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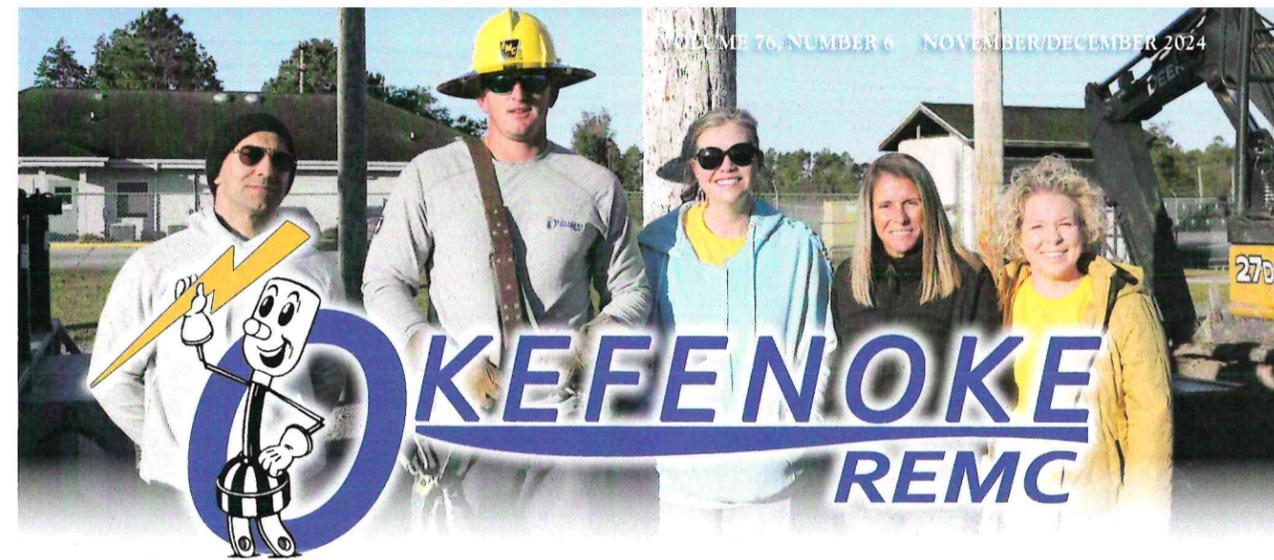
OREMC Foundation Reaches Funding Milestone



Since awarding their first grant in November 2021, the OREMC Foundation Trustees have awarded over a half million dollars in grants across OREMC's eight county service area the past three years.

Founded as a community development initiative to support education, community needs/development/growth, healthcare and disaster recovery, the OREMC Foundation has funded organizations large and small working hard to make a difference in our communities. Qualified organizations are invited to apply.

Application and information are available online at oremc.com/foundation. The next application deadline is January 3, 2025.



OREMC Provides Teachers Lessons in Power

OREMC hosted four Glynn County educators over two days in October, immersing them in the day-to-day operations and getting to know the people behind the power. From a ride in a bucket, feeling the weight of the lineworker's utility belt, being briefed on the "big screen" in the Control Center and seeing a demonstration of a self-healing electric system of the future, the educators quickly realized there was more to electricity than simply flipping a switch. This was the third year OREMC has participated in the Glynn County Teacher Externship Program as a host site.

This year's participants included Shannan Benner, Ed.S., 5th Grade Teacher at Sterling Elementary; Erin Judkins, M.S.Ed., Assistant Principal at Needwood Middle School; Lannon Ramierz, Special Education ParaPro at Satilla Marsh Elementary School; and Adam Winkler, Ed.D., Reading Specialist at Glynn Academy.

"Gaining a firsthand glimpse into the energy industry, witnessing the career paths available, and seeing the family atmosphere within the organization was more than educational for me," noted Winkler. "My students were interested in the job opportunities and the career tracks with the power industry."

They began day one with an overview of OREMC history, electric membership cooperatives and the cooperative form of business. Following that they met with the management team and human resources to better understand roles, cooperative culture, OREMC policies, procedures, training and educational requirements for various positions.

From there they got a bit more up close and personal look at the people behind the power at OREMC and learned about employees' individual jobs and journeys— there were many different paths

to jobs at OREMC, as some employees started as high school students, others advanced through on-the-job training and some required college degrees.

The teachers also traveled to a job site where a line crew was rebuilding a service location.

Day two began bright and early, meeting with the crew at the Kingsland district office. Chatting with the lineman, the teachers got a chance to ask questions about how and why each lineman chose their profession. Then they were given a pole climbing demonstration, followed by a boat ride out to the 3.5 miles of line running from the mainland under two rivers and across the marsh to serve consumer-members living on Cumberland and Little Cumberland islands. There were questions about regarding the 45 poles, how they were outfitted, how long it took to build and who climbed which poles.

The purpose of the externship experience is to connect educators with business and industry to better understand how workforce needs and classroom learning connect. Doing so helps educators provide context for students, helping them understand how reading, writing, face-to-face communication, math, science and organization skills can be used in the real world. It also helps teachers give students a broader perspective on the different types of jobs available and the skills/education necessary to do those jobs.



A Balancing Act: ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Behind the scenes, a network of people and facilities work together to ensure you have electricity when you flip the switch.

Electricity is generated at a power plant, then sent across the grid to homes, schools and businesses.

Ensuring communities have the exact amount of electricity they need is a challenging task, but behind the scenes, a network of industry experts make it happen every day.

The amount of electricity generated and how much is sent to where it's needed are typically coordinated and monitored by regional grid operators that essentially act as energy traffic managers.

Regional Grid Operators: Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO), Independent System Operators (ISO), Electric Utilities.

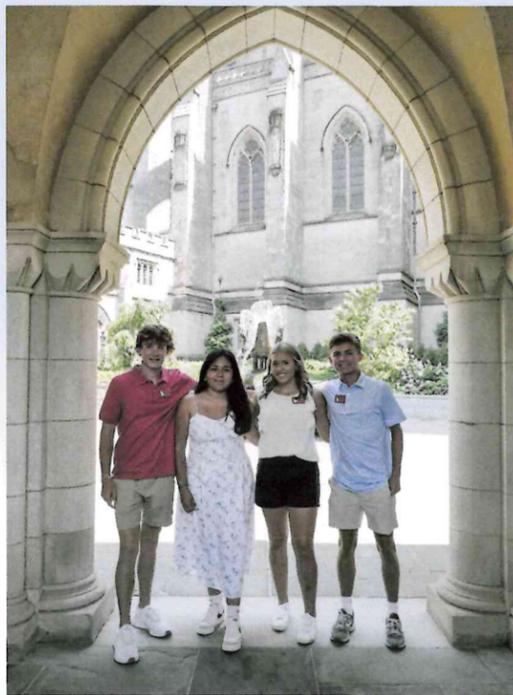
As electricity demand varies throughout the day, grid operators, power plant operators and electric utilities work to forecast, plan and purchase enough electricity for everyone.

Factors that Impact Electricity Supply and Demand: Demand Surges, Extreme Temperatures, Infrastructure Costs and Availability, Supply Chain Challenges, Fuel Costs, Federal and State Regulations.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *King James Version*

Let us hear the conclusions of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

“ Don't wait for the perfect holiday; make every day a holiday by finding joy in the little things and embracing the present moment. ”



OREMC Scholarship/ Youth Tour Deadline is January 20, 2025

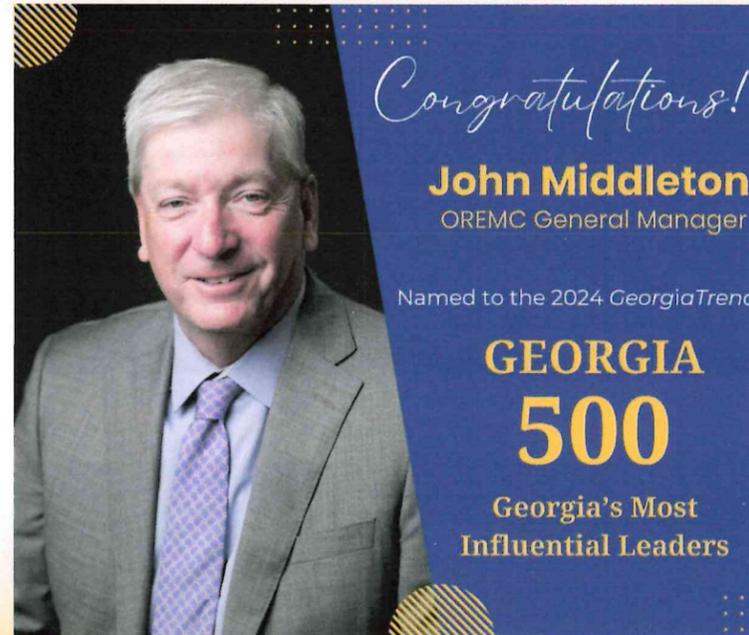
Calling all high school seniors and juniors! For seniors, OREMC is offering 10, \$2,000 scholarships that can be used to help pay for college expenses at any trade/technical school, community college or four-year college or university program. Details and application are online at oremc.com/scholarships.

Juniors don't miss out on your opportunity for a trip of a lifetime on the National Washington Youth Tour Leadership Experience. You could be one of four OREMC delegates to join 100 other students from Georgia/Florida to travel to our nation's capital for a week of mentoring, touring monuments, museums and making memories with delegates from other electric membership cooperatives from across the country. Information and application available at oremc.com/youth-tour.



General Manager Named Among Georgia's 500

Congratulations to OREMC General Manager John Middleton for being named one of the 500 most influential Georgians in 2024 by *Georgia Trend Magazine*! John is committed to the co-op's mission to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members against a backdrop of ensuring increased capacity to meet consumer demands for power, technological innovations to promote greater reliability and evolving policies around power generation. Listen to John talk about meeting the demands for power on our latest *Plugged In* podcast or use QR code to watch on YouTube.



Plugged In Podcast: Changing Young Lives Through Music

On the latest episode of our *Plugged In* podcast, Director of Communications & Marketing Michele Hutchins speaks with Lucie Akkermans, Manager of the Philharmonia, Music Librarian and Lessons Coordinator with the Golden Isles Youth Orchestra (GIYO). They talk about the power of music and the importance of investing in the arts to provide students the opportunity to build community and skills that further musical development, but also foster social skills, academic growth and self-confidence. Akkermans explains how the programs offered by the Golden Isles Youth Orchestra are partnering with area schools to provide access to all students who want to pursue, learn and enjoy music. Scan the QR code to access the playlist on YouTube.



Church of the Month

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Children's Church/Youth Bible Study/
Adult Prayer & Bible Study

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