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ALTAMAHA EMC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Four local high school seniors were recently awarded scholarships through the Altamaha EMC Foundation. These scholarships are funded through Altamaha EMC's Operation Round Up program. Each year, the Foundation awards two scholarships worth \$1,000 each to students planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college in Georgia and two scholarships also worth \$1,000 each to students planning to further their education at one of Georgia's technical colleges.

The 2021 scholarship winners are: Marshall Amerson of Swainsboro High School, Jack Davis of Emanuel County Institute, Tyronn Kelsey of Swainsboro High School, and Jordan Powell of Vidalia Heritage Academy.

Marshall is a senior at Swainsboro High School and will be attending Augusta Technical College in the fall to pursue a degree in Industrial Systems Technology. He is the son of Allen and Becky Amerson. Marshall was the region winner in the EMC/FFA wiring contest earlier this year.



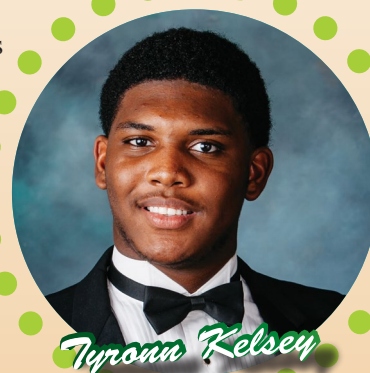
Marshall Amerson

Jack is the son of Anthony and Brandi Davis of Swainsboro. He is a dual enrollment student at East Georgia College and plans to attend University of Georgia to obtain an engineering degree.



Jack Davis

Tyronn plans to attend Coastal Pines Technical College in Waycross. His goal is to become a lineman and work for a power company.



Tyronn Kelsey

Jordan is the son of Jeremy and Joni Powell. For the past year, Jordan has worked

as an intern at Senator Blake Tillery's office handling both legal and senatorial matters. Jordan is currently a dual enrollment student at Brewton Parker College. He will attend Georgia Southern University this fall. He is interested in a degree in either law or a medical field.



Jordan Powell

Altamaha EMC wishes the best to these students.



We're Ready for Storm Season. Are You?

Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warm weather. Summertime brings many of my favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but I want you to know that Altamaha EMC crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. I would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- **Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food**, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- **Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies** including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- **Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked** with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- **Set aside basic household items you will need**, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- **Organize emergency supplies** so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check Altamaha EMC's Facebook page or website for power restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings, and like us on Facebook to stay abreast of power restoration efforts and other important co-op news and information.

I hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. That's why we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

-Romanous Dotson, CEO/General Manager



UNCASHED REFUND CHECKS

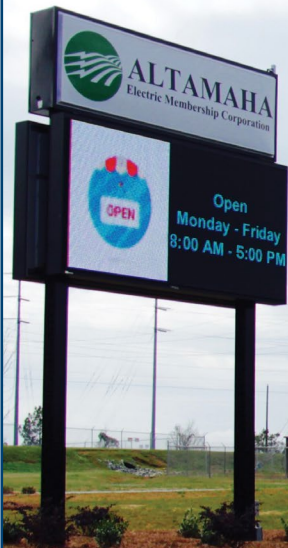
Below is a list of former Altamaha EMC members who have uncashed refund checks. If your name appears on the list below, please contact us at 912-526-2120 before August 1, 2021. If these checks aren't claimed by August 1, 2021, we will deliver the funds to the Georgia Department of Revenue, Unclaimed Property Program as required by law. After this date, any attempts to reclaim your money will need to be directed to the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Adkins, Robert
Bady, Joyce
Baza, Sonya M
Brewer, Frank R
Brown, Elaine
Brown, Shannon M
Byrd, Javar
Campos, Gina M
Capallia, Linda J
Copeland, Terrell R
Crabb, Ashley Nichole
Cross, Paul
Dees, Anthony R
Donald, Christopher Brent
Fulford, Cleo
Harvey, Brandi Ann
Henry, Mike
Howell, Teresa Ann
Jacobs, Lakreshia
Jackson, Vickie Yvonne
Johnson, Johnnie Mae

Medrano, Edna
Mosley, Mary Ann
Musselman, Donald R Jr
Newhart, Carol Sue
Perry, Marissa J
Phillips, EM
Pinkett, Arnisha Marcella
Poole, Ronald Lloyd
Ricks, Clifton E
Royal, James Grady
Sanchez, Maria Victoria
Scruggs, Vernal C
Serrano, Daniel
Solengerg, James R
Taylor, Jarvis Eligha
Tharpe, Carolyn
Williams, Jacquelyn Denise
Wommack, Joshua Thomas
Woods, Clarence
Yates, Peggy S

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Local Students Victorious at Area Wiring Contest

Two local students took home first and second place in the Area 4 FFA Agricultural Electrification Career Development Event (CDE) in March. Marshall Amerson of Swainsboro High School won first place. Second place was awarded to Austin Beck of Treutlen High School. By winning the area contest, Amerson won a \$500 scholarship. A \$300 scholarship was given to Beck for his second-place finish. Amerson and Beck advanced to the state contest in April where they both secured top ten finishes.

Sponsored by Georgia's Electric Cooperatives, including Altamaha EMC, the competition provides an educational opportunity that, for nearly 50 years, has been teaching high school students the safe, efficient use of electricity. Event participants complete a multiple choice written exam, a practical wiring problem testing their knowledge of the National Electric Code, and an oral presentation describing necessary steps to complete



Austin Beck, Treutlen High School



Marshall Amerson, Swainsboro High School

a specific electrical task.

Altamaha EMC sponsors the wiring contest each year because the exercise strengthens the confidence of students in themselves and their work. Top finishers also earn scholarships that can be used at any college, university or vocational school.

Altamaha EMC is proud to partner with Georgia EMC and FFA to sponsor the event. Through the CDE, the contest encourages safe electrical wiring, an awareness of electricity and methods of energy conservation. All this helps ensure that tomorrow's citizens are informed electrical consumers.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Member RECIPES

Strawberry Jalapeño Salsa

Ingredients

1 cup strawberries chopped
1/4 large red onion diced
1 jalapeño seeded and diced
Juice of a large lime
3 tablespoons cilantro

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl and toss lightly to combine. Let sit for a few minutes for all the flavors to meld. Serve with chips and enjoy! This salsa is best made and served fresh. Strawberries will begin to wilt after being refrigerated for a day or so.

*- From the kitchen of
Marilynn Hopkins*

Each month, our newsletter features recipes submitted by our members. If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with other readers in the Altamaha EMC service area, send a copy, complete with name, address and daytime phone number to: Tammye Vaughn, Altamaha EMC, P.O. Box 346, Lyons, GA 30436. Each month, a recipe will be selected for publication. The member who submitted the featured recipe will be given a \$10 credit on their next Altamaha EMC bill. Due to limited space, not all recipes received will be featured. Recipes printed in *Plugged In* are not independently tested; therefore, we must depend on the accuracy of those members who send recipes to us.