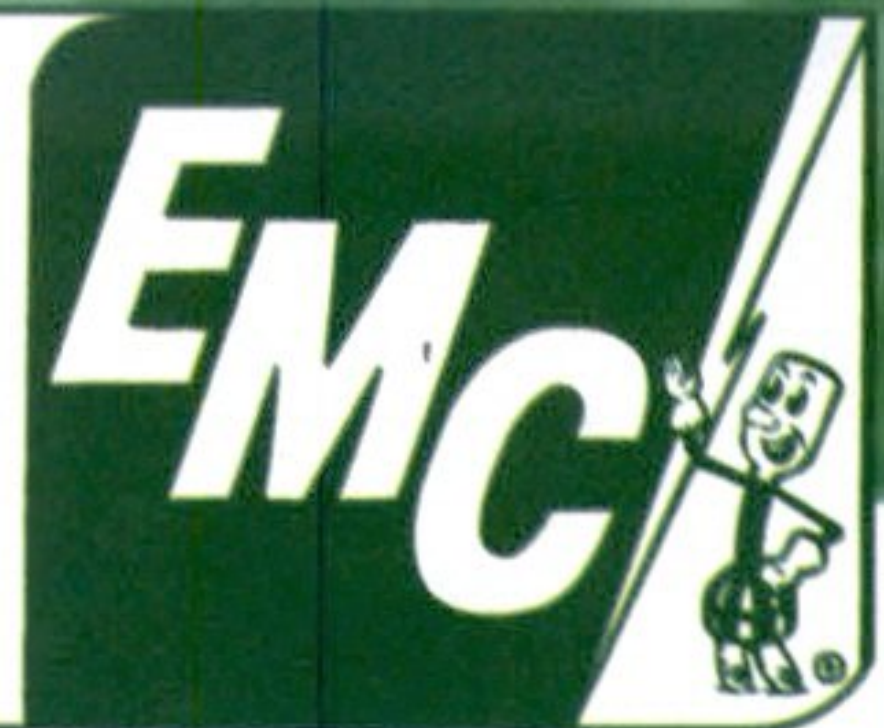


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## Little Ocmulgee EMC to Celebrate 79 Years of Service to the Members

The 79th Little Ocmulgee EMC Annual Meeting of Members will be held Nov. 8, 2017, at the Wheeler County High School gymnasium in Alamo. Doors will open promptly at 12:30 p.m. for member registration.

Prior to the business session, which begins at 2 p.m., there will be a health fair, vendor booths and gospel entertainment. Door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the meeting.

Pursuant to the Little Ocmulgee EMC Bylaws, a committee to nominate members for directorship has been appointed. The following members will serve:

- **Laurens County (District 1):** Larry Windham, Curtis Pauldo, Jimmy Butler
- **Telfair/Dodge counties (District 2):** Carey Knowles, John E. Seay, Marty Kinnett
- **Wheeler/Montgomery counties (District 3):** Carey Clark, Tommy Clark, Jamie Nobles

If you have comments or suggestions concerning nominations or persons who wish to be considered for director nomination, please contact these committee members.

The Nominating Committee will meet Aug. 22, 2017, to make director nominations. One director from each district is elected each year and will serve staggered three-year terms.

Directors seeking re-election for another three-year term are:



- **Laurens County (District 1):** Fred Gilder
- **Telfair/Dodge counties (District 2):** Jim Knight
- **Wheeler/Montgomery counties (District 3):** Jimmy Grimes

Nominations for directors can also be made by petition, which must be signed by 15 or more Little Ocmulgee EMC members and submitted to the co-op no later than Sept. 8, 2017 at 5 p.m. Nominations are not allowed from the floor at the Annual Meeting.



### Independence and Labor Day Closings

Our offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in observance of Independence Day and Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, for the Labor Day holiday. 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, or you may pay your bill online at [www.loemc.com](http://www.loemc.com).

### Dates to Remember

- July 4..... Independence Day
- Sept. 4..... Labor Day
- Sept. 10..... Grandparents Day
- Sept. 11..... Patriot Day



# Capital Credit Assignment for 2016

Being a member of Little Ocmulgee EMC has many advantages. One is that margins made at the end of each year are posted to each member's capital credit accounts and refunded on a 30-year cycle.

Margins are the amount of money remaining at the end of the year after the cooperative has paid its total operating cost. Capital credits are assigned to each member's capital credit account, based on the amount of money paid for electricity used during that year.

Example		
Total Annual Electric Bill (2016)	CC Factor	Capital Credits Posted to Member's Account
\$1,000 (estimate)	.042866	\$ 42.87

In 1983, Little Ocmulgee EMC began making refunds for the first time in its history, beginning with deceased members' estates. In 1985, the first "general" refund (based on first in/first out) was issued

for the years 1948 and 1949. Through 2016, approximately \$6,607,922 has been refunded to members and deceased members' estates since 1983. Listed below are the capital credit factors for the past five years.

Year	Factor
2016	.042866
2015	.044203
2014	.036799
2013	.024811
2012	.031582

The cooperative will continue to make refunds on deceased member estates, as well as general refunds, as financial stability permits. Any capital credit refund of less than \$5 shall be held over to the following year or years until such credits can be paid in the amount of \$5 or more.

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

A current list of members with unclaimed capital credit checks issued in 2011, 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](http://www.loemc.com).

The last possible date to claim these funds is Sept. 1, 2017. 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. to 5 p.m. The McRae branch is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.



# Retiree Appreciation at Little Ocmulgee EMC



Retired Little Ocmulgee EMC employees (with their starting dates and position at retirement) honored at a May luncheon include, from left, Bobby Wood (May 1981, Line Foreman/Staking Engineer), Fred Ussery (September 1961, Staking Engineer); Joe Chapman (October 1971, Right-of-Way Foreman); Judy Benton (January 1969, Manager of Administrative Services), Larry White (September 1973, Right of Way Foreman); Freddie Nobles (August 1973, Serviceman); Don Purvis (December 1969, Manager of Operations); Eddie McMillian (October 1985, Serviceman helper); Donnie Adams (October 1971, Staking Engineer); Gary Starley (April 1991, Purchasing Agent/Warehouseman); and Betty Mullis (December 1979, Supervisor of Branch). Five retired employees were unable to attend: Forrest Fields (May 1951, Serviceman); A.F. Gibbs (July 1947, Line Foreman); Randy Pope (July 1974, Purchasing Agent/Warehouseman); Donna Thompson (November 1979, Manager of Office Services); and Dollie Mae Williams (January 1970, Custodian).

**L**ittle Ocmulgee EMC (LOEMC) welcomed back retired employees on Wednesday, May 10, with a cake and pizza luncheon in their honor at the headquarters in Alamo. Eleven former employees attended: Donnie Adams, Judy Benton, Joe Chapman, Betty Mullis, Eddie McMillian, Freddie Nobles, Don Purvis, Gary Starley, Fred Ussery, Larry White and Bobby Wood. Five retired employees were unable to attend: Forrest Fields, A.F. Gibbs, Randy Pope, Donna Thompson and Dollie Mae Williams. These 16 retirees provided more than 500 years of dedicated service to the members of LOEMC.

After the luncheon, several retirees shared memories with the current employees on hand. Fred Ussery told several stories about the fun times and family atmosphere that he remembered from his years of working at LOEMC. Others shared similar stories. These employees certainly

were dedicated to the cooperative.

As a part of the “EMC family,” employees could be called in at any time. During storms, everyone—not just linemen—was expected to come in and help. Sometimes, employees had to put their families on hold because LOEMC members needed their lights back on. Yep, these were dedicated employees!

After the stories and some tall tales, a video was shown paying tribute to retirees and employees. This video was compiled of pictures taken over the years at events such as annual meetings, storms and outages, plus memorable times in employees’ lives, confirming the love and support the employees share.

The event was held in honor of the retirees, but current employees came away with a blessing of having such strong and dedicated folks paving the way before them. It was a day enjoyed by everyone, of laughter, fellowship and much appreciation.



# Keep Your Home Comfortable in Summer Heat

When temperatures rise in the summer, so can electricity use, and that can put a strain on electrical systems and home energy budgets. With air conditioners consuming more energy, electrical systems must work hard to power the increased demand.

"Cooling your home efficiently this summer does not have to be difficult. There are many easy steps you can take to lower your electrical demand in the summer, which also saves you money on your energy bill," says Molly Hall, Executive Director of the Illinois-based Energy Education Council and its Safe Electricity program.

During times of excessive heat, high demand is coming from many homes and businesses, which can increase the possibility of electrical grid overloads and failures. This increased demand for electricity can increase the likelihood of an electric shock or fire.

Safe Electricity suggests some simple ways to improve comfort, save energy and ease stress on a home's electrical system:

- Close curtains and blinds to keep the sun out on hot days.
- Make sure ceiling fans are moving in a counterclockwise direction, which forces air down and creates a cooling effect.

- Operate the thermostat as efficiently as possible. The smaller the difference between your thermostat and the outdoor air temperature, the greater the energy and utility bill savings. Just a few degrees can make a big difference, so set the thermostat as high as you can while staying comfortable.
  - Make sure vents are not blocked. It is also a good idea to vacuum air registers to remove dust and debris that could block cold air from circulating throughout the house.
  - A routine annual inspection and regular maintenance of the HVAC system can help it run more efficiently. Turn off power to the air conditioner before any work is done on it. Clean or replace filters. Outside, clear leaves and other debris away from the condensing unit. Hose off any accumulated dirt.
  - Avoid opening the door unnecessarily in the heat of the day.
  - If it gets cool enough at night, open windows to let cooler air in. Then close them in the morning to trap it inside.
  - Seal cracks around the house with weather stripping and caulk to keep cold air in and hot air out.
- Some additional options for in-

vesting in a home's energy efficiency include:

- Ventilation is one of the most efficient ways to keep a building cool. Use attic vents and fans to help reduce energy costs.
- Consider installing awnings over windows in direct sunlight to shade your home.
- If shopping for a new air-conditioning unit, look for an ENERGY STAR-rated model. Appliances with an ENERGY STAR rating meet or exceed energy-efficiency standards and can save you money over the lifetime of the appliance.
- Make sure a home has the insulation it needs. *EnergySavers.gov* has information about the best insulation to use in different geographic areas.

For more information on energy safety and efficiency, visit *SafeElectricity.org*.

*Safe Electricity, based in Springfield, Ill., is the safety outreach program of the Energy Education Council, a nonprofit organization that educates the public about electrical safety and energy efficiency.*



## Head Off Heat-related Illnesses

Safety is important, so do not ignore rising temperatures. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, approximately 675 Americans die every year from heat-related causes. Prevent heat-related illnesses by seeking out cool environments, drinking a lot of water and wearing lightweight clothes.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion and heatstroke. A person who is experiencing heavy sweating and weakness should immediately seek a cool environment, drink water and apply a cold compress. If these symptoms progress to high temperature, vomiting and unconsciousness, seek emergency medical attention.