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Storm Water Systems Receives HEMC Environmental Excellence Award

Habersham EMC, a member of Green Power EMC, is proud to announce that Storm Water Systems Inc. a subsidiary of Plastek Werks Inc., has been selected to receive the inaugural HEMC Environmental Excellence Award.

“As Green Power EMC celebrates its 10th anniversary, we wanted to recognize companies in our service area that have proved themselves to be environmental leaders,” explains David Foster, Manager of Habersham EMC’s Marketing and Contact Centre. “This award was created to honor an outstanding Habersham EMC business member that exemplifies inspiration, vision, innovation, leadership and concern for the environment. Storm Water Systems does just that.”

Storm Water Systems Inc. specializes in clean-water products and services for removal of litter, debris and other pollutants from natural waterways. Entrepreneurs Gary Hopkins and Mark Kirves founded Plastek



Storm Water Systems, a subsidiary of Plastek Werks Inc., is the inaugural recipient of the HEMC Environmental Excellence Award. From left, Storm Water Systems’ Mark Kirves, Habersham EMC’s Kenneth McEntire, Storm Water Systems’ Gary Hopkins and HEMC representatives Howard Johnson, Susan Baker and David Foster.

Werks Inc., a Cleveland-based plastic fabrication company specializing in manufacturing and on-site consulting repair.

In 2006, a customer asked if they could solve his problem of trash and debris in the waterway adjacent to his business. Soon after visiting the site, Hopkins and Kirves founded Storm Water Systems. Their technical expertise, combined with a love for water recreation and the outdoors, made for a natural transition into this clean-water

manufacture the Bandalong Litter Trap™ in the United States. The Bandalong Litter Trap uses the natural current to collect floating litter without interfering with recreation or endangering aquatic wildlife.

Storm Water Systems Inc. also manufactures StormX™, which captures pollutants and debris from storm drains, as well as a variety of other filtration systems.

“The communities that are using these products are thrilled with the

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business venture. They partnered with an Australian company to



Bandalong Litter Traps, developed by Storm Water Systems, have been installed on the Satilla River near Waycross, the Anacostia River in Washington, D.C., and on the Arkansas River near the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark.



Meet a Member

Nicole Burkett

- Lives in the Shoal Creek area of White County
- HEMC member since 2005
- After moving away for 12 years, the family returned so their children could

attend White County Schools.

- She and husband Jay have five children: Jon, Nix, Zoe and identical twins Aslyn and Bree
- Has a Master of Science degree in physical therapy
- Works part time at Gateway Healthcare and Friendship Healthcare
- Attends Concord Baptist Church,

where she facilitates a women's Bible study

- Loves to play the piano, exercise and write poems inspired by her family
- **Miracle in her life:** She had a 10 percent chance of having healthy twins or a 60 percent chance of having one healthy baby...and God blessed her with two healthy girls!

HEMC — THE POWER OF 34,000 MEMBER-OWNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Fortner and Justus 2011 Washington Youth Tour Delegates

White County High School student Allison Fortner and White County home-school student John Thomas Justus will begin their summer attending the 46th annual Washington Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid leadership experience sponsored by the electric membership corporations (EMCs) in Georgia.

Selected through a contest held at Habersham EMC, Allison and John Thomas will be among about 100 Georgia high school juniors at the weeklong leadership event, set for June 9-16, with stops in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. As Georgia's oldest leadership program for



Allison Fortner



John Thomas Justus

teens, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to teach high school students about U.S. history, government and careers in public service.

Allison is the daughter of Lewis and Betty Fortner of Cleveland. John Thomas

is the son of Michael and Janis Justus of Cleveland.

Susan Baker, with Habersham EMC, says the Youth Tour is an opportunity for remarkable students to meet with members of Georgia's congressional delegation

and visit historical points of interest in the nation's capital. "Most adults haven't had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with their elected officials and witness the lessons offered by making the journey," she says.

Georgia's WYT delegates will join more than 1,500 students from 44 states this summer for the fast-paced trip that focuses on leadership training.

Before flying to Washington, D.C., students spend a day in Georgia, where they visit Atlanta sites and tour the Little White House in Warm Springs.

In D.C., tour stops include Ford's Theatre, the Smithsonian museums, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, the U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument and FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans monuments and memorials.

The Washington Youth Tour was inspired by former President Lyndon Johnson who, as a senator, encouraged electric cooperatives "to send youngsters to the nation's capital, where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Annual Meeting 2011—Same Location, New School Name

Habersham EMC will hold its 2011 Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 15.

The event will be held on the campus of the Ninth Grade Academy on Highway 197.

(The Ninth Grade Academy will move into the old Habersham Central location when the new high school opens in the fall.)

Save the date—Saturday, October 15.

Same location, new school name!



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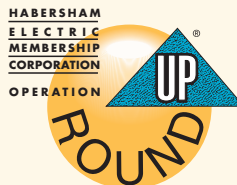
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Operation Round Up Update

The Habersham EMC Foundation Board recently awarded the following grants:

Family, for a new roof.....	\$ 5,300
Emergency grant to an individual.....	\$ 1,000
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Handicap bathroom for an individual.....	\$ 2,356
Financial assistance for cancer patient.....	\$ 2,500
Financial assistance for student leadership camp.....	\$ 1,500
Assisting the Needs for the Disabled.....	\$ 3,000
Georgia Mountain Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	\$ 4,000
Cornelia-Habersham County Library.....	\$ 325
White County High School JROTC.....	\$ 1,750



Storm Water Systems,

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results,” says Hopkins. “The only complaint we’ve received is surprise at the amount of litter and debris trapped. Years ago, most packaging was paper. It would deteriorate and be absorbed back into the ground. A lot of packaging and litter is now plastic and it just doesn’t do that.”

“Ironically, we use plastic to catch plastic and other items,” explains Kirves. “Plastic isn’t the problem. The way people discard it is the problem. We wake up in the mornings and have to decide if we will be part of the problem or part of the solution.”

Storm Water Systems is not only being a part of the solution with their products, but their office also recycles. “We recycle approximately 98 percent of everything in our office,” Hopkins says. “Paper, plastic, cardboard, aluminum cans and more. Two or three times a year, an instructor from the local high school comes over, and we donate scrap plastic from our products, so he can teach the students how to weld plastic.”

Gabrels Promoted to Field Supervisor



Steve Gabrels has been promoted to Field Supervisor at Habersham EMC. “Steve’s knowledge, respect and leadership will be put in great use in his new position,” states Curt Arulf Jr., Vice President of Engineering and Operations at HEMC. Gabrels has been with HEMC 31 years.

Statistical Report to Members Year to Date—February 2011

	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
AVERAGE KWH PER CONSUMER	3,337	3,265
CONSUMERS RECEIVING SERVICE	33,696	33,857
MILES ENERGIZED	3,693	3,686
AVERAGE BILL	\$ 357.51	\$ 326.16
OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 12,886,531	\$ 11,423,545
PURCHASED POWER	\$ 7,656,088	\$ 6,602,715
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 2,043,704	\$ 2,001,302
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,326,629	\$ 1,206,512
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT	\$133,433,623	\$ 129,020,330

Our Members Matter!

Habersham EMC wants to ensure our members have the best experiences possible when interacting with our representatives. Here's a helpful safety tip:

"Please do not attach items to utility poles. Doing so jeopardizes your safety, as well as that of our linemen. It can also delay power restoration if we have to remove items from a pole before we can safely climb it. Also, please do not

landscape around utility poles, transformers or guy wires. We must be able to access our equipment for routine maintenance or repairs, and power restoration efforts."

**—Jason Rothell,
Hazard Recognition**



Simplify Your Life with These HEMC Services

Summer is just around the corner, and with it come vacations and lots of activities. HEMC can help you spend less time on chores and enjoy more of your summer.

There's no need to make a trip to the office or call the office to make a payment when you enroll in **bank/credit card draft**. You'll still receive a statement notifying you of the amount and due date, but the payment will be drafted from your designated account. Another option is to try our **e-Bill** service, which e-mails your HEMC statement to you.

Save the most time and money with **HEMCeBILL+**. Your HEMC statement is e-mailed to you, and the payment is drafted from your bank account or credit card. **We'll even pay you \$1** monthly if you sign up for this service.

Don't worry about your home while on vacation. Let **PowerGuard**



Security install a hard-wire or wireless system to meet your needs. Monthly monitoring is only \$14.95 for Habersham EMC members and \$15.95 for nonmembers.

For more information about these or other Habersham EMC products and services, contact a Customer Resource Manager at (706) 754-2114, (706) 865-4362 or (800) 640-6812.



Save Money with the Co-op Connections Card Mobile App

Habersham EMC members can now download a free Co-op Connections iPhone app to their iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad. Members download the app, select Habersham EMC's card and have it displayed on their mobile device. To use at participating pharmacies, simply choose the card, and the back with the pharmacy discount information will show. This feature is very



convenient if you've forgotten your card.

Currently, only national deals are shown, but soon the app will include local deals and a search feature, and be available for other platforms, such as Droid.

Holiday Closing

The HEMC offices in Clarkesville and Cleveland will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Personnel will be available in case of an outage. To report an outage, please call (706) 754-2114, (706) 865-4362 or (800) 640-6812.

