

Manager's Comments

ALABAMA LEGISLATURE HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION

As I write my column this month, the Alabama Legislature has been called into special session to discuss offering an economic package to the large steel mill that is considering locating in North Mobile County (near the Washington County line). Planning has been ongoing for some months and a level of confidentiality has been maintained to protect the project. Location of the mill has been narrowed between two sites: Louisiana and Alabama. This is a very large project and will provide hundreds of jobs.

I have spoken to both our representatives in the state Legislature and they are working hard to help locate the mill here. Rep. Thomas Jackson and Rep. Marc Keahey both at this point think we have an excellent chance to get the industry.

Since this article will not be published until the first of April, the decision may have already been made when you read this. However, I want to thank all those involved in recruiting this much needed industry to our area.

Also, please support the upcoming Relay for Life events in your town: Grove Hill, April 13; Thomsville, April 27; Jackson, May 4; and Washington County, May 11.

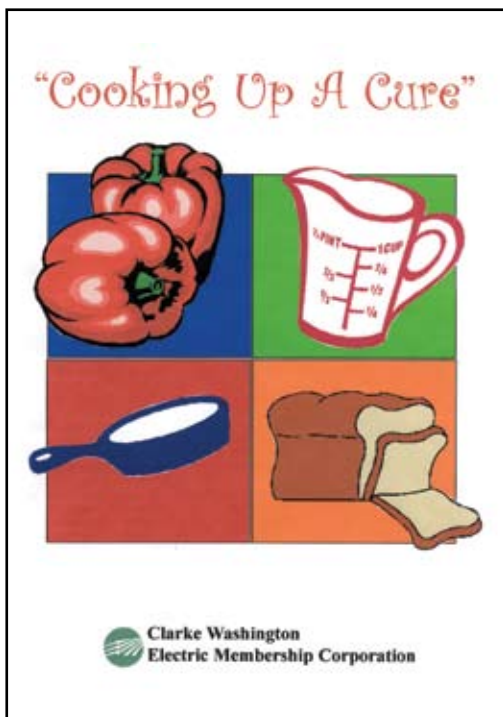
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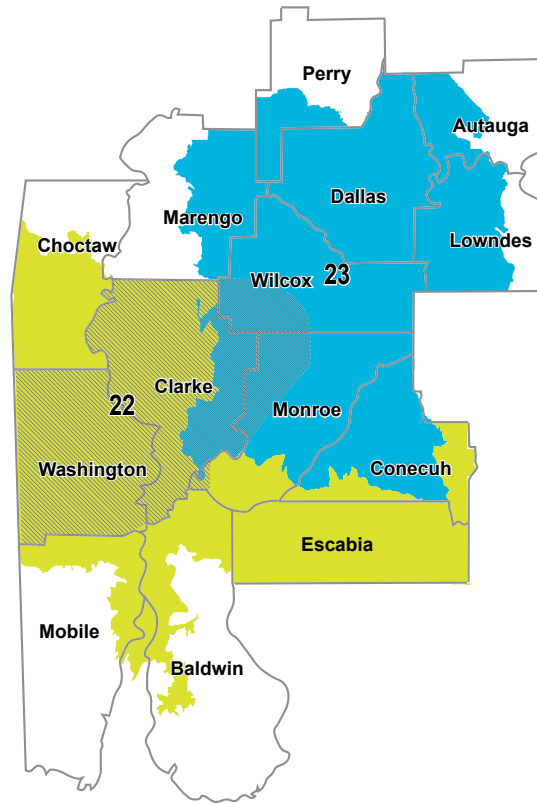
Senator W.H. "Pat" Lindsey

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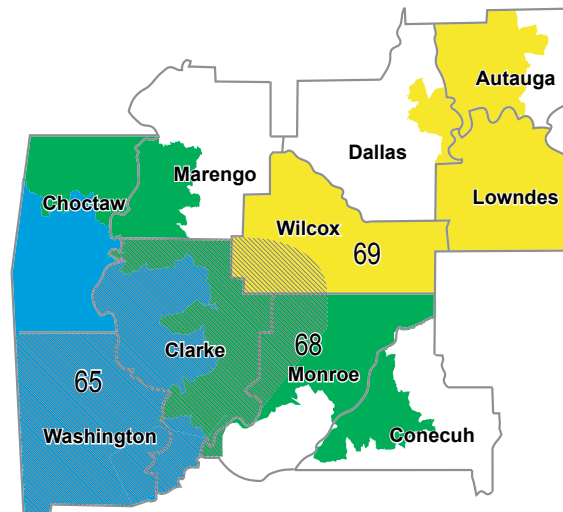
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For seven years Clarke-Washington EMC has participated in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life events. CWEMC raises funds each year for four local Relay for Life events in Clarke and Washington counties.

The American Cancer Society's (ACS) Relay for Life is the largest fundraising effort in the nation. And for good reason – every penny, nickel and dollar raised goes to cancer research and patient support.

By 2015, the American Cancer Society aims to prevent almost 5 million additional deaths from cancer, avoid 6 million new cancer diagnoses, and measurably improve the quality of life for those with the disease. Your support is bringing us closer to realizing these challenging goals.

For many people, Relay for Life means much more than selling items to raise much money, it is a time to remember those who have fought the battle of cancer and celebrate the survivors.

WHY RELAY?

RESEARCH – Investing \$2.5 billion to cancer research since 1946, the ACS has played a role in almost all the scientific milestones in cancer research including bone marrow transplant, the Pap test, and drugs like Gleevec and Tamoxifen.

EDUCATION – The ACS provides up-to-date cancer information through a phone service, as well as their Web site www.cancer.org.

ADVOCACY – Volunteers with the American Cancer Society work to ensure that responsible cancer policies are put in place at the local, state and federal levels.

SERVICES – The American Cancer Society offers cancer patients and their families a variety of programs to help make the cancer experience a little easier.

LOCAL RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS:

- Grove Hill – Fri. April 20
- Thomasville – Fri. April 27
- Jackson – Fri. May 4
- Washington County – Fri. May 11



ENERGY TIP OF THE MONTH

Energy-saving checklist – smart ways to save money

Clarke-Washington EMC works diligently to control the cost of electricity. The list of energy saving tips below can help you control your cost and ultimately save on your electric bill. Encourage your neighbors to take advantage of these tips as well. Together, we can contribute to energy conservation.

Start today!

Turn down the thermostat especially when leaving your house and at night. Consider installing a timer so you don't have to remember to do it yourself. Set the temperature as low in the winter and as high in the summer as your comfort allows.

Replace traditional incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs which are up to four times more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs and provide the same light levels. They also last up to nine times longer than standard incandescent bulbs.

Turn off lights in any room you're not using, or consider installing timers, photo cells or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.

Clean or replace filters on your furnace, air conditioner and heat pump regularly.

Wash full loads of laundry using cold water when possible. Don't over-dry your clothes – if your dryer has a moisture sensor, use it. And clean the dryer's lint filter after every load to improve air circulation.

Use the energy-saving settings on refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers. Go a step further and air-dry your dishes by opening the dishwasher instead of using the heated drying cycle.

Don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold. Recommended temperatures are 37 to 40 degrees for the refrigerator and 5 degrees for the freezer. Remember to clean the coils on your refrigerator.



Check for and caulk any holes or cracks around your walls, ceilings, windows, doors, light and plumbing fixtures, switches, and electrical outlets that can leak air into or out of your home. Use non-expanding foam insulation around doors and windows.

Humidity is a factor. Take baths or showers and wash dishes early in the morning or in the evening instead of during the day. Use an outside clothesline to avoid adding heat to your house during the hottest months. Replace old or worn out bathroom exhaust fans with humidity sensing units.

Continue saving

Cook smarter. Match the size of the pan to the heating element. Use electric pans, toaster ovens or microwaves for small meals rather than your large stove or oven. You can use less energy and reduce cooking time.

Turn off the computer. You will conserve energy by turning off or using sleep mode for any computer not in use for two hours or more.

Lower the temperature on your water heater. A setting of 120 degrees provides comfortable hot water for most uses. And installing an insulating blanket on your water heater should pay for itself in less than a year. Consider replacing old or leaking water heaters with a lifetime warranted, high energy-efficient Marathon water heater.

Take more showers than baths. Bathing uses the most hot water in the average household.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Family's Life Takes Turn for the Better

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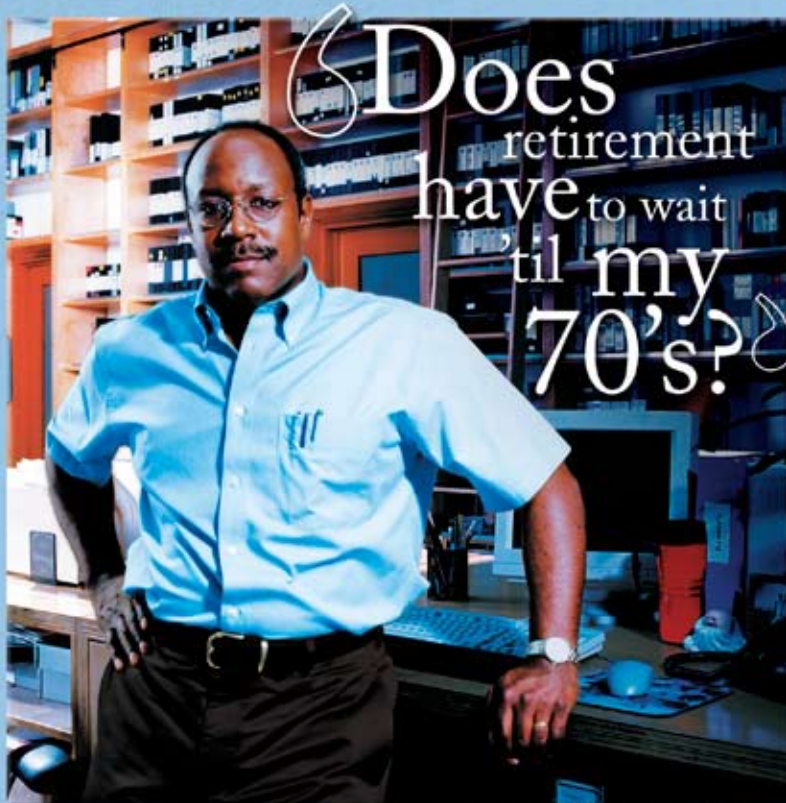
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