

In Memoriam:

WALLACE "WALLY" BIRGE

Trustee – District 5
("The Mayor of Venus")

October 22, 1934 – November 22, 2010



Wally was a dedicated trustee, serving the members of Glades Electric Cooperative for 17 years. He was a devoted friend and will be dearly missed.

SYSTEM RESTORATION CONTINUES WITH DIXIE RANCH ACRES PROJECT

Glades Electric is pleased to be putting the finishing touches on another System Restoration project in the Okeechobee area. Crews have been busy in Dixie Ranch Acres moving primary poles, wires and transformers from back lot lines to the roadway. This is an important step in helping to decrease restoration time in the event of a power outage as well as decreasing long-term maintenance costs, which saves the membership money.

Members in Dixie Ranch Acres will benefit in other ways, too. Relocating equipment from backyards to the roadway requires far less intrusion onto a member's property in order to perform maintenance or restore power. Also, installing approximately 140 poles, upgrading 63 transformers, and hanging new wire should help reduce the number of blinks in the area.

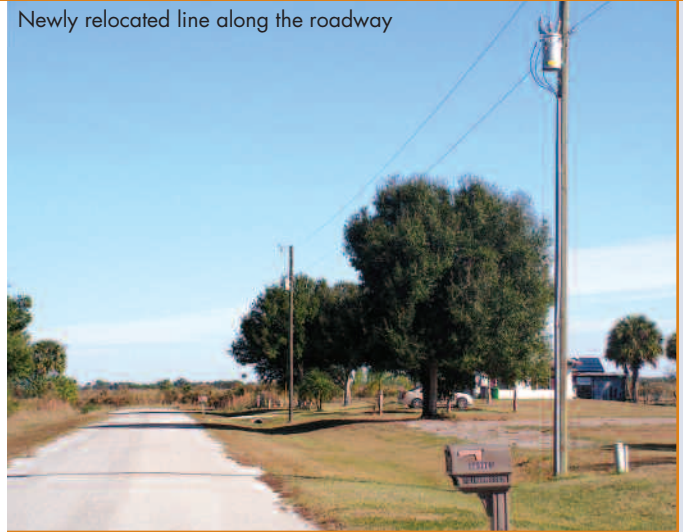
Dixie Ranch Acres is just one of the System Restoration projects recently completed in the Okeechobee area. The recent construction of the Taylor Creek substation and the distribution circuits alongside Hwy 441 are two other large scale projects. Both projects were designed to improve GEC's service to our members as well as position the cooperative for future growth in the Okeechobee area. Prior to bringing the Taylor Creek substation online, no alternate feed was available for our members living in and around Okeechobee, which created vulnerability. Taylor Creek substation provides increased capacity and highly reliable electric service to the area, allowing the Basinger substation to be utilized as an alternative source in the event of a major outage.

Despite tough economic times, GEC remains committed to System Restoration. The slowdown in growth has provided an opportunity to concentrate on hardening the existing system, assuring GEC's equipment is well maintained, updated, and better suited to withstand the harsh weather in which it operates.

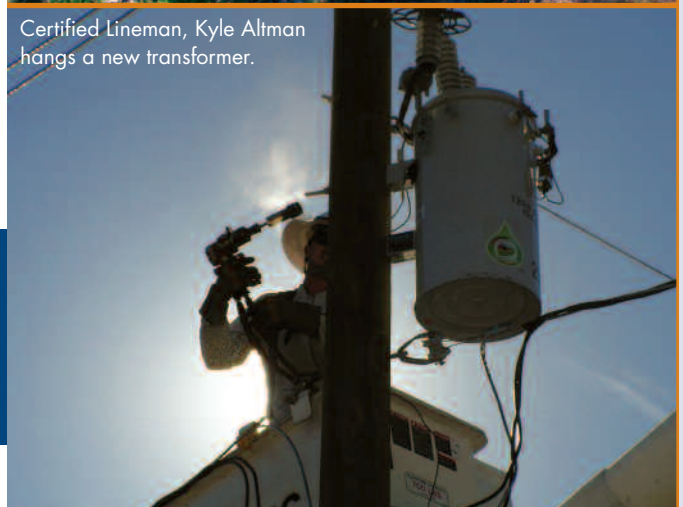
Our commitment to System Restoration is our promise to our members to provide the highest quality service possible at competitive rates.

Our members in Dixie Ranch Acres now have proof that Glades Electric is "Neighbors Working for Neighbors"!

Newly relocated line along the roadway



Certified Lineman, Sean Reark and Lead Lineman, Mike McDuffie prepare a new transformer to be lifted into place.



Certified Lineman, Kyle Altman hangs a new transformer.

GEC PRESENTS Enhanced Surge Protection Program



Glades Electric Cooperative is proud to offer members a new choice in home surge protection with Meter Treater, manufactured by M-Ti. This Florida based company's meter base protection devices have been protecting Florida homes since 1986. M-Ti also manufactures superior surge protection devices for commercial and industrial applications. They have earned a reputation for innovative design, high quality workmanship, and friendly and responsive customer service. We feel our members deserve nothing less!

The surge protection device fits on the homeowner's meter and is designed to shield motor-driven electric appliances within the primary dwelling from voltage surges. These devices include: refrigerators, dishwashers, hard wired fans, washers, dryers, heat pumps, etc.

Getting protected is easy! GEC members sign up at any of our three offices; Moore Haven, Okeechobee, and Lake Placid. Members lease the equipment for \$6 per month for a minimum of two years. The lease payment is simply added to their light bill (there is a nominal installation fee due at sign up). In addition, as a "thank you" for signing up, Glades Electric will provide, one time at no cost, a home starter kit of internal plug-in devices offered through M-Ti. These high quality devices are designed to protect home computers, entertainment equipment, and other small equipment. For added convenience, members can purchase additional and replacement devices directly from M-Ti through a link on www.gladesec.com.

Previously, GEC members have utilized the HomeGuard Defender System. This system is still in place and the manufacturer will honor any and all warranties. However, HomeGuard's provider of internal plug-in devices has taken a new direction in pricing and marketing and HomeGuard will no longer be able to offer them. GEC felt it better to offer our members a system which provides both meter base protection as well as internal plug-in options, and decided to make the switch to M-Ti. Members currently using HomeGuard may continue with complete peace of mind. However, HomeGuard users will no longer be able to attain plug-in devices through them. Any additional devices, or replacement devices, will be the responsibility of the member.

We are excited to bring this enhanced protection program to our members! Glades Electric will continue to seek ways to provide our members superior service at competitive prices.

GLADES ELECTRIC WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEE IN VENUS & HICORIA

MR. LADD BASS

Glades Electric is pleased to introduce our members to Mr. Ladd Bass and welcome him to the GEC family. The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Bylaws, selected Mr. Bass to represent members in district 5, Venus and Hicoria. Previously, this area's Trustee was Mr. Wally Birge, who passed away in late November after serving the members of GEC for 17 years.

Ladd Bass is a sixth generation Floridian and spent the better portion of his childhood in Glades County, where he proudly graduated from Moore Haven High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida. He has been actively involved in some aspect of the commercial cattle business his entire adult life. Ladd is employed by Great Plains Feed yard located in Hereford, Texas. He is also co-owner of B & S Cattle Company and is an Independent Contractor with Superior Livestock Auction. Mr. Bass has first-hand experience in, and a complete understanding of, the economic challenges facing the agriculture industry in South Florida.

He has vast experience in a variety of tasks with twenty plus years in marketing, management and sales.

Mr. Bass has resided in Highlands County since 1998. Ladd and his wife Renee have been married for sixteen years. They are the proud parents of two children, Mattie 14, and Amery 11. Ladd and his family are members of Venus United Methodist Church.

"Replacing Wally Birge was a huge challenge. I don't think our Board could have made a better choice. Mr. Bass will be a tremendous asset," said GM/CEO Tommy Todd.

Glades Electric members are very fortunate to have Mr. Bass's experience and leadership on the Board.



Thank you, Ladd, for stepping up to be one of GEC's "Neighbors Working for Neighbors."

Affordable. Innovative. Member Focused.

It's hard to predict the future, but one thing seems certain—**new government regulations will increase the cost of electricity.**

We want to work with you to keep your electric bills **AFFORDABLE**. We're controlling costs through **INNOVATION**, and no matter what the future holds we'll continue to put you, our members, **FIRST**.



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APPLY TODAY!

2011 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR IN WASHINGTON D.C.

High school juniors can apply to win a week-long trip to Washington D.C. You will visit historic monuments and museums, meet U.S. Representatives and Senators, and socialize with hundreds of youth from across the country. You will also learn about electric cooperatives and the opportunities they have brought to rural America. If you are a junior in high school and are served by Glades Electric Cooperative, do not miss the opportunity of a lifetime. Pick up an application from your local GEC office or school guidance office, and apply today for the 2011 Rural Electric Youth Tour. Two students will be selected for an all expense paid trip to our Nation's Capital, **and it could be you!**



➔ **THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 15, 2011** ←

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you preparing for college? Visit your guidance office or local GEC office to learn about scholarship opportunities through the Glades Electric Educational Foundation.

PICK UP AN APPLICATION TODAY! THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 15, 2011



Over 71% of our Members continue to participate in this very worthwhile program. Operation Round Up® assists people in our service area who have exhausted the normal avenues of financial assistance. Sign up today! And your electric bill will be rounded to the nearest dollar and placed into the Roundup fund for deserving individuals and organizations.

As of November 30th, 2010 your Charitable Trust Board of Directors has approved **\$635,728.25 in disbursements**. These funds have provided assistance with food, emergency lodging, disaster relief, and specific emergency needs for **423 individuals** and or families and **89 community organizations**. The Trust **does not** fund utility bills (electric, phone, water and gas) or budgets of organizations. Organizations who are involved in our service counties may apply for funding for a specific need or project. The Board of Directors meets monthly to review applications for funding. If you know of a needy individual who deserves some assistance and lives within our service area, please help them complete an application or encourage them to fill one out themselves. Applications can be picked up at each of our three offices: Moore Haven, Lake Placid and Okeechobee.

JANUARY REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2011

The Charitable Trust Board of Directors:

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CHURCH OF THE MONTH

**Lorida Church
of the Brethren**

332 Bay Street
Lorida, FL 33857

THIS MONTH'S WINNERS OF THE \$25.00 CREDIT ARE...

Judy Weaver #8003-01
 Brenda Yancy #77792110-02

Winners only: Just sign your name to this page mail it to FLM \$25.00 Credit
 Glades Electric Cooperative
 P. O. Box 519, Moore Haven, FL 33471.
 or give us a call at 1-800-226-4024

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MONTHLY MEETING

Glades Electric's Board normally meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Co-op offices in Moore Haven, Lake Placid or Okeechobee. The January board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Moore Haven office. If the meeting date or location is changed, a notice will be posted in all co-op offices.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF POWER INTERRUPTION

1 (800) 226-4024	Moore Haven
1 (800) 226-4025	Lake Placid
1 (800) 226-4023	Okeechobee

GEC's telephones are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays.

Please have your Location Number or Account Number handy when you call.

GEC would like to
wish you and your
family a safe and
Happy New Year



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Feel around doors and windows for air flow. Adding weather stripping or caulk around a leaky door or window can lower energy bills by keeping your heating system from working too hard to compensate for air leaving your home.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy