

## Coastal Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting set for June 2

### WTOC's Sonny Dixon to emcee

**M**ark it on your calendar. **June 2** is the date for the 71st Annual Meeting of the Members of Coastal Electric Cooperative. The meeting will be held at Midway Middle School gym, on Edgewater Drive in Midway.

Again this year, Coastal Electric will award more than \$2,000 in prizes, in addition to five gift credits worth \$100 each on a Member's electric bill. Everyone who registers will have a chance to win in the drawing at the end of the meeting. Along with cash prizes, there will be lots of valuable gifts and appliances. Every Member who registers will receive a door prize; no one will go away empty handed!

The doors will open at 7:30 a.m., which is also when registration begins. Members are encouraged to come early and enjoy musical entertainment and an informative video presentation of our year in review.



**WTOC's Sonny Dixon is always a big hit with the Annual Meeting crowd. The show really begins when he takes out his guitar for an impromptu performance. You don't want to miss Sonny!**

This year, Coastal Electric Cooperative Members have a choice of four candidates, two seeking the director position representing Bryan County and two vying for the Liberty County seat. The candidates were asked to provide a brief autobiography. You can read about them on pages 26B and 26C.

The McIntosh County board position candidate is unopposed.

Members will vote by paper ballot during registration. The annual business meeting will be called to order at 10:30 a.m., but any Member still in line at that time will be allowed to vote.

Each Member of the Cooperative has one vote. Coastal's bylaws dictate that a husband and wife are considered a joint membership, regardless of whose name is on the electric statement. Even though a Member may have more than one electric account, perhaps service to a well pump or utility building, he or she still holds only one membership.

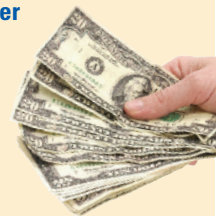
Members who wish to exercise their voting privilege but cannot attend the meeting may give their proxy to another Member, who will

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**More than \$2,000 cash in our grand-prize drawing**

**Other prizes include:**

- **Five \$100 power bill credits**
- **Five \$50 fuel cards**
- **Cameras, entertainment systems, microwave ovens, ceiling fans and much more**



## Laura McGee named to board

**B**ryan County resident Laura McGee has been appointed to the Coastal Electric Cooperative Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of the late James Estes, who also lived in Bryan County. The appointment was made by the Co-op Board of Directors, upon recommendation by a director search and selection committee.

Estes served on the Co-op board for 32 years before he passed away Feb. 24. Co-op bylaws call for vacancies on the board, when they occur, to be filled by appointment. The appointee then serves the unexpired term.

# Four director candidates seek elect

The following director profiles were furnished by each of the four candidates seeking election to two board seats, one representing Bryan County and one representing Liberty County. Incumbent Barbara Davis is unopposed in her bid to retain the seat representing McIntosh County.

## Bryan County Director Candidates

### LAURA MCGEE, incumbent

Laura McGee was born in Stillwater, Ok., and grew up in Athens, Ga. In 1974, at the age of 20, she graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia with a BBA in accounting. She went on to acquire Certified



Laura McGee  
Bryan County  
Incumbent

Public Accountant licensure in Georgia and North Carolina.

She married Charles McGee Jr. in 1974, and they moved to Richmond Hill in 1979. Three years later, she opened the accounting firm now known as McGee Collins, PC, which provides financial accounting, payroll and tax services to individuals and small businesses.

Before opening her own firm, she was employed by one large and two small public accounting firms. She has also worked as a governmental auditor and accounting instructor.

McGee, who has always been an active community member, serves as treasurer for Arts on the Coast and as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children. She is also a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill. In the past, she has served as treasurer, junior warden and senior warden at St. Elizabeth's

Episcopal Church, where she is one of the founding members.

When Richmond Hill's Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1984, she was the board's treasurer. She has also volunteered with Junior Achievement, the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival, the American Heart Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and political campaigns, among others.

The McGees have two grown children: Ashley, an environmental educator turned stay-at-home mom, and Charles III (Chip), an attorney. They have one grandchild, with another due in September.



### CHRISTINE McDERMOTT

Christine McDermott is not a newcomer to Coastal Electric Coop-



Christine McDermott  
Bryan County

erative. She served on the Board of Directors from 1998-2010. During her tenure, McDermott was a member-at-large representative on the board of Georgia Transmission Corp., the organization that delivers electricity to 39 electric cooperatives throughout the state. She was very active in the rural electric program, serving

the Co-op as a member of the Georgia EMC Directors Association, where she was secretary/treasurer from 2003 to 2004 and president from 2005 to 2006.

McDermott also served Coastal Electric as an emissary on the Oglethorpe Power Corp.'s Family of Companies' Member Advisory Board. During these years on the Board of Directors, She received extensive training, and was certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association as a Cooperative Director.

McDermott was born and raised in the Norfolk, Va., area. Her early career began in retail sales, as a ladies' sportswear buyer for Belk. She moved with her husband, Jack, and two daughters to Richmond Hill in 1988. She started volunteering in the local schools, which led to a career as a substitute teacher with the Bryan County Board of Education, beginning in 1992. She then joined the Community Education Program as a summer camp staff member and a supervisor for the after-school program.

McDermott and her family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. As a troop leader, she served her community by helping to develop the Girl Scout program in Richmond Hill. She is an active member of the YMCA. She enjoys working with children and spending time with her family.

# ion to two board seats

## Liberty County Director Candidates

### JOHN T. WOODS III

John Woods is a lifelong resident of Liberty County and a graduate of Bradwell Institute. He continued his education at Florida Institute of Technology, where he studied oceanography and electronics, and Georgia Southern University, where he completed several business-related courses. After returning to Liberty County, he proudly served in the Army National Guard as a material control and accounting specialist.



**John Woods III**  
Liberty County  
Incumbent

Having grown up and worked on St. Catherine's Island, Woods learned to love and respect nature and the ocean. Woods is the president and CEO of Seaside Seafood Inc., a successful, locally owned and operated business in Liberty County. He holds a current Master Captain's license and a Dive Master certification.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation Inc., and he has been a member of the Board of Trustees with the Georgia Shrimp Association for more than 20 years. For the past five years, he has served on the Board of Directors of Coastal Electric and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Energy Cooperative.

His wife of 15 years, Sissy, along with their daughter, Bonny Katherine, enjoy the quiet and pristine beauty of Sunbury and the Georgia coast.



### JIMMIE T. JONES



**Jimmie T. Jones**  
Liberty County

Jimmie T. Jones was born Feb. 26, 1938, in Riceboro, GA. He has worked for attorney Charles M. Jones for 40 years as a maintenance worker.

- Employed by Liberty County as a tax assessor for seven years
- Employed by Liberty County Sheriff's Department for 20 years
- Owner and sole proprietor, J. T. Jones Wrecker Service and Garage, Midway
- Owner and sole proprietor, J. T. Jones Barbecue, South Newport
- Married, with seven children
- A member of First African Baptist Church for 45 years
- Master Mason, Limerick Lodge No. 437, Freedman Grove
- Obtained the "Diploma of Graduation" from the Cornerstone Christian Correspondence School, Townsend
- Drove school bus for eight years

## McIntosh County Director Candidate



**Barbara Davis**  
McIntosh County

Barbara Davis  
of McIntosh  
County is  
unopposed.

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attend and vote in their stead. Any Member who attends may cast his or her own vote, and no more than three proxies from other Members. Proxy forms are available from the Co-op office; however, one will be mailed to each Member near the end of May, bound in the June issue of *GEORGIA Magazine*.

The Co-op is governed by a nine-member board, elected by the Members at an Annual Meeting. Each director serves a three-year term, but those terms are staggered so that only three terms expire and are up for a vote each year. The directors are chosen, three each, from the counties of Bryan, Liberty and McIntosh. However, they are elected "at large;" all of the Members, regardless of where they live, can vote on each of the director candidates.

Go to [www.CoastalElectric.Coop](http://www.CoastalElectric.Coop) for the latest information on the Annual Meeting.

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Vice President, Liberty County

**Barbara Davis**

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McIntosh County

**Laura McGee**

Bryan County

**Johnny Kearns**

McIntosh County

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Bryan County

**Eric Hartley**

Bryan County

**John Woods III**

Liberty County

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# Official Notice Annual Meeting of Members

## To the Members of Coastal Electric Cooperative:

Notice is hereby given that the 2011 Annual Meeting of Members of Coastal Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the Midway Middle School gym, 425 Edgewater Drive, Midway in Liberty County, beginning at 10:30 a.m. to take action on the following matters:

1. Determination of a quorum
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of mailing
3. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting
4. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers and directors
5. Report of the Nominating Committee
6. Election of three directors for terms of three years to fill the expiring terms for a Bryan County, Liberty County and McIntosh County seat on the board
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Adjournment

In accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws, the following Members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee, consisting of Audrey A. Allen, Barbara Smith, Jerry A. Adkins, Mark S. Schlag, Paul D. Popour and Donette L. Bargeran.



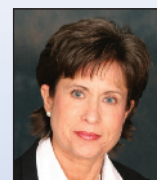
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Bryan County  
Incumbent



**John T. Woods III**  
Liberty County  
Incumbent



**Barbara A. Davis**  
McIntosh County  
Incumbent



**Christine McDermott**  
Bryan County



**Jimmie T. Jones**  
Liberty County

In accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws, the following Members have been nominated by petition duly executed and presented to the Secretary.

Members will be asked to vote for one director candidate from each of the three counties.

By Order of the Secretary of the Board

**Barbara Davis**

Secretary/Treasurer  
Coastal Electric Cooperative  
Board of Directors