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Faulk Selected 2013 Youth Tour Winner

West Laurens High School junior Emma Faulk recently received what some describe as life-changing news. She was selected to attend the Washington Youth Tour (WYT), an all-expenses-paid leadership trip sponsored by the electric membership corporations in Georgia, including Little Ocmulgee EMC. This year's WYT is set for June 13-20.

Emma was chosen through an essay and interview contest held at Little Ocmulgee EMC. Also competing were: Ashley Evans, daughter of Ronnie and Leila Evans and a senior at Telfair County High School; Heather Green, daughter of Glen and Stephanie Green and a senior at Telfair County High School; Jalisa Mapp, daughter of Linda Mapp and Lewis Robinson and a senior at Wheeler County High School, and Ryan Burnette, son of Laura and Robin Burnette and a senior at Telfair County High School.

General Manager Lewis Sheffield congratulates Emma Faulk for being selected to represent Little Ocmulgee EMC on the 2013 Washington Youth Tour.

Emma, the daughter of Reggie and Sylvia Faulk, of the Cedar Grove community in Laurens County, will be among 106 Georgia high school students attending the event, which includes stops in Georgia and Washington, D.C. As Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to teach students about U.S. history, the role of government and the importance of community and public service.

Lewis Sheffield, General Manager at Little Ocmulgee EMC, says, "The Youth Tour is an opportunity for exceptional students to meet face to face with members of Georgia's congressional delegation and visit

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Little Ocmulgee EMC commends the efforts of all the participants in this year's Youth Tour contest: from left, Jalisa Mapp, Ashley Evans, Heather Green, Emma Faulk and Ryan Burnette.

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historical points of interest in Georgia and the nation's capital."

Sheffield adds, "Making the pilgrimage to D.C., with an emphasis on the nation's rich heritage, is something many adults, and certainly high school-aged kids, never experience. Particularly during their formative years, the trip opens them up to possibilities they otherwise may not have considered. When you add personal tours of the sacred memorials and monuments, and stories of sacrifices made by others, the Youth Tour offers a history lesson that can't be learned from any textbook or classroom in Georgia."

Stops on the trip will include historic attractions such as the Little White House in Warm Springs, and D.C. landmarks including the Smithsonian museums, Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Mount Vernon*, *Supreme Court*, U.S. Capitol and the FDR, Jefferson, World War II and Lincoln memorials.

The Washington Youth Tour was inspired by former President Lyndon Johnson who, as a U.S. senator in 1957, encouraged electric cooperatives "to send youngsters to the nation's capital, where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Youth Tour Alumna to Chaperone 2013 Tour

Congratulations to Blair Riley Inabinet! Blair, a former Washington Youth Tour participant, and her husband, Bill, have been selected to chaperone the 2013 Washington Youth Tour. Blair is a science teacher at Youth Middle School in Loganville, Ga. Blair was chosen as the 2000 Youth Tour delegate for Little Ocmulgee EMC and selected to represent Georgia on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC). She returned to Washington in 2003 to assist the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in coordinating the national activities of the annual program as a "red shirt" staffer in D.C. during that year's Youth Tour.

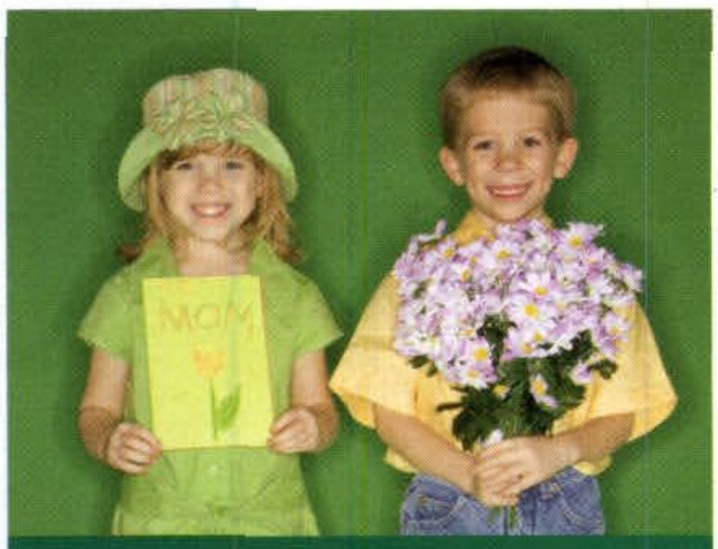
Blair Riley Inabinet

Four Months Remain to Claim Undeliverable Capital Credits

A current list of Members with unclaimed capital credit checks issued in 2007, marked as "undeliverable" by the post office, is located for your review at our offices in Alamo, Dublin and McRae. *This list can also be viewed online at www.loemc.com.*

The last possible date to claim these funds is Sept. 1, 2013. If these funds are not claimed by this date they will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. 44-12-236.

Our corporate office in Alamo and the branch offices in Dublin and McRae are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.



Dates to Remember

Mother's Day	May 12
Armed Forces Day	May 18
Memorial Day	May 27
Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 16
Summer begins	June 21

Use Extreme Caution With Home Electrical Work

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Little Ocmulgee EMC is teaming up with the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) to warn homeowners about the dangers of attempting to perform home electrical improvement and repair projects without hiring a qualified electrician.

"Working with electricity requires thorough planning and extreme care. Cutting corners can be a costly mistake," cautions ESFI President Brett Brenner. "Whether you are a first-time do-it-yourselfer or a 'weekend warrior,' practicing safe habits can prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities, when it comes to home electrical projects."

The U.S. home improvement market nearly doubled in size between 1995 and 2005, reaching a high of $280 billion a year, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. Over the same period, emergency rooms reported ever-increasing numbers of visits attributed to injuries from home workshop equipment. Many of these homeowners were critically injured while attempting to perform home electrical work themselves.

"Many electrocutions and home electrical fires can be prevented simply by understanding basic electrical safety principles and adhering to safe practices," says Brenner.

The best way to protect your family and your home against the risk of electrical fires or electrocution is to hire a qualified, licensed electrician to perform any electrical work in your home.

Should you decide to undertake a home electrical project yourself, consider these important safety tips to help ensure your safety and the safety of those around you:

- Never attempt a project beyond your skill level. Knowing when to call a professional may help prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities.
- Always turn off the power to the circuit you plan to work on by switching off the circuit breaker in the main service panel.
- Make an effort to learn about your home electrical system so you are able to safely navigate and maintain it.
- Test the wires before you touch them to make sure the power has been turned off.
- Use a ground-fault circuit interrupter with every power tool to protect against electrical shock hazards.
- Be sure to unplug any lamp or appliance before working on it.
- Never stand in a puddle or on a damp floor when working directly with or near electricity.
- Always have your work inspected upon completion to ensure it has been done correctly.

For more information about ESFI and National Electrical Safety Month, visit *www.electrical-safety.org*.

Memorial Day Closing

Our offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2013, in observance of Memorial Day. In case of an electrical emergency, please call (912) 568-7171 or toll-free in Georgia at (800) 342-1290.

For your convenience, night deposit boxes are available at our main office in Alamo and the Dublin branch office, as well as a door drop-off slot at the branch office in McRae. You may also pay your bill online at *www.loemc.com*.

Thirty-Four Compete in 2013 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show

Wheeler County 4-H and FFA members participated in the 2013 Market Hog Show. All 34 participants are joined by Brooke Jeffries, Wheeler County Extension Service Coordinator, left, and Bryant Oliver, Wheeler County agriculture education teacher, right.

Wheeler County's 4-H and FFA members participated in the recent 28th annual 2013 Market Hog Show at the Extension Livestock Facility in Alamo. Thirty-four members provided 54 entries in this year's contest.

Hogs had to weigh between 220 and 280 pounds to qualify for the show. Those that did not qualify but weighed 175 to 220 pounds competed in the Prospect Class.

Project advisers for the contest were: Brooke Jeffries, Wheeler County Extension Service coordinator, and Bryant Oliver, Wheeler County agriculture education teacher. Neal Clark served as the master of ceremonies and Miles Toenyes, who is working to earn his master's degree at Western Illinois University, was the judge.

Drew Collins, an 11th-grade FFA member, exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow, and Austin Brown, an eighth-grade FFA member, presented the Reserve Champion Barrow. Little Ocmulgee EMC sponsored the Grand Champion Gilt award for Micah Henry, a 12th-grade FFA member. Hannah Henry, a 10th-grade FFA member, was selected as the Reserve Champion Gilt winner.

Sponsored by Little Ocmulgee EMC, 2013 Grand Champion Gilt winner Micah Henry, left, is congratulated by Judge Miles Toenyes. Bryant Oliver, Wheeler County agriculture education teacher, holds the feed bucket.