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Frank Jackson Jr. retires after 21 years of service

Frank Jackson Jr. of Tignall retired on April 25, 2025, after 21 years of service with Rayle EMC. Jackson was hired on Jan. 16, 2004, by Manager Phil Brown as the Grounds-keeper/Warehouseman in the Washington District. During his 21 years with the company, Jackson was a dedicated, hardworking employee.

For Jackson's retirement celebration, he and his wife were treated to lunch at Miller's Bistro in Washington. Jackson was presented with a plaque and monetary gift in grateful appreciation and recognition of his years of service to Rayle EMC.



Frank Jackson Jr., left, receives congratulations on his retirement from General Manager Tony Griffin.

Keith Moody retires after 36 years of service



Keith Moody, left, accepts a retirement plaque from General Manager Tony Griffin.

Keith Moody of Greensboro retired on May 1, 2025, after 36 years of service with Rayle EMC. Moody was hired on Sep. 12, 1988, by Jonathan White as a Lineman in the Greensboro District. During his 36 years with the company, Moody served in several other capacities: Journeyman Lineman in 1991; Staking Technician in 1996; and District Foreman in 2004, the position he held until retirement.

On his last day, his crew took him to lunch at Longhorn's in Greensboro in celebration of his retirement. Moody received a plaque and monetary gift from Rayle EMC in appreciation for his 36 years of continuous, loyal and dedicated service.

Rayle EMC awards scholarships to seven local students

Rayle EMC takes pride in giving back to its members in various ways throughout the year. One of the methods of giving in 2025 is by awarding scholarships to students in its service area. General Manager Tony Griffin is proud to announce that Rayle EMC has awarded seven students in Rayle EMC's service area each a \$1,000 scholarship. Students receiving the scholarships were: Reid Davis and Faith Wilson from Greene County; and Jade Fincher, Marvin Gaye, Kaylee Grimaud, Garrett Hamrick and Janie Marxsen from Wilkes County.



Reid Davis,
Lake Oconee
Academy

Reid Davis

Reid Davis is the son of Scott and Cindy Davis of Union Point. He is a graduate of Lake Oconee Academy where he was a member of the Beta Club, varsity football team, Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, Youth Leadership of Greene County and an active member of Watkinsville First Baptist Church. His honors include Cornerstone Award for

Community, Cornerstone Award for Citizenship and Leadership Excellence and MVP awards for football. Davis will be attending Berry College in the fall to play football and study engineering.

National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America, as well as an active member of Tignall Baptist Church. During high school she worked for Fievet Pharmacy and acquired a pharmacy technician license and vaccine injection certification. Fincher will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall to study pharmaceutical sciences.

Jade Fincher

Jade Fincher is the daughter of Josh and Lacey Fincher of Tignall. She is a graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School where she achieved the honor of STAR Student for earning the highest SAT score in her class. Fincher was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes,



Jade Fincher,
Washington-Wilkes
Comprehensive
High School



Marvina Gaye,
Washington-Wilkes
Comprehensive
High School

Marvina Gaye

Marvina Gaye is the daughter of Marvin and Yvette Gaye of Washington. She is a graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School where she was a member of the student council, National Honor Society, Interact/Rotary Club, 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America and was a varsity basketball cheer captain. Gaye will be attending Georgia State

University in the fall to pursue a degree in middle grade level counseling with a minor in criminal justice.

Kaylee Grimaud

Kaylee is the daughter of George IV and Genna Grimaud of Washington. She is a graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School where she was a



Kaylee Grimaud,
Washington-Wilkes
Comprehensive
High School

member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), Wilkes County Young Farmers and National Honor Society. Grimaud served as Junior Officer, Secretary, Vice President and President of the Future Farmers of America. Some of Grimaud's honors include FFA Star Discovery degree, FFA Star Greenhand degree and FFA Star Chapter degree. Grimaud will be attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in the fall to study agriculture education.



Janie Marxsen,
Washington-Wilkes
Comprehensive
High School

ber of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, Sources of Strength and National Honor Society. Marxsen served as captain of the soccer team and was a member of the softball team. Some of her honors include Fox 54 Scholar Athlete, honor roll, Coaches Award and senior class Homecoming representative. Marxsen will be attending the University of North Georgia in the fall to study elementary education.

Garrett Hamrick

Garrett Hamrick is the son of Jason and Brooke Hamrick of Washington. He is a graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School where he was named Salutatorian. He was a member of National Honor Society and a varsity soccer player. In the fall, Hamrick will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology to study mechanical engineering.



Garrett Hamrick,
Washington-Wilkes
Comprehensive
High School

Faith Wilson

Faith Wilson is the daughter of Torico and Nikia Wilson of White Plains. She is a graduate of Greene County High School where she was Vice President of Beta Club, Vice President of Career Development in Distributive Education Clubs of America and participated in volleyball, flag football and marching band. Some of Wilson's awards include honors in chemistry, Soar Work Based Learning, honor roll and Homecoming Queen. Wilson will be attending Kennesaw State University to study nursing in order to one day become a traveling pediatric nurse and paramedic.



Faith Wilson,
Greene County
High School

Janie Marxsen

Janie Marxsen is the daughter of Brent and Anissa Marxsen of Washington. She is a graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School where she was a mem-



Electric linemen showcase skills at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo



Rayle EMC linemen competing in the Lineman's Rodeo included, from left, Cody Stewart, Stephen Garner, Aubrey Flanigan, Heath Creswell, Luke Wade and Lyndon Webb.

Electric cooperative lineworkers from across Georgia put their skills to the test at the 2025 Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, held Saturday, May 3, at the FFA Camp John Hope in Perry.

Journeyman teams and apprentices from Georgia's electric membership corporations (EMCs), including Rayle EMC, joined municipal electric system teams from across the state in a day of spirited competition designed to showcase the precision, safety and teamwork demanded of the electric linework trade.

"The Lineman's Rodeo is a unique opportunity to see firsthand the strength, skill and focus it takes to succeed in this profession," says Tony Griffin, General Manager at Rayle EMC. "Working at great heights, in all weather, with high-voltage equipment isn't just a job—it's a commitment to keeping communities connected and safe."

Now celebrating its 31st year, the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo has become a cherished tradition. With family-friendly events and a supportive crowd, the rodeo allows lineworkers to share their expertise with loved ones while reinforcing the importance of home support in their demanding field—especially during power outages and severe weather.

"EMC journeyman linemen and apprentices are among the best in their field in Georgia and across the nation," Griffin says. "Their participation in the rodeo is important since it serves as a continuing education

opportunity for them with a focus on safety, training and safe work practices. The crews really enjoy it because it's also a great time to build camaraderie across electric utilities in Georgia and the Southeast."

Their vast experience and dedication were evident during the competition. Rayle EMC had six apprentice linemen to compete in this year's event: Cody Stewart, Stephen Garner, Aubrey Flanigan, Heath Creswell, Luke Wade and Lyndon Webb. Apprentice Luke Wade was Rayle EMC's highest finisher, ranking 10th overall.

This year, 136 EMC apprentices competed in four events: hurt-man rescue, apprentice secondary neutral change and two mystery events.

A total of 27 EMC journeymen teams were tested in four events: hurt-man rescue, lightning arrestor and cut-out change and two mystery events.

EMC linemen competed from 14 co-ops including Blue Ridge Mountain EMC in Young Harris, Canoochee EMC in Reidsville, Carroll EMC in Carrollton, Cobb EMC in Marietta, Coweta-Fayette EMC in Palmetto, Flint Energies in Reynolds, GreyStone Power in Douglasville, Habersham EMC in Clarkesville, Hart EMC in Hartwell, Jackson EMC in Jefferson, Rayle EMC in Washington, Snapping Shoals EMC in Covington, Walton EMC in Monroe and Washington EMC in Sandersville.

An awards banquet was held to recognize winners in each division as well as overall team winners.