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Comments from the CEO

Working with local legislators

“All politics is local.” This observation by the late Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill Jr., former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous adage underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At Amicalola EMC, we think it’s critical to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment and

quality of life for our community. That’s why we work closely with our local elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy, but our mission is to help our community thrive.

Amicalola EMC is a local business that powers economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our leadership, board members and employees live and work right here in the community we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for

our community, ensuring that local legislators know, understand and act on the issues that are important to our area.



Todd Payne
President/CEO
Amicalola EMC

Providing industry guidance and expertise

As a practical matter, Amicalola EMC provides guidance and expertise from subject matter experts who’ve been in the energy industry for many years. We do this through our state-wide trade association (Georgia EMC) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Today’s energy landscape is an increasingly complex topic covering not only the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspects of the industry, but also encompasses technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector and more.

Our experts provide briefings and background to legislators, committees and staff, and offer expert testimony for hearings and other legislative or regulatory meetings or gatherings. And because we’re involved in economic development and we know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies under discussion might impact our region.

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Operation Roundup: Changing lives with small change



Front row, from left: Todd Payne, Amicalola EMC President & CEO; Doug Caldwell, ORU Board Chairman; Tim Ingram, Vice Chairman. Back row, from left: JoAnn Vick, Edgar Land, Treasurer; Tommy Allison; Lee Lowman and Britt Massey. Not pictured: Steve Garrison and Lanier Swafford.

Amicalola EMC is proud to recognize the following employees who earned service awards during 2021:

5 YEARS

Phillip Ballew
Casey Ellis
Joshua Hill
Kyle Honea
Megan Jarvis
Richard Ledford
Cody McFarland
Kellie Ponder
Ryan Purdy
Melody Riddle
Saylor Tinker
Rozier Wingate

15 YEARS:

Steve Eller
Amanda Giddens
Joey Jones
Anthony Lowman
Todd Payne
Brent Pierce
Scott Watkins

20 YEARS:

Jill Chastain
Keith Chastain
Amanda Clayton
Dianne Stephens
Gail Stewart

25 YEARS:

Rhonda Harper

30 YEARS:

Travis Jarrett

35 YEARS:

Tim Jordan
Penelope Marshall
Russell Segers

40 YEARS:

Richard Chastain
William D. Mashburn

45 YEARS:

Mary Fowler

50 YEARS:

Ray Roberts

20 YEARS:

Phil M. Landrum III,
Attorney

30 YEARS:

David J. Pierce,
Director



Congratulations to Ray Roberts on 50 years of dedicated service to the members of Amicalola EMC. President/CEO Todd Payne presents the award to Ray Roberts.

Retirements

Congratulations to the following employees on their retirement.

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the members of Amicalola EMC.



Arnold Payne
51 years of service



Stanley Payne
48 years of service



Mark Chadwick
46 years of service



Eddie Crump
38 years of service



Travis Jarrett
30 years of service

Oh, the places they may go!

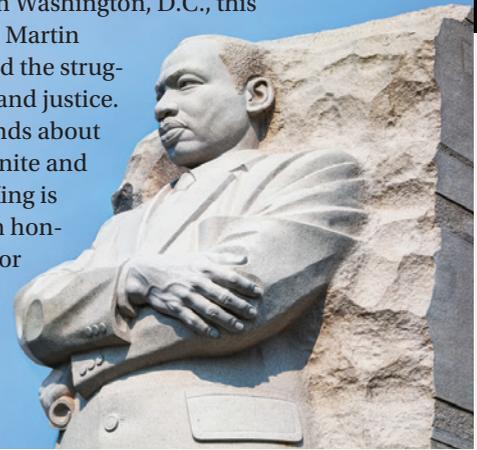
During the seven-day Washington Youth Tour (WYT), which is scheduled for June 17-23, students from electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) throughout Georgia may have a chance to visit some of the most exciting tourist spots in our nation's capital. Here are some of the places students may visit during the 2022 WYT and the history behind these sites.

Arlington National Cemetery

The first military burial at Arlington National Cemetery took place on May 13, 1864, for Pvt. William Christmas, who was killed in the Civil War. Today, it is the final resting place of 400,000 service members, veterans and their families, and more than 3,000 ceremonies and memorial services take place there each year.

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Located in downtown Washington, D.C., this memorial honors the late Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and the struggle for freedom, equality and justice. The memorial, which stands about 30 feet tall, is made of granite and opened in August 2011. King is the first African American honored with a memorial on or near the National Mall and only the fourth non-president to be memorialized in such a way.



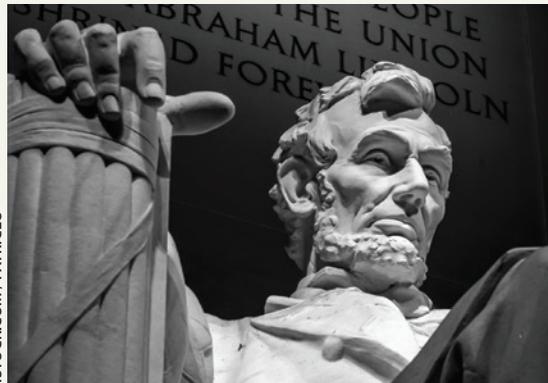
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Smithsonian Institution

Known as the world's largest museum, education and research complex, the Smithsonian Institution comprises 19 museums, 21 libraries, nine research centers, historical and architectural landmarks, and the National Zoo. It was founded in 1846 and is named after British scientist James Smithson, its founding donor. The Smithsonian Institution has 156 million pieces of art, artifacts and specimens in its collections.

Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon is the historic home of America's first president, George Washington. Located just a short drive from Washington, D.C., this tourist spot includes a mansion, gardens, tombs, a farm and a museum. Restoration began in 1859 by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the nation's first historic preservation organization, and the estate now looks just like it did in 1799 when Washington died.



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Lincoln Memorial

The Lincoln Memorial Commission was incorporated in 1910 and tasked with building a national memorial to honor former president Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln Memorial is made of stone from several U.S. regions and encompasses about 27,000 square feet of space. Construction began in February 1914 and concluded with the declaration of the memorial in May 1922.

2022 Washington Youth Tour

June 17-23

The Washington Youth Tour is an opportunity for high school students to learn more about our nation's capital alongside classmates and friends throughout Georgia. It is an all-expenses-paid trip on behalf of Georgia's electric membership cooperatives (EMCs).

Plans for this year's WYT had not been finalized as of press time, but organizers are hopeful that it will return to an in-person format.

2022 Amicalola EMC Scholarship & Youth Tour program



The deadline to apply for the 2022 Amicalola EMC Scholarship Program (for high school seniors) and the 2022 Washington Youth Tour (for juniors) is Jan. 31, 2022.

Students must live in an Amicalola EMC household to be eligible. To apply, go to www.amicalolaemc.com > My Community and choose either **Scholarships** or **Youth Tour**. For more information, please call Stacey Fields at 706-253-5287.

Due to the pandemic, the 2022 Youth Tour is tentative, and may be cancelled or postponed if public health conditions warrant.



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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Are we holding your money?

Local electric cooperatives operate at cost; any excess revenues are returned to member-owners in the form of capital credit refunds.

To find out if you have an unclaimed refund, visit www.amicalolaemc.com. Choose the **Capital Credits** tab on the homepage, and then click on the **Unclaimed Recipients** link. You may also call 706-253-5200 or visit any Amicalola EMC office.

After a mandatory five-year waiting period, any unclaimed capital credit refunds are distributed in accordance with Georgia's unclaimed property laws O.C.G.A. §44-12-236.



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Representing your best interests

We strive to be a trusted resource on energy issues. Because of our deep roots in the community, we have a firm understanding of local issues and needs. We will continue looking after the long-term interests of our consumer-members. This means we are able to cultivate and foster positive, productive relationships with legislators who know and trust us, because we're advocating on behalf of the community we serve.

We're proud to power your life and advocate on your behalf to improve the quality of life for all.