



Wingard retires from Sumter EMC after 37 years

Danny Wingard, who began his career with Sumter EMC 37 years ago, retired effective May 1.

In his most recent position as Operations Superintendent, Danny played a very important role in leading the construction crews and service personnel on daily construction jobs, including new services and maintenance. He also had to ensure timely responses to outages and restoration efforts. In his role, Danny not only supervised many employees but also communicated with many Sumter EMC members.

He has enjoyed being able to work outside and to witness the changes in materials and equipment over the years.

“Danny’s hard work and dedication have had a profound impact on our cooperative,” says Rene Smith, President/CEO of Sumter EMC.



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Danny says he will miss the challenge of the job and the great group of men he supervised for so long. “With my education and where I live, I couldn’t have done better for my family and my retirement than what Sumter EMC did for me and be at home most every night,” he says.

Danny, a native of Americus, Ga., is the son of the late Walter and Mary Anne Wingard. He and his wife of 45 years, Marilyn, moved to Lee County,

Ga., where they lived for 20 years. They have two children, Rebecca and Laura, and three grandchildren—Cade, 12; Olivia, 9; and Mattie, 5.

In retirement, Danny is looking forward to traveling and seeing his children and grandchildren more often.

Sumter EMC is grateful to Danny for his years of service and dedication to our members. Congratulations on your retirement, Danny! We wish you many years of happiness.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter “home energy yardstick” in the search box to get started.



Minick receives Walter Harrison Scholarship

Will Minick, son of Billy and Spring Minick, of Preston, and a recent graduate of Southland Academy, was one of 12 statewide students awarded a \$1,000 Walter Harrison Scholarship. The Walter Harrison Scholarship program was created in 1985 in memory of the Georgia and national rural electric co-op pioneer. The statewide scholarship is funded by EMCs throughout Georgia and pays \$1,000 to each winner, who can apply funds to any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical school in Georgia. Since 1987, more than \$224,500 has been awarded to 235 students.

Will, along with 75 other applicants, wrote essays highlighting their career goals, extracurricular activities and achievements, and explained why they



Will Minick

should be among those selected for the scholarship. "To compose a winning essay out of so many of Georgia's finest students is really an amazing accomplishment. We are very proud of Will for

this outstanding achievement," says Andrea Walker, Sumter EMC Vice President of Marketing and Administration.

During his high school career, Will played football and golf, was President of the Key Club and participated in the quartet and one-act play. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends and playing the guitar.

As he states in his essay, Will has a love for math. He attributes this to one of his favorite childhood activities—playing with Legos, which enhanced his problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. He plans to apply these skills toward earning an electrical engineering degree from Georgia Southern, where he will start classes this fall.



Holiday Closing Notice

All Sumter EMC offices will be closed
on Friday, July 3, 2020,
in observance of Independence Day.

Night Deposit Boxes

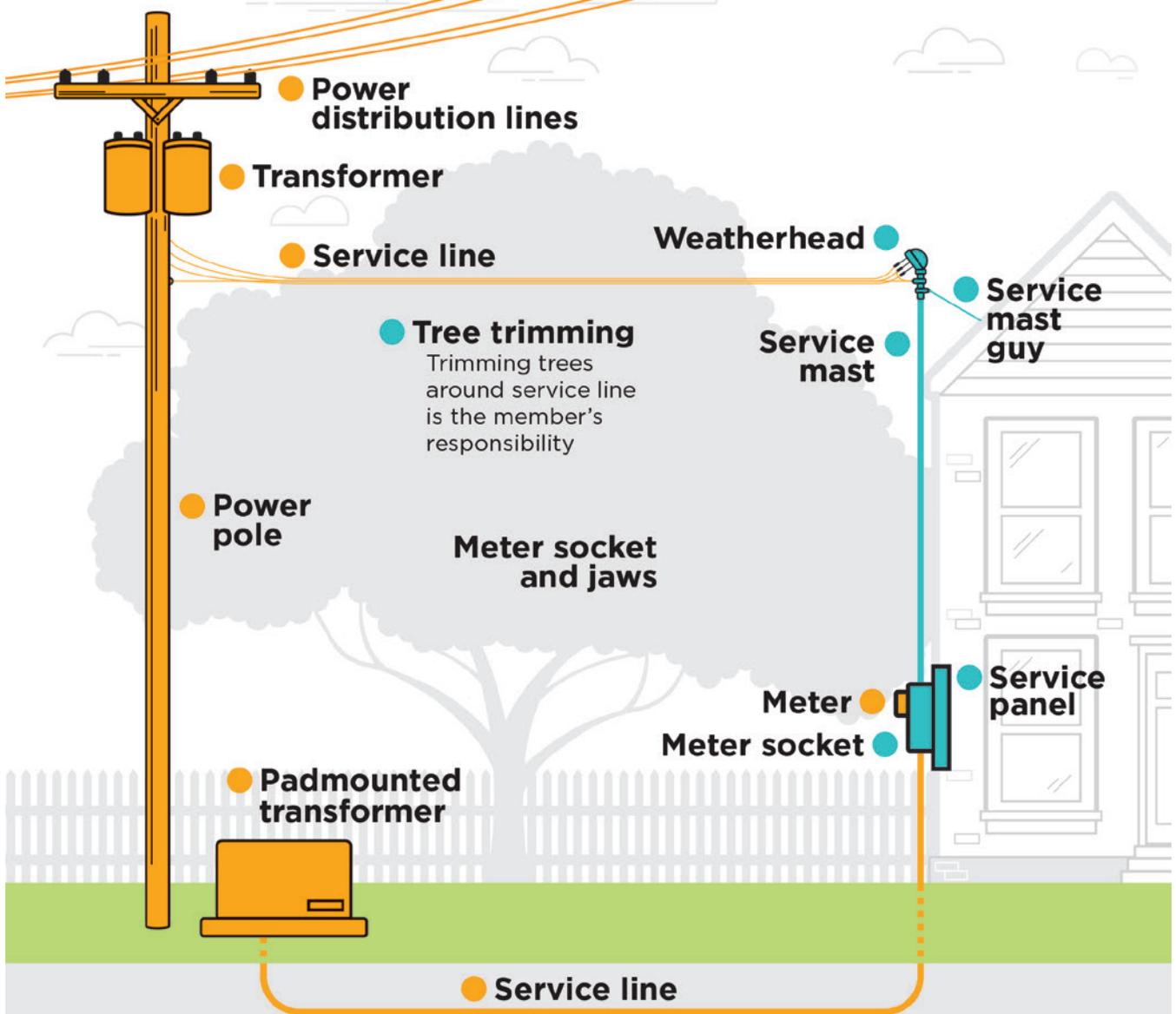
Payment boxes are available at the Americus, Leesburg and Cusseta offices for members to make their payments between 5 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. Envelopes are available for you to enclose your bill insert and payment.

Who Owns What?

Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.

- Co-op owned
- Member-owned



Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service. Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home.

Sumter EMC is here to help

Sumter EMC is aware that during these unprecedented times, more of our members are staying home, which means your energy use may be higher than normal. Summer is a great time to conduct an energy audit of your home and identify ways to boost energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify energy use and identify areas for potential energy savings.

If you would like to do an energy audit yourself, try ENERGY STAR's online audit. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started.



Energy-saving tips

Air conditioner

Sumter EMC recommends keeping the thermostat on 78 degrees in the summer months. Raising your temperature a couple of degrees in the summer can reduce the time it takes for your cooling system to reach the desired temperature and, in turn, lower your energy use.



Water heating

Electric tanked water heaters normally use between 10 to 20 kilowatt-hours of electricity a day. Those numbers can be reduced by lowering the temperature setting to 120 degrees.

- Take quick showers instead of baths
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Instead of washing dishes by hand, use a fully loaded, energy-efficient dishwasher



Laundry

- Wash clothes in cold water, and use a shorter cycle to save energy.
- Always clean the lint screen and use the automatic drying cycle so the dryer shuts off as soon as the moisture level is down. An even better option is to hang your clothes out to air-dry.

Cooking

Grilling or using lower wattage appliances to cook instead of the stove can save energy.

Sumter EMC is still conducting business and is here to help with all of our members' energy needs.

If you need help, please call our office at (229) 924-8041 or 1 (800) 342-6978, and ask for an energy specialist.