

Satilla REMC Newsletter

Satilla REMC Foundation's Generous Donations to Benefit Coastal Pines and Wiregrass Technical Students and Programs

Since 1937, Satilla REMC has been dedicated to improving the quality of life in south Georgia. Satilla does this by not only providing affordable electric service to our Members, but by also being an active supporter and champion of the educational institutions in our local communities.

The Satilla REMC Foundation recently made \$25,000 in donations to the technical colleges located in Satilla's service territory. These gifts are intended to benefit students, residents and communities in southeast Georgia. Funds will be used to support student and program success at Wiregrass Technical College (WGTC) and Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) through student scholarships, program equipment, capital projects and other worthy investments that promote a highly skilled workforce.

In a presentation at WGTC's Douglas campus, Romeo Reyes, CEO of Satilla EMC, and Jim Tucker, Chairman of the Satilla REMC Foundation, presented Mona Paulk, WGTC Executive Director of Advancement, and Chrissy Staley, WGTC Executive Director of Fundraising, with a \$5,000 check to benefit the students they serve.

Later that same week, Reyes presented Lonnie Roberts, President of CPTC, with a donation of \$10,000. The donation



Pictured (l-r): Romeo Reyes, Satilla REMC President/CEO; Mona Paulk, Wiregrass Technical College (WGTC) Executive Director of Advancement; Chrissy Staley, WGTC Executive Director of Fundraising; and Jim Tucker, Satilla REMC Director of Customer Services.

will be used to fund scholarships for the Electrical Lineworker Program. Funds will be used to directly support students and costs associated with this program, including tuition, books and supplies. At this same time, Satilla REMC made an additional \$10,000 donation to the Coastal Pines general scholarship fund. This donation will be used to help students at CPTC who need additional financial assistance with tuition, fees and books.

"Thank you to our community partners at Satilla REMC for their generous donation of \$10,000 to the Electrical Lineworker Program, as well as \$10,000 to the general scholarship fund; because of partners like you, our students can reach their goals and complete their education," says Roberts.

The Satilla REMC Foundation was established in 1999. To date, it has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships and grants intended to enhance the educational opportunities available in our service area. Funding for these awards is made possible through voluntary contributions of Satilla REMC Members who round up their monthly electrical services bills.



Pictured (l-r): Stephanie Roberts, Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) Director of Institutional Advancement; Thomas Wesley, CPTC Dean; Romeo Reyes, Satilla REMC President/CEO; John Kennedy, CPTC Electrical Lineworker Instructor; Lonnie Roberts, CPTC President; and Ty Thomas, CPTC Electrical Lineworker Instructor.

Wayne County High School Student Takes First Place at Area VI Wiring Event

Lance Dawson, a junior at Wayne County High School, won first place at the Area VI EMC Career Development Event Wiring Contest on December 15, 2022, at Bacon County High School. Lance competed against 13 other contestants from surrounding counties.

Founded more than 50 years ago, the Wiring Contest is an event that encourages the safe, efficient use of electricity, and is sponsored by the FFA and Georgia Electric Membership Corp.

At the Wiring Contest, a student is required to complete a real-life wiring problem for which he or she receives 60% of their final score. The student must examine a wiring plan, procure materials and install an electrical circuit based on a mock wall.

Students are also given a 30-item written problem-solving activity for 30% of their total score. These multiple-choice questions test the student's knowledge of actual wiring practices, requirements of the National Electrical Code, and/or knowledge of rural electrification and electric cooperatives. In addition to completing a wiring problem and the multiple-choice examination, students are required to give a speech describing the actual electrical wiring tasks for the



final 10% of their score.

Lance will receive the \$500 R.L. Lanier Scholarship from Satilla REMC for receiving the highest score by a student in the Satilla REMC service area. Lance, who is the son of John and Nancy Dawson, plans to use these funds to further his education.

Wayne County FFA Adviser Nick Hodges speaks highly of Lance and the Wiring Contest.

"I have had the pleasure of teaching Lance for three years. I am proud of the dedication and hard work he puts in to achieve his goals. He has been able to excel in critical thinking skills and public speaking skills, as well as electrical wiring skills, because of the Wiring Contest," Hodges says. "I would like to thank Satilla REMC for the encouragement and opportunities they give students."

Andy Varnadore, Satilla REMC's Wiring Contest Coordinator, says, "Satilla REMC is proud of Lance and all the students who participated in the event. These students, along with their advisers, spent many days and hours in preparation for the wiring events. The experience gives these students some exposure to the electrical industry and develops fundamental skills they can use later in life."

Students participate in the Area VI EMC Career Development Event Wiring Contest sponsored by the FFA and Georgia EMC.



Why Is My Electric Bill So High?

When record-setting cold temperatures hit the area, most of us stay indoors and look for ways to stay warm. This can mean you may see higher-than-normal electric bills the following month, which begs the question: “Why does my bill go up when it’s cold outside?”

- It’s a frigid fact that you use more energy in cold weather.
- Most people spend more time at home when it’s cold, thus using more energy.
- Your heating system works much harder to keep your home comfortable in cold weather. Even if you don’t change your thermostat setting, it runs longer to heat your home. And if it’s an older furnace or heat system, it may have to work harder to keep you warm enough to combat those bone-chilling temperatures we experienced.
- Even gas-heating systems use electricity to power the fan and distribute warm air.
- Chances are, you took more hot showers and baths, and used more hot water.
- You may have used space heaters and electric blankets more than usual, which can consume a lot of energy when left on for hours.

Source: <https://www.midwestrec.com/why-my-electric-bill-so-high-winter#:~:text=It's%20a%20frigid%20fact%20that,longer%20to%20heat%20your%20home.>



Energy Efficiency Tip the Month



Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need for lamps and fixtures. Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air. Natural light and clean air are energy savers, and they enhance overall health and productivity.

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SATILLA REMC PURPA PROCEEDING NOTICE OF PURPA HEARING

Satilla REMC 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 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

This hearing is held pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and particularly pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 2621, 2622, 2631 and 2632. The hearing will be held at the Satilla REMC corporate office, with participant sign-in beginning at 10 a.m. and the hearing commencing at 11 a.m. on June 29, 2023. The following standards will be considered at the hearing:

1. Demand-response practices, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(20).
2. Electric vehicle charging programs, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21).

The hearing will be governed by the Rules for Conducting Proceedings Required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (the Rules), as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of Satilla REMC on October 27, 2022. A copy of the Rules may be obtained at Satilla REMC's headquarters during business hours. The headquarters is located at 928 Georgia Highway 32 E, Alma, GA 31510, 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 Satilla REMC's PURPA website at www.satillaemc.com.

In accordance with 16 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 concerning the procedure for intervention.

Any member of Satilla REMC who 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 his or her position and views on the foregoing standards. Please see Rule 5 concerning the procedure for making such statements.

All persons must sign in not later than 11 a.m. to ensure they are able to participate in the hearing. Please see Rule 11 concerning the conduct of the hearing.

Cooperative Solar Blocks Available

Satilla REMC still has blocks available for our Cooperative Solar program. With Cooperative Solar, you can receive all the benefits of solar energy without the hassle of traditional rooftop or on-site solar panels. Plus, there's no long-term contract!

Give us a call today to find out how you can participate in Cooperative Solar.

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