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Honoring Our Linemen: Recognition at the State Capitol

On Tuesday, March 11, linemen stood on the Senate floor at the Georgia State Capitol in honor of their extraordinary efforts during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Senate Pro Tem John Kennedy hosted the event to recognize linemen from across the state for their tireless work in restoring power to thousands of homes and businesses following the devastating storm.

Representing Altamaha EMC at the event were Randy Kight, Matt Carter, Tate Thompson, and Jarett Hines. These dedicated linemen, along with their colleagues, braved hazardous conditions to rebuild the electric system, working long hours to restore service as quickly and safely as possible. Their unwavering commitment to the communities they serve did not go unnoticed, and this recognition at the Capitol was a testament to their hard work and sacrifice.



The day began early as linemen from across Georgia gathered outside the Capitol, joined by bucket trucks and a mobile storm center. At 9:30 AM, the group assembled on the South Wing Steps for a photo and remarks from Senate Pro Tem

Kennedy and Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones. Following this, the linemen

made their way to the Senate gallery, where a special resolution was presented on the Senate floor.

Five linemen, including Altamaha EMC's Randy Kight, were honored with the opportunity to stand on the floor to represent their peers.

After the resolution, the linemen were treated to a well-deserved lunch before departing. The event served as a powerful reminder of the dedication and resilience of the linemen who work tirelessly to keep the lights on, often under dangerous and challenging conditions.

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Altamaha EMC Announces 2025 Washington Youth Tour Delegates

Altamaha EMC is proud to announce three outstanding students have been selected to represent our cooperative on the 2025 Washington Youth Tour! This year's delegates are Bailey "Izzy" Edge from Soperton High School, Aiden Harvill from Vidalia High School, and Kingston Ryals from Vidalia High School. These students were chosen based on their leadership skills, academic achievements, and dedication to their communities.



The Washington Youth Tour, an annual program sponsored by Georgia EMC and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for high school students to explore our nation's capital, meet with legislators, and gain deeper understanding of American history and government. Izzy, Aiden, and Kingston will travel to Washington, D.C., in June, joining more than 100 other student delegates from Georgia and over 1,800 students from across the country. They will visit historic landmarks, tour the U.S. Capitol, meet with members of Congress, and participate in leadership-building activities designed to inspire the next generation of community and civic leaders.

Altamaha EMC is honored to support these bright young leaders as they embark on this exciting journey. We have no doubt that they will represent our cooperative and community with pride. ***Congratulations to Izzy, Aiden, and Kingston!*** We look forward to hearing about their experiences and the lasting impact this trip will have on their futures.



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This special recognition was independent of the upcoming NRECA Georgia Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14, for which state lawmakers are working on resolutions to honor all linemen later in the legislative session.

We are incredibly proud of Randy, Matt, Tate, and Jarett for representing Altamaha EMC and sharing their experiences from the storm recovery. Their dedication and resilience embody the cooperative spirit, and we are grateful for the sacrifices they and all linemen make to serve their communities.

Please join us in celebrating and thanking these linemen for their service!

Altamaha EMC Director Earns Credential in Electric Utility Leadership

At Altamaha EMC, we recognize that strong leadership is essential to providing reliable service and ensuring the long-term success of our cooperative. We are proud to announce that Krista Anderson, a dedicated member of our Board of Directors, has earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

The CCD certification is a significant achievement that demonstrates a director's commitment to cooperative leadership and industry knowledge. As the electric utility landscape continues to evolve, cooperative directors must stay informed about emerging challenges, governance best practices, and strategic decision-making. Through her participation in the CCD program, Anderson has strengthened her expertise in key areas that directly impact the success of our cooperative.

These areas of study include Director's Duties & Liabilities, which covers the legal and ethical responsibilities of cooperative leadership, and Understanding the Electric Business, which provides insight into power generation, distribution, and industry trends. Anderson also completed

training in Board Operations & Process, enhancing her ability to contribute effectively to decision-making at the board level. Additionally, she gained valuable knowledge in Strategic Planning, preparing for the future by developing

long-term strategies to ensure the continued success of Altamaha EMC. Lastly, the program covered Financial Decision-Making, reinforcing the importance of sound financial oversight and accountability.

Altamaha EMC remains committed to equipping our leadership with the tools and resources necessary to navigate the ever-changing energy industry. Through partnerships with Georgia EMC and NRECA, we provide ongoing education and training to

ensure our directors are well-prepared to serve the best interests of our members. By completing this program, Anderson has demonstrated her dedication to strengthening our cooperative and its ability to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

Please join us in congratulating Krista Anderson on this well-earned accomplishment! Her dedication to leadership excellence is an asset to Altamaha EMC and the members we proudly serve.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



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APPRECIATION DAY**

APRIL 14, 2025

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Don't fall for a power restoration rip off. Some scammers will contact you and offer to restore power quickly or in a preferential order if you make an immediate payment. These scams typically occur after major storms or disasters that cause widespread outages. We will never request or require payment to restore power after a natural disaster or storm. If post-storm repairs to customer-owned equipment are necessary, we will advise you to work with a licensed contractor. If any charges are applicable, you will be billed through your account.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams





Member RECIPES

Grits Breakfast Pie

INGREDIENTS)

Grits Pie Crust

7 cups water
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons butter
1-1/2 cups stone-ground grits

Filling

1 cup cooked sausage, bacon or ham
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
6 eggs
1/2 cup half-and-half
Salt and pepper, to taste



DIRECTIONS

Grits Pie Crust: In a medium saucepan, bring water, salt, black pepper and butter to a boil. Whisk in grits and bring back to a boil, then lower heat to a simmer and cook 45-60 minutes, stirring periodically. Note: Grits should be thick and tender. You may need to add more water while cooking depending on the grits you are using. The consistency should be very thick. Let cool. Line a deep-dish pie plate with foil. Scoop cooled grits into the pie plate, pressing up the sides and into the shape of the pie plate, forming a thick, pie-like crust. Refrigerate until completely chilled and firm for several hours or overnight. When ready to prepare the dish, preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Filling: Sprinkle cooked meat and cheese over prepared grits crust. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs and half-and-half. Season egg mixture with salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over meat and cheese. Bake for about 1 hour or until eggs are set. Let the pie rest for 10-15 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve. Serves 8.

-Courtesy of Georgia Grown