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Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc.,  
Department 1340, P.O. Box 2153, Birmingham, AL 35287-1340

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**WEC's Annual Meeting is Oct. 14**

**Don't forget to send in your registration to be eligible to win prizes!**

Friday, October 14, is the date for WEC's 2011 Annual Meeting in Hartford. The traditional Saturday meeting was moved to Friday last year because of mail balloting. The business session will begin at 10:30 a.m. for those members who wish to attend.

In the three Board of Trustees positions under consideration for election this year (Districts 3, 6 and 9), no one other than the current Trustees filed a petition seeking election. These three Trustees will be deemed elected at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Although an actual election will not be held, it is still important for you to sign and return your registration card to be eligible for the \$500 grand prize and many other smaller prizes. All prize winners will be notified by mail.

[Click here](#) for more information about Annual Meeting.



**WEC Christmas Card Contest begins**

WEC is looking for entries to our fourth annual Christmas Card Art Contest. Any student in Kindergarten through fifth grade is eligible and encouraged to apply.



Emily Jones  
2010 Winner

Check [WEC's website](#) to get more information about the Christmas Card Design competition. [Click here](#) to download the entry form!

Interactive Voice Response system no in place.

**NIGHT DEPOSITORY:**  
Available at each office location.

**IN PERSON:**

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**HARTFORD OFFICE:** 509  
N. State HWY 167,  
Hartford, AL 36344

**SAMSON OFFICE:** 13148  
W. State HWY 52,  
Samson, AL 36477

**ASHFORD OFFICE:** 1066  
Ashford Highway, Ashford,  
AL 36312

**DOTHAN OFFICE:** 6167  
Fortner St., Dothan,AL  
36305

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## What can you find in September's Alabama Living Magazine?

Congratulations to Ashley Kirkland of Dothan for having her photograph of tomatoes featured on the "Alabama Snapshots" page (38)!

[Click here to view Sept. Magazine](#)

- Dothan Area Botanical Gardens \*\*
- WEC Annual Meeting
- WEC partners with Houston Sheriff Dept. to protect children
- Students attend Youth Conference
  - Florala, City by the lake



\*\*The DABG's "Scarecrows in the Gardens" will be on display the month of October. The new Ralph & Carolyn Smith Botanical Center was named for long-time supporter Ralph Smith who passed away in August. Visit [DABG website](#).

If it's **recipes** you're looking for, you can find them in the [digital issue](#). This month's recipes -- Crock Pot Recipes!

### Your town in focus...

## Florala

### City by the lake

Located on the edge of the Alabama/Florida state line, bordering beautiful Lake Jackson, is the city of Florala. A story is found on every corner of this south Covington County town -- from the name of the town and the history of the lake to its annual events.



Mayor Robert Williamson

[View magazine article](#) -- [Visit Florala's website](#).

## September Energy Saving Tip

Consider buying a programmable thermostat for your heating and cooling system. While you are snug in your bed, a programmable thermostat will allow for you to lower your thermostat in winter and reduce the run time of your heating system. Get more tips on saving energy at [Conserve 101](#).

Source: [Conserve 101](#)

## CEO blog

**It's not always pretty  
-- but it's necessary**

*by Michael S.  
McWaters*

August 31, 2011



My grandmother who is in her 80s walks to church every Sunday, still tends a garden and rakes her yard. She's a pretty spunky lady and set in her ways. And she doesn't want anyone messing with her trees or yard!

She's like a lot of our members who complain when we go spraying or cutting on what has been termed the "right of way." Those of us in the electric utility industry call it "vegetation management." And although it may be a nuisance to some of our members -- it is essential to Wiregrass Electric in providing safe and reliable electric service.

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