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STORE HOURS

**Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Saturday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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Americus, GA**

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Board appoints Eddie R. Watson as Schley County director

In compliance with the Cooperative's bylaws, the Board of Directors appointed Eddie R. Watson to fill the Schley County directorate seat left vacant by the death of Mr. Charles E. Hart. Watson was appointed, effective January 1, 2018, to serve the remainder of the three-year term.

Watson was born in Laurens County; he grew up in Eastman, Georgia before moving to Sumter County as a teenager. He has worked and made his home in Schley County for the past 33 years.

Following his graduation from Southland Academy, Watson earned a degree in industrial controls from Ben Hill/Irwin Technical College before earning a mortuary science degree from Gupton Jones Mortuary College. He is the current owner of two funeral homes, Watson-Giddens in Ellaville and Watson-Tante in Buena Vista, as well as Watson's Vault Company. He also owns Watson Farms, where he raises Boer goats for show and sale.

Watson is the Deputy Coroner for Schley County; he serves on the Ellaville-Schley County Housing Authority and the Schley County Zoning Board. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Americus Campus Gideons. Watson is a former member of the Schley County School Board, the Schley County Chamber of Commerce Board and the Downtown Development Authority. He

is a retired volunteer firefighter and EMT.

Watson has been married to the former Sharon Grimsley for 36 years. They have two children, three grandchildren and a fourth grandbaby due this March. The family attends the Ellaville Baptist Church where Watson is a deacon and chairs the Budget Committee. He is also vice president of the Alaska Tundra Mission Organization, which sponsors mission trips to Alaska.

When he was notified of his Board appointment, Watson said, "I am extremely honored to have been chosen to follow Mr. Charles Hart as the Schley County representative on the Sumter EMC Board of Directors. My sincere hope is to continue Mr. Hart's strong legacy of service to the members of Schley County."

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Watson to the Sumter EMC Board. We look forward to working with him and sincerely appreciate his willingness to serve our members in Schley County," said Ted McMillan, President/CEO of Sumter EMC.



*Eddie R. Watson
Director, Schley County*



In Loving Memory

February 28, 1921 - January 9, 2018

With profound sadness the Sumter EMC family mourns the loss of former director for Stewart County, Mr. Troy Tillman Ammons. Mr. Ammons served on the Sumter EMC Board with honor and distinction for 23 years before his retirement in 2012. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his beloved wife, Mary, and his entire family.

LEDs are quickly becoming America's favorite lightbulb

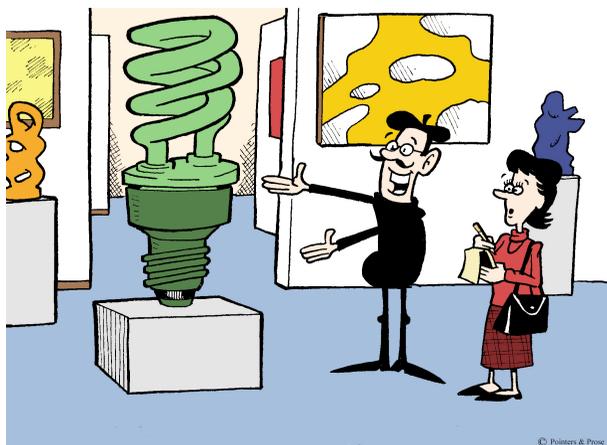
Incandescent lightbulbs—the ones that we screwed into table lamps and overhead fixtures since the beginning of electricity—have become relics since the U.S. government mandated that manufacturers increase the efficiency of most of them in 2014. Is the compact fluorescent lightbulb (CFL) next to be rendered obsolete?

The twisty CFL bulbs, which can last up to five years and are much more energy efficient than the old incandescents, were once hailed as the latest and greatest energy- and money-saver for household lighting. But LEDs—which come in lightbulb form and are built into many light fixtures—have proved to be a better energy value.

LEDs use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescents and are more efficient than CFLs. LEDs also last much longer than CFLs—up to 25,000 hours compared with 10,000 or so.

Here's why LEDs are quickly becoming America's favorite lightbulb:

- LEDs don't get hot to the touch while they are in use. Incandescents release about 90 percent of their energy as heat, while LEDs waste little heat



and CFLs release about 80 percent of their energy as heat, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

- Unlike CFLs, LEDs contain no mercury, so their environmental impact is minimal.
- The Department of Energy has said LED lighting “has the potential to fundamentally change the future of lighting in the United States.”
- You can buy LED bulbs, but an LED fixture has the light built right into it, so no bulb is visible.
- The price of an LED bulb has dropped from about \$100 five years ago to around \$5 today.

2018 REBATE Program

January 1 - December 31, 2018

Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis to replace a central system electric or gas furnace with an electric heat pump. Call Sumter EMC today to see if you qualify!



Rebate program ends on December 31, 2018 or when the budget for the program is reached, whichever comes first. Sumter EMC must inspect your existing heating system before any new work is done and again once all upgrades are complete.

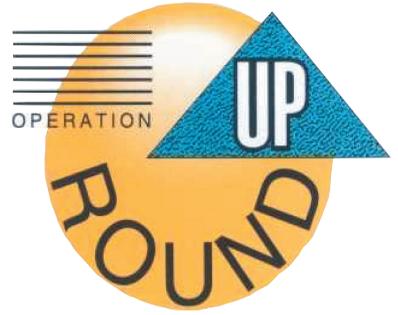
Foundation awards exceed \$941,603 to local communities since 2003

Since 2003 when Sumter EMC implemented the Operation Round Up® (ORU) program, Foundation trustees have awarded more than \$941,603 in grants to local civic/charitable organizations. The ORU program is used to fund the Sumter EMC Foundation.

Each month, Sumter EMC “rounds up” the electric bill of participating members to the next dollar and deposits this change in a separate checking account. Each participating member donates, on average, just pennies per month. Collectively, however,

their change adds up to thousands of dollars per year.

The Sumter EMC Foundation Board of Trustees, which allocates the funds, is composed of Sumter EMC members who serve on a strictly voluntary basis. Sumter EMC uses existing resources to administer the program, so all funds collected are allocated to local agencies and organizations that provide support for education, health and safety, cultural purposes, emergency needs, charities and economic development. Individuals cannot apply for ORU funds, and ORU funds



are not used to pay electric bills of Sumter EMC members.

The Foundation’s board of trustees meets three times a year to review applications. A list of meeting dates, as well as a complete list of recipients is available on the Foundation pages located under the community tab on the cooperative’s web site, sumteremc.com.

BUILDER REBATES



Sumter EMC offers a rebate of up to \$500 to builders and individuals who buy \$1,200 in appliances from Sumter EMC and build new total electric homes that are served by Sumter EMC. Call for details and be sure to ask about our Free Water Heater program too!

Take charge of your electric bill with Sumter EMC Prepay!

- No more late fees.
- No more disconnect or reconnect fees.
- Convenient payment options.
- Daily notifications keep you updated with your account balance and daily energy usage.

For details on the program, call Sumter EMC Customer Service, (800) 342-6978.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

In spring and summer months, set your ceiling fans to turn in the counterclockwise direction. This will create a cool breeze. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: energystar.gov

