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Community Service in Action

Fourteen OREMC employees from across our system came together on May 2 to give of their time and energy to assist the Georgia Lions' Club Camp for the Blind get ready for the upcoming season. Projects included power washing buildings, grading the track, tree maintenance and cleanup, as well as demolishing the inside of one of the buildings so it can be renovated in compliance with accessibility standards and guidelines.

Summer Rates Effective June 1

Beginning June 1, OREMC's residential summer rates will go into effect through September 30. Different rates for summer and winter were established to encourage consumer-members to conserve energy during peak usage times. A higher demand for electricity set during the summer months can result in higher power costs for OREMC year-round.

OREMC residential rate schedule is as follows:

Summer	0-1,000 kWh	09.58 cents per kWh
Summer	Over 1,000 kWh	11.58 cents per kWh
Winter	0-1,000 kWh	09.58 cents per kWh
Winter	Over 1,000 kWh	09.58 cents per kWh

In addition to the cost per kilowatt hour, all bills carry a flat, monthly basic facilities charge of \$30—the cost for maintaining our distribution system and service facilities—plus applicable power cost adjustments and sales tax.

OREMC Day at Wild Adventures Theme Park

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 13 and plan a day of family fun! Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta has designated it OREMC Day and our consumer-members get discounted admission tickets when you buy online. Enjoy all-day access to the park and Splash Island Waterpark, as well as enjoy the annual La Fiesta celebration for just \$38.99 per person plus tax. Simply visit <https://www.wildadventures.com/Buy-Tickets/Daily-Tickets>, choose General Admission and at the top of the page where it asks for a promotion code type in OREMC19. We hope you'll join the fun!



OREMC Team Competes in Annual Linemen's Rodeo

Three journeyman linemen and five apprentice linemen traveled to Fort Valley, Georgia the first weekend in May to complete in the annual Linemen's Rodeo hosted by the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo Association (GLRA) at the Camp John Hope FFA-FCCLA Center. The annual event drew 29 journeyman teams and 76 apprentices from electric membership cooperatives and electric municipalities across the state. According to the GLRA, the purpose of the rodeo is, "to maintain a focus on safety, training, and safe work practices in the electric utility industry as well as to promote relationships among the electric utility companies in Georgia and the Southeast."

OREMC's three-man journeyman lineman team was Andy Thomas and Ernie Mitchell from the Kingsland office and Marcus Skelton from the Hilliard office. They competed in four events—two of which were unknown to them until the morning of the event—each worth 100 points. Their total score of 390 points combined with their overall time placed them 23rd.

Apprentices also competed in four individual events, each valued at 100 points. Combined with their time, OREMC's apprentices placed as follows among the 88 participants: Will Testone, Hilliard, 400 points, 18th place; Omar Garay, Kingsland, 396 points, 53rd place; Cole Carter, Hilliard, 394 points, 60th place; Ricky Williams, Hilliard, 394 points, 62nd place; and Travis Page, operations manager/Nahunta, 392 points, 68th place.

"The linemen's rodeo is a great opportunity for our guys to hone their skills and build their camaraderie as a team," said David Smith, safety coordinator at OREMC. "I'm proud of them. The time element really helps them focus on the task at hand, be prepared and think about their technique. It is also a learning opportunity as they can pick up on some of the time-saving techniques used by other teams in the competition."

View more pictures from the Linemen's Rodeo and a video of the OREMC rodeo team's salute to veterans on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/goOREMC.



Berry Bliss Cobbler

Ingredients:
3 cups fresh strawberries, halved
1 ½ cups fresh raspberries
1 ½ cup fresh blueberries
2/3 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. quick-cooking tapioca
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 ½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
1 large egg
Coarse sugar

Recipe (from Taste of Home) was submitted by **Laura Rich** of Woodbine, GA. She has been given a **\$25 credit** on her account.

¼ cup cold butter, cubed
¼ cup 2% milk
Vanilla ice cream, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. Toss the fresh berries together with 2/3 cup sugar and tapioca. Transfer to a greased 10-inch ovenproof skillet. Let stand 20 minutes. Meanwhile, whisk together flour, 1 Tbsp. sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In another bowl, whisk together egg and milk, then stir into crumb mixture just until moistened. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto the fruit. Sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake uncovered for 20-25 minutes, until the filling is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Serve warm and topped with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Eat your veggies!

Send us your favorite recipes! Email to Jen Shuman at recipes@oremc.com. If yours is selected as the featured recipe for our July/Aug. issue, you'll receive a \$25.00 account credit.



Jeremiah 29:13 King James Version

13And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.



Church of the Month

Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 A.M.
Sunday Worship 11 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 6 P.M.

Pastor: Rev. Michael A. Holmes

304 Billyville Rd.
Woodbine, GA 31569-0505

To nominate your church, contact Dewayne Johns at 1-800-262-5131 Ext.1143 or email dewayne.johns@oremc.com.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

—Mark Twain

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OREMC YOUTH AWARD WINNERS

Okefenoke REMC celebrated its annual Youth Awards Banquet, awarding 10 scholarships and selecting four delegates for the annual Youth Tour Leadership Experience in Washington, D.C.

This is the 26th year OREMC has awarded scholarships to students residing in one of the eight counties it serves—Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, Ware and Wayne counties in Georgia, and Baker and Nassau counties in Florida. Ten scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to students accepted to a college or technical school and based on their autobiographical sketch, academic achievement, extra-curricular and community service activities, letters of recommendation and financial need. Their awards bring OREMC's total scholarships to \$220,500 presented to 231 students over 26 years.

Scholarship Winners



Jenny Ard, Bryceville, Fla.

Jenny is a senior at Trinity Christian Academy where she has been a member of National Jr. Honor Society, National Honor Society, yearbook staff, Student Council, ROC Praise Band, and VIP Choral Group. Jenny's honors include Dean List, President Education Awards Program, American Citizenship Award, and Principal's List. Jenny volunteers at Florida Baptist Children's Home, Vacation Bible School, has been a refugee mentor in Indiana and Massachusetts, and attended mission FUGE Camps. Jenny will be attending University of North Florida and majoring in psychology.

Grant Bennett, Nahunta, Ga.

Walter Harrison Scholarship Finalist

Grant is a senior at Brantley County High School. He is a member of FFA, HOSA, and BETA where he has served in different offices. Grant's honors include: 2018 OREMC Youth Tour Delegate; member of 2018 Georgia State FFA 1st place Poultry Judging Team, he placed 3rd in the individual competition in state; 2018 National FFA 5th place Poultry Judging Team and placed 5th individual nationally; 2018 GA FFA Area VI 1st place Forestry Competition; 2017 & 2018 Georgia Young Author winner; and 2018 GA Merit Scholar. Grant volunteers with Brantley Family Connection Center Teen Maze, and owns a small business called Bennett's Bakes. Grant will be attending UGA this fall and majoring in avian biology with a minor in either agricultural communications or poultry science. After that he plans to attend medical school and become a surgeon.



Chloe Brevaldo, St. George, Ga.

Chloe is a senior at Charlton County High and is a member of FFA and past member of FCCLA. Her honors include being an honor roll student and receiving the highest score in the area in Farm Business and Agricultural Communications. Chloe is dual enrolled and will obtain her CNA license this year. Chloe teaches children at her local church. She will attend the University of Florida with the goal of becoming a doctor.



Kade Chapman, Nahunta, Ga.

Kade is a senior at Brantley County High where he is a member of BETA Club, basketball team, tennis team, math team, Youth Leadership Brantley, and 2018 OREMC Youth Tour Delegate. Kade's honors include AP Scholar Award, HOBY Leadership Representative, Scholar Athlete Award, Tennis Team MVP, Highest GPA, GA Merit Scholar, and was voted Mr. BCHS by his senior class. He also volunteers at his local elementary school. Kade has been accepted at UGA and plans to major in psychology with hope of becoming an occupational therapist or forensic psychologist.



Rylee English, Hilliard, Fla.

Rylee is a senior at Hilliard Middle Senior High School and is a member of National Honor Society, National Senior, BETA, Student Government, Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy and a member of the softball team. Her honors include Honorable mention All-County Softball Team and Honor Roll. Rylee will be attending Santa Fe College to obtain a degree in diagnostic sonography and then plans to transfer to the University of Florida.



Carsyn Griffis, Macclenny, Fla.

Carsyn is a senior at Baker County High School where she is a member of BETA Club, Student Council, Prom Committee, History Club, Wildcat Buddies, Interact Club, yearbook staff, FFA, varsity cheer, track team, and FCA. Some of Carsyn's accomplishments include: Honor Roll, Top 10 Reader, Principal's Award for Academic Achievement, President's Volunteer Service Award, Universal Cheer All American, featured in Ocala Magazine, honored by the state of Florida for Outstanding Community Service and received The Congressional Recognition Award. Carsyn founded Teen in Crisis and also volunteers at Ronald McDonald House. She has been accepted to Georgia Southern University and will pursue a nursing degree.



Jameson Gordon, Jesup, Ga.

Jameson is a senior at Wayne County High School where she has been a member of the Varsity Cheer Squad, Boys and Girls Club Junior Board, Mock Trial, Student Chamber, Student Council, Fair Haven Teen Board, First Southern Junior Bank Board, BETA Club and yearbook staff, and a 2018 OREMC Youth Tour delegate. Jameson has been nominated for Governors Honors, UGA Certificate of Merit, nominated for Youth Senate Tour, and National Society for High School Scholars. Jameson will be attending Georgia Tech and majoring in literature, media and communications.

Demi Jones, Macclenny, Fla.

Demi is a senior at Baker County High School where she is a member of Christian Fellowship Club, History Club, BETA Club, Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta Honors Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, National Society of High School Scholars, FBLA, and Marching Band. Some of Demi's honors include Science Olympiad, Principle's List, Florida Merit Award, Hardest Working Band Member, All American Allstar Competition Twirler. She graduated in May from both high school and Lake City Community College with associate of arts degree. Demi's plans are to attend Santa Fe College and earn an associate degree in diagnostic medical sonography, then transfer to the University of Florida.



Chinal Patel, Brunswick, Ga.

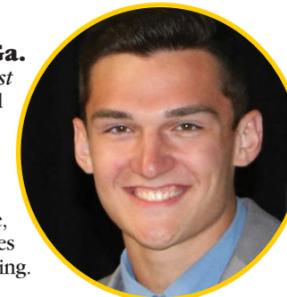
Chinal is a senior at Brunswick High School. She is a member of the National Honors Society and was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as science, while a student at Ashdale Secondary College, a public, co-educational high school in Darch, Western Australia. Chinal will be attending Georgia Southern this fall to work toward a degree in the medical field.



Brantley Sloan, Folkston, Ga.

Walter Harrison Scholarship Finalist

Brantley is a senior at Charlton County High School where he is a member of the football and tennis teams, Boys Soloist, Boys Quartet, One Act, BETA Club, FCA, and a member of FBC Folkston Youth Praise Band and Adult Choir. His honors include 1st Team All-Region Wide Receiver the last two years, Boys Quartet State Champ 2018, Boys Soloist Region Champ 2018, Positive Athlete Nominee, Mr. CCHS and Most Dependable. Brantley will attend Coastal Pines Technical College in the fall to finish his degree in business marketing.



Youth Tour Delegates



Samantha Baxter, Folkston, Ga.

Samantha attends Charlton County High School. Samantha is active in Student Council, FBLA, Georgia Secretary of State Ambassadors, varsity slow pitch and fast pitch softball teams, varsity golf and one act play stage crew. Samantha has won numerous academic and athletic awards. She also volunteers for many different organizations in her community. Her major study interest is aeronautics with plans to become a medevac pilot.



Mady Kate Bullard, Nahunta, Ga.

Mady Kate attends Brantley County High School where she is ranked in the top 5 percent of her class. She is a member of the Herons in Harmony school chorus, soccer team, marching band, FBLA, BETA club, and FCA. Mady Kate is also an active member of her church youth group. She plans to major in biochemistry and become a general surgeon.



Blake McIlwain, Jesup, Ga.

Blake attends Wayne County High School where he runs cross-country and track. He is a member of BETA Club, Student Council, Mock Trial Team, yearbook staff, Drama Club and FCA. Blake volunteers at Tabitha's Place soup kitchen, Yellow Jacket 5K Run, Special Olympics Spring Field Day and the county-wide literacy night for elementary students. Blake plans to attend college and major in law.



Sydney Starling, Jacksonville, Fla.

Sydney attends Hilliard Middle-Senior High and serves as junior class vice president, is a member of varsity cheer team, Senior BETA, National Honors Society, Great Decisions and FCA. Sydney was named Nassau County Student Volunteer of the Year for 2016/2017. She is actively involved in her church youth program and participated in a mission trip to Ecuador last summer. Sydney's future plans are to attend college and major in health sciences/athletic training.

Annual Meeting Set for September 14

In accordance with Bylaw Article III, Meetings of the Members, Section 3.01, the Annual Meeting of Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation, will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the Brantley County High School in Nahunta, Georgia.

Prior Notice Required to Gain Floor for more than Five Minutes at Annual Meeting

In accordance with Bylaw Article III, Section 3.08, the deadline is August 30, 2019 at 5 p.m. to submit requests to gain the floor at the Co-op's annual meeting. Requests may be made by contacting Kimi Harris at OREMC's headquarters office in Nahunta, Georgia, (800) 262-5131, extension 1111.

OREMC Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Bylaw Article IV, Section 4.05, a Nominating Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors to prepare a list of nominations for directors to serve the districts that are due for re-election at the September 14 annual meeting of the cooperative. A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held at the headquarters office of the co-op on April 16, 2019. Nominations made by the nominating committee at that time are as follows:

- District 2 - Nassau County, Florida
 - District 6 - Northwest Camden County, Georgia
 - District 8 - Glynn County, Georgia
- Clyde Mizell
Steve E. Rawl, Sr.
Bobby Sports

Credentials and Elections Committee Appointed

In accordance with Bylaw Article III, Section 3.06, Okefenoke REMC's Board of Directors has appointed a Credentials and Elections Committee to establish the validity of petition of nomination and to verify qualifications of the candidates. Members of the appointed Committee are:

Jerri F Canaday
6066 Harry Rewis Road
Macclenny, FL 32063-3738

Eugene L. Drawdy
15901 Hwy 32E
Hortense, GA 31543-3731

Jimmy Crews
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Jack Wilson
242 Monsie Rd.
Nahunta, GA 31553

Craig C. Brack
863 Hickory Bluff Drive
Waverly, GA 31565-2600

Joe H. Fry
7372 New Jesup Hwy
Brunswick, GA 31523

In addition to establishing the validity and qualification of nominees, the committee will establish and oversee voting procedures.

OREMC Credentials and Elections Committee Report

In accordance with the bylaws of Article III, Section 3.06, Okefenoke REMC's Board of Directors has appointed a Credentials and Elections Committee to establish the validity of petition of nominations and to verify qualifications of the candidates. A meeting of the Committee was held at the headquarters office of the co-op on May 20, 2019 to validate all nominations. Nominations made by the nominating committee are as follows:

- District 2 - Nassau County, Florida
 - District 6 - Northwest Camden County, Georgia
 - District 8 - Glynn County, Georgia
- Clyde Mizell
Steve E. Rawl, Sr.
Bobby Sports

The validity of all nominees has been verified by the Credentials and Election Committee.

Elections of Directors

In accordance with bylaws adopted by Okefenoke REMC members, any contested election held to fill the positions of directors with expiring terms will be made through mail-in balloting. The procedure of mail voting is described in Article IV, Section 4.03 Manner of Voting and Election of Directors, Section 4.06 Ballots, Section 4.07 Distribution of Ballots, and Section 4.08 Conduct of Election. (For complete copy of OREMC Corporate Bylaws go to our website: <https://oremc.com> under 'Member Information' tab click on 'Member Document Repository'.