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White and Williams Headed to Washington, D.C.

Little Ocmulgee EMC commends the efforts of all the participants in this year's Washington Youth Tour contest: from left, Drew Williams, Morgan White, Heather Woods and Wyatt Villegas. Drew and Morgan were selected to represent LOEMC.

West Laurens High School senior Morgan T. White and Telfair County High School senior Drew Williams were selected to represent Little Ocmulgee EMC (LOEMC) in the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. The annual contest was held at the EMC headquarters in Alamo, Ga., on March 11, 2015.

Morgan, daughter of Teresa and Wayne White, of Dexter, and Drew, son of Doug and Tammy Williams, of Milan, competed with other local high school students whose essays were chosen before the interview session of the contest. Also competing were Wheeler County High School seniors Heather Woods, daughter of Roy Lee Woods Jr., of Alamo, and Wyatt Villegas, son of Trudi and Antonio Villegas Jr., of Alamo.

In 2015, electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia, including LOEMC, will commemorate 50 years of supporting students and teaching life lessons during the week-long adventure. Scheduled for June 11-18, the Youth Tour is sponsored by 38 of the EMCs in Georgia. The tour stands as Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens and offers students a personal lesson in

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Cheek Wins Statewide Youth Tour Contest

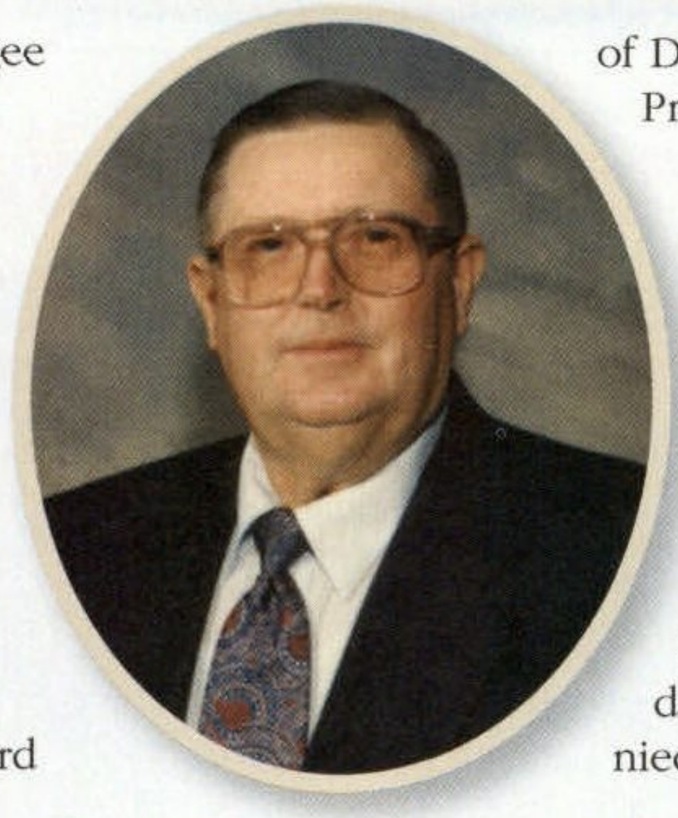
Kerri Cheek, daughter of Sonya and Kevin Cheek, of Lumber City, was chosen by Georgia EMC as one of the statewide delegates on the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. Kerri is the eighth statewide contest winner in the 33-year history of participants from Little Ocmulgee EMC. She will join 111 other Georgia participants throughout the state on this year's 50th anniversary tour.

Kerri, a senior at Wheeler County High School in Alamo, is one of two students selected from applications received throughout the state. Her father, Kevin, is employed by Little Ocmulgee EMC, so she was required to enter the statewide contest rather than the local competition.

Kerri Cheek, a senior at Wheeler County High School, will go on the 2015 Washington Youth Tour as one of two statewide delegates sponsored by Georgia EMC.

A Tribute to Malcolm Powell

On March 10, 2015, Little Ocmulgee EMC was saddened to learn of the death of retired Director Malcolm Powell. Mr. Powell was a native and lifelong resident of Telfair County. He was the son of the late Lonnie and Fannie Bell Powell and a member of Lumber City Baptist Church. He was a former employee of Southern Railroad, a farmer and the owner of Malcolm Powell Trucking and Logging. He served from 1979-1994 on the LOEMC Board of Directors, part of that time as President.



Mr. Powell is survived by his wife, Carol Turner Powell, of Lumber City; three sons, Chester (Brenda) Powell, Jerry (Judy) Powell and Kevin (Angie) Powell, all of Lumber City; three daughters, Cathy (Keith) Varnadoe, Connie (Mark) Gillis, and Diane (Charles) Heath, all of Lumber City; sister, Gail (Max) McLoon of Lumber City; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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U.S. history, competitions and contests to encourage leadership and teamwork, conversations with elected leaders on important subjects and current events, and a better appreciation for community and public service.

The tour kicks off in Atlanta with a banquet on Thursday, June 11, before the delegates depart for Washington, D.C., on Friday. While in the nation's capital, the participants will visit historic landmarks including Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums, Holocaust Memorial Museum, Mount Vernon, the Supreme Court, the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument and the MLK, FDR, Jefferson, World War II and Lincoln memorials.

Congratulations to Morgan and Drew! Look for more details of their summer trip of a lifetime in a cover story in the January 2016 issue of Electric News, inside *GEORGIA Magazine*.

Final 4 Months to Claim Undeliverable Capital Credits; Deadline is Sept. 1

A list of members with unclaimed capital credit checks issued in 2009, marked as "undeliverable" by the post office, is located for review at LOEMC's offices in Alamo, Dublin and McRae. This list can be viewed online at *www.loemc.com*.

The last possible date to claim these funds is Sept. 1, 2015. 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 office in Dublin are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The McRae branch is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Enjoy Summer Fun at the 2015 Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference

Little Ocmulgee EMC and the Georgia Cooperative Council annually sponsor three local high school students who attend the weeklong Youth Leadership Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington, Ga., on July 13-17, 2015.

The objectives of the conference are to provide cooperative education, heighten awareness of cooperatives in Georgia, explore the cooperative way of doing business and provide leadership development opportunities. Individual sessions will include:

- The Congressional Insight game: Team participants will make decisions regarding staff, media, legislation, raising money… all with an eye to securing re-election. The game is designed to give participants a deeper understanding of why their involvement in the political process is vitally important.
- Personality assessments: A two-part activity where participants assess their personality and explore how to work with people who have different styles and outlooks.
- Co-op encounter sessions: Participants get an in-depth look at the EMCs, Staplcotn Cooperative, Southern States, Dairy Cooperatives, the Farm Credit system and the Georgia Cooperative Development Center.
- Co-ops 101: Presentation and discussion centering on the cooperative way of business: history, organization, member benefits, opportunities and current issues.
- Activities that teach cooperative principles and educate participants on the importance of being a member of a team effort.
- Recreation/education opportunities: swimming, high rope obstacle course, miniature golf, canoeing and mud course.

Little Ocmulgee EMC members' children of high moral character and who exhibit qualities of honesty and integrity in leadership are urged to apply. To qualify, participants must reside in a home that receives electric service from Little Ocmulgee EMC and must have completed their freshman year of high school. They should not yet be attending college, nor have previously attended the conference.

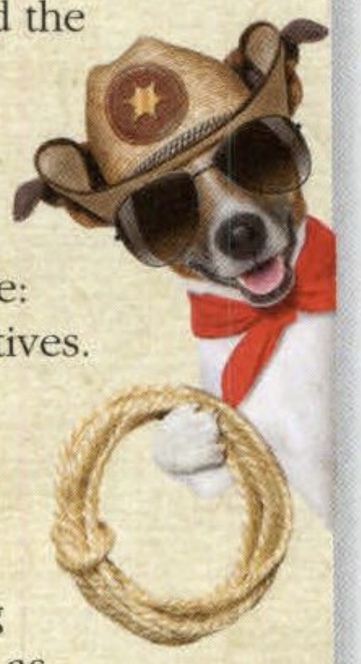
Little Ocmulgee EMC will be accepting applications through noon May 29, 2015, and will select three participants. All expenses and transportation will be included and provided by Little Ocmulgee EMC. To obtain an application, please visit one of our three locations in Alamo, Dublin or McRae or contact Gary L. Selph at 1 (800) 342-1290, ext. 217.

This conference is sponsored by the Georgia Cooperative Council Inc. and Georgia EMCs in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service (the University of Georgia), the Georgia Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

WANTED

MARRIED COUPLE EAGER TO LEARN ABOUT COOPERATIVES

Mingle with other couples from Georgia and North Carolina while enjoying a weekend of fun, fellowship and learning by the shore of beautiful Lake Chatuge, in Hiawassee, Ga., and the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains, at the 2015 Co-op Education Conference for Couples.



Objectives of the Co-op Education Conference for Couples are:

- Network with leaders of cooperatives.
- Learn about the economic and service benefits of cooperatives and how they differ from other corporations.
- Exchange ideas with other young couples and cooperative leaders, as well as strengthen relationships with the cooperatives with which you do business.

This annual conference is sponsored by the Cooperative Councils in Georgia and North Carolina. For an application and details, contact Little Ocmulgee EMC at 1 (800) 342-1290 or visit one of our three locations—Alamo, Dublin or McRae.

Only Little Ocmulgee EMC members may apply. The deadline is noon Friday, May 29, 2015.

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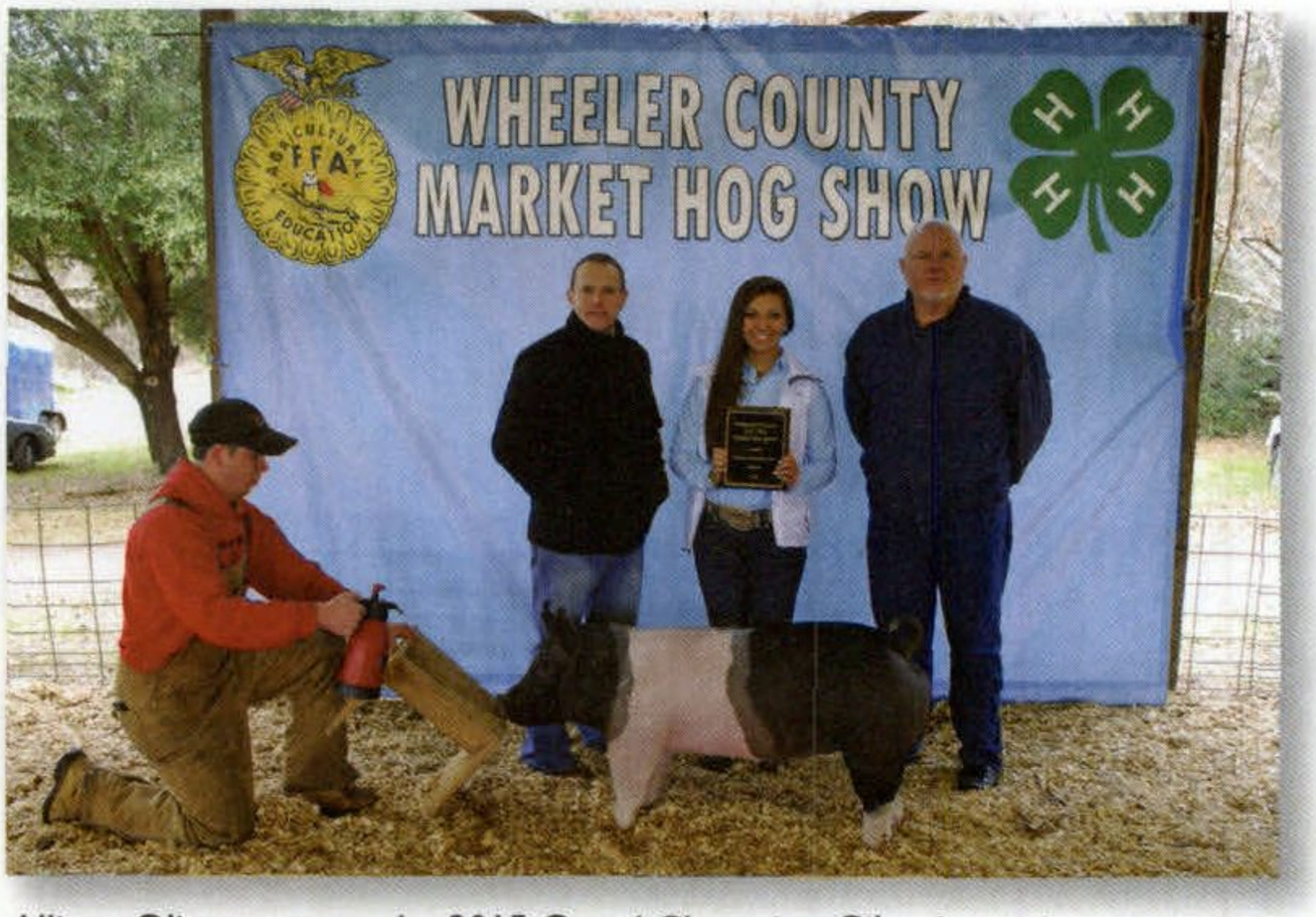
ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO THE 2015 CO-OP EDUCATION CONFERENCE FOR COUPLES

JULY 31-AUG. 2 AT THE RIDGES RESORT AND MARINA IN HIAWASSEE, GA.

2015 Wheeler County 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show

Thirty 4-H and FFA club members participated in the 30th Annual Wheeler County Market Hog Show in February. Fifty hogs were entered in the show, held at the extension livestock facility in Alamo.

Exhibitors participating this year were: Hunter Bridges, Austin Brown, Abbigail Burkhalter, Rylee Burkhalter (Pre-Club), Tyler Burkhalter, Dakota Connell, Chase Derriso, Jaxson Derriso (Pre-Club), Jaden Derriso, Anna Beth Ethredge (Pre-Club), Towns Ethredge, Ryan Harrelson, Addison Hartley, Hannah Henry, Erin Holland, Jordan Holland, Emberli Horne, Charlie Mason, Allison Oliver, Jase Oliver (Pre-Club), Brianna Pickle, Denton Pickle, Landon Pickle, Peyton Pickle, Estevan Reyes, Aiden Rutherford (Pre-Club), Collin Stinson, Martin Wynn (Pre-Club), Mason Wynn (Pre-Club) and Landing Youmans.



Allison Oliver, center, the 2015 Grand Champion Gilt winner, is congratulated by Gary L. Selph, right, of sponsor Little Ocmulgee EMC. Also standing is show judge Dave Mullins, of Indiana.

The project advisers were Wheeler County Extension Coordinator Brooke Jeffries and agriculture education teachers Bryant Oliver and Lonnie Giddens. Neal Clark served as master of ceremonies and Dave Mullins, of Indiana, judged this year's market show.

Allison Oliver, a 10th-grade FFA member, was the Grand Champion Gilt winner, which was sponsored by Little Ocmulgee EMC. Hannah Henry, a 12th-grade FFA member, exhibited the Reserve Champion Gilt. Jaden Derriso, a ninth-grade 4-H member, exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow, while Austin Brown, a 10th-grade FFA member, showed the Reserve Champion Barrow.

Showmanship is a big part of the event. All participants were judged on how well their hogs were prepared for the show and how well they could exhibit them to the judge. Additional preparations included washing, clipping and grooming.

The 2015 Wheeler County Market Hog Show was a great success and was well represented by 30 club members of the schools' 4-H and FFA programs.

The market hog project began in late October with participants taking the required Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus training class taught by Bryant Oliver. In February, students competed in the market hog show in Alamo, and 23 members of 4-H and FFA traveled to Perry to compete in the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show.