



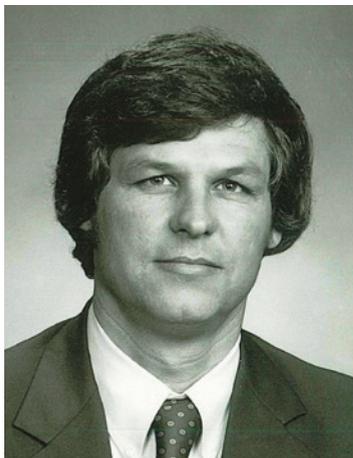
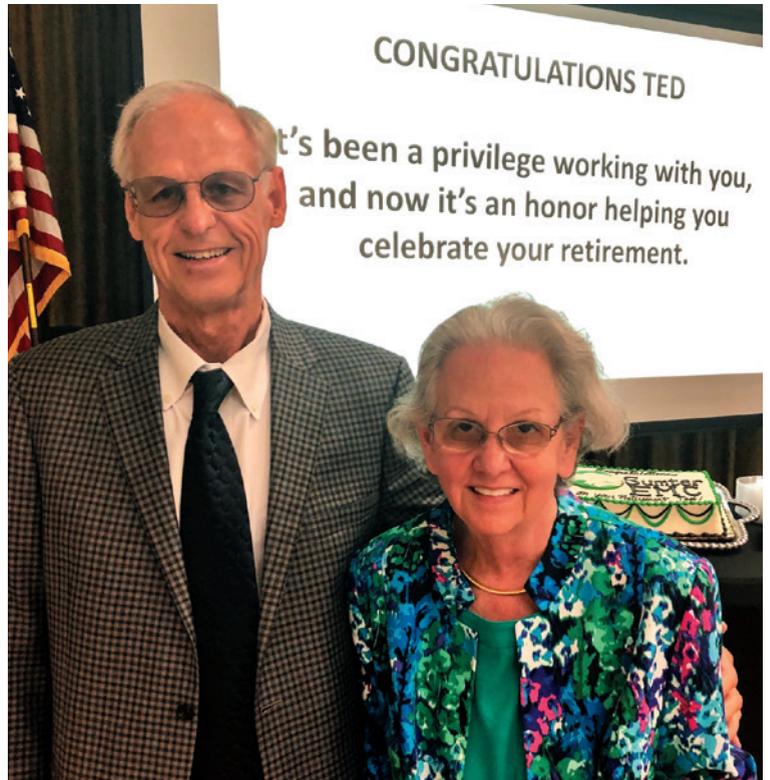
Ted McMillan retires after 43 years at SEMCO

Earlier this year, Ted McMillan announced his retirement as President and CEO of Sumter Electric Membership Corp. after a 43-year career. Ted joined the SEMCO team in 1977 as an Energy Services Engineer and has served in many managerial capacities, including Staff Services, Member Services, Construction, Office Services, and finally President and CEO for the last 35 years.

Ted, a native of Enigma in Berrien County, Ga., was one of four children of the late J.L. McMillan and Lucile McMillan. In 1971, he graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia (UGA) with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering. While attending UGA, Ted was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta and Alpha Zeta honor societies. In 1990, he earned a master's degree in business management from Georgia Southwestern State University.

"Ted has always chosen to do the right thing during the time we have worked together. He has been loyal to Sumter EMC, its employees and their families," says Rene Smith, President/CEO of Sumter EMC.

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During his tenure at Sumter EMC, Ted has served on various boards or as a member representative for many organizations, including Georgia System Operations Corp., Georgia Energy Cooperative, SOWEGA Power LLC, GRESKO

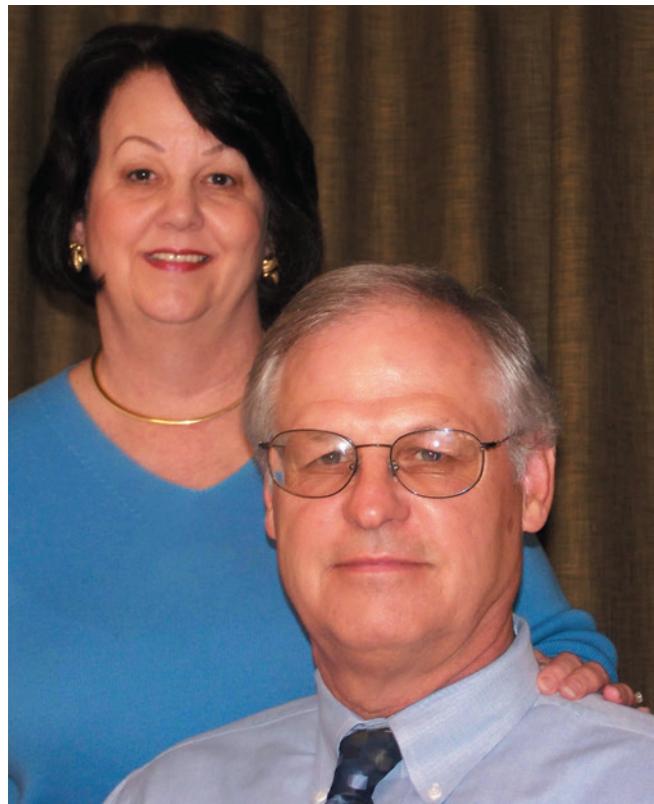


Utility Supply Inc., SEDC and Green Power EMC. His sound decision-making and unending loyalty to Sumter EMC have been driving factors in the success of the cooperative over the past several decades.

One of Ted's top priorities has always been giving back to his community. He demonstrated this through his involvement in the Americus

and Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, the Americus Kiwanis Club, Sumter County's Unit of the American Red Cross, the Americus Jaycees and by serving as Director and Chairman of One Sumter Economic Development Foundation. As a man of faith, Ted's honesty and integrity were always reflected in his work and his activities at First United Methodist Church of Americus.

In retirement, Ted is looking forward to having more time for the hobbies he enjoys most—hunting and shooting skeet. He and Brenda, his wife of more than 27 years, are eager to spend time on their family farm and to see whatever



this next chapter in life may bring them.

Thank you for your commitment and your everlasting, positive impact on Sumter EMC. Enjoy your retirement, Ted!

New plan for Sumter EMC's Annual Meeting

Sumter EMC plans for a drive-in Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2020. The meeting will be held on the campus of South Georgia Technical College on South Georgia Technical Parkway in Americus, Ga.

All members will remain in their vehicles during the meeting and listen to the meeting on their vehicle's FM radio. Votes will be cast by honking car horns.

The meeting will be called to order at 8 a.m. with the business session beginning at 10:30 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by Remedy, a Southern gospel contemporary trio.

Each member registering will receive a registration prize including a \$15 credit on their electric bill. Members in attendance will also be entered in the grand-prize drawing for credits toward electric service worth \$1,000, \$500 or \$250.



There's still time to complete census

Have you completed your #2020census yet? The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented economic hardship throughout Georgia, so it is critical that we each do our part to provide an accurate census count and ensure funding that is so desperately needed in our local communities. Census data is used to allocate federal funds to schools, roads, public services, emergency readiness and other critical services for the next 10 years.



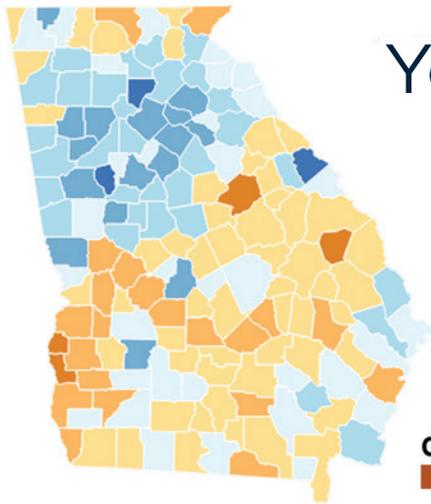
Sumter EMC wants to encourage each member to take the time to complete the 2020 census. We cannot emphasize enough that your response will have a lasting impact! Each and every household that fails to respond will hurt our local economy for a long time. Respond NOW for your household at my2020census.gov.

Shape the

future

of your community.

United States
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Your state and hometown **NEED YOU** to respond to the 2020 census!

RESPONSES = FEDERAL FUNDS

0% ← County Response Rate → 100%



Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*



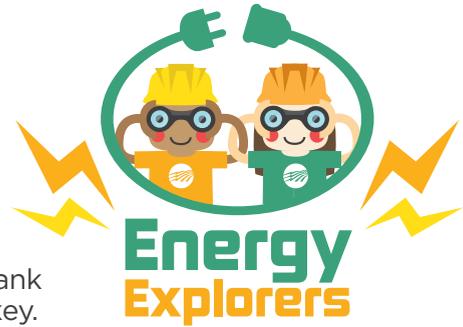
Installing a smart power strip is a quick and easy way to start saving money while making your home more energy efficient. Smart power strips can actually cut off power to save energy because they can detect when a device is in standby mode.

—Source: energy.gov



POWER RESTORATION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

When the power goes out, line crews work hard to restore service as quickly and safely as possible. Complete the fill-in-the-blank activity below to learn about the steps of power restoration. Use the word bank if you need help, and check your work in the answer key.

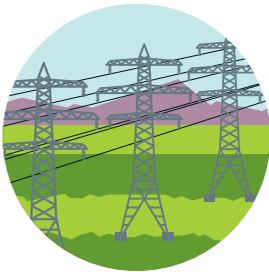


Word Bank:

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pads

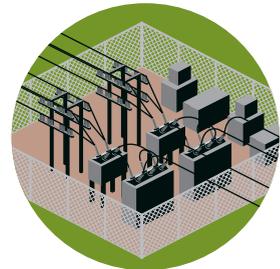
transformer
substations

transmission



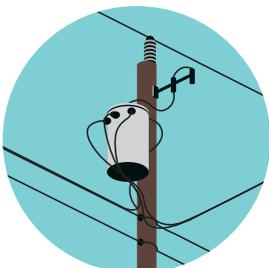
1. High-voltage _____ lines are the large towers and cables that supply power to the greatest number of consumer-members. They rarely fail, but if they do, they have to be repaired first.

2. Next, crews inspect distribution _____ for damage. They determine if the problem stems from the lines feeding into the equipment itself, or if the problem is farther down the line.



3. If the problem still can't be pinpointed, _____ power lines are inspected. These are the lines you typically see on the side of the road that deliver power to communities.

4. If the power outage persists, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers that are either mounted on poles or placed on _____ for underground electric service.



5. If your home remains without power, the service line between the _____ and your home may need repairs.

Answer Key: 1) transmission 2) substations 3) distribution 4) pads 5) transformer