turn your bright idea into classroom cash!

Georgia certified teachers at elementary, middle, high schools and private schools in the Amicalola EMC

service area are eligible to apply. All funding is provided with unclaimed property in accordance with O.C.G.A. §44-12-236.



For more information on Bright Ideas, scan this QR code with your smartphone.



Bright Ideas 2017 Timeline

Aug. 1 Begin accepting applications—online only.

Aug. 31 Early bird deadline.
Enter by this deadline for a chance to win a gift card.

Sept. 8 Final deadline to apply.

All grants awarded in October.



The battle rages on

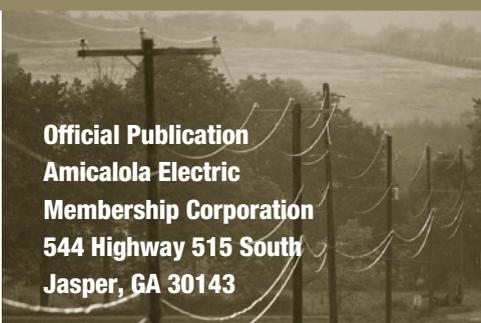
Nowhere does the Civil War come to life more than during a battle reenactment at Harmony Elementary School, thanks to Joe Morgan and Amicalola EMC's Bright Ideas program. The battle, complete with paper-wad bullets and toilet-tissue cannon balls, begins when Morgan, dressed as General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson enters the classroom and yells, "ATTENTION boys and girls, WE'RE IN BATTLE."



Using Bright Ideas grant money, Morgan was able to outfit the entire fourth- and fifth-grade classes with uniform hats and t-shirts, for both the Union and Confederate sides. Morgan believes experiencing the lesson in this way will leave a lasting impression on countless students.

Operation Round Up benefits local charities

At an average cost of only \$6 per year, why not “round up” your electric bill for charity each month? You won’t miss the pocket change, and you will be providing basic needs to those who can least afford it. Call 706-253-5200 or email memberservice@amicalolaemc.com for more information.



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April 2017 recipients

- Action Ministries
- Appalachian Children’s Center
- Boy Scouts of America
- Camp Kudzu
- Ferst Foundation of Cherokee
- Gilmer Christian Learning Center
- GHS Technology Student Association
- Girl Scout Troop 10601
- Habitat for Humanity, Pickens County
- Hill City Elementary Heritage Days
- Hospice Promise Foundation
- Mountain Wisdom
- MUST Ministries
- North Georgia Christian Academy
- Pickens County 4-H
- Pickens County Public Library
- Pickens County School District
- Ruth House Ministries

Donations were also made on behalf of qualifying individuals for medication, medical bills, health and dental needs, rent, propane gas, house repairs and mortgage assistance.



Operation Round Up makes contribution to end poverty housing in Pickens County. Habitat for Humanity, Pickens County (HFH-PC) is currently working on its 17th build, taking place in its first subdivision, New Hope Acres. Working toward a world where everyone has a decent place to live, HFH-PC believes that new and improved homes are intricately tied to better opportunities for families.



Operation Round Up helps bring history to life at Hill City Elementary. Heritage Day, held each year, is an engaging day of learning that allows students a chance to see that daily necessities were handmade or gathered and not always purchased at a store. Local residents showcase a variety of skills, livestock and goods common to the time.

Aug. 31, 2017, last day to claim refunds issued in 2011

Amicalola EMC is attempting to locate former members whose capital credit refunds were issued in 2011 (for electric service received in 1990), but have remained unclaimed. A list of unclaimed capital credit refunds is now available for review. You may access it at www.amicalolaemc.com, by clicking on

the Capital Credits tab on the home page, or at any local Amicalola EMC office.

After a mandatory waiting period, any unclaimed capital credit refunds are distributed in accordance with Georgia's unclaimed property laws O.C.G.A. §44-12-236. The last day to claim these funds is Aug. 31, 2017.



IN MEMORIAM



1953-2017

In memory of Glenn Watson, who devoted 44 years of loyal service to Amicalola EMC.



Office closings

Our offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in observance of Independence Day.

New substation to serve Gilmer County members

Amicalola EMC members in western Gilmer County will soon be served by a new substation on Round Top Road. The new substation will increase reliability and improve service for these members and is planned to go into service by late October.

