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LOCAL STUDENTS SELECTED FOR EMC YOUTH TOUR

Three local students will spend time enhancing their leadership skills this summer by attending the 2021 Georgia Electric Cooperative Youth Tour (YTGA), a leadership experience sponsored by the electric membership corporations (EMCs) in Georgia.

Selected by Altamaha EMC, **Cameron Coleman**, **Savannah Reynolds** and **Rylie Rowland** will join approximately 40 high school students from across Georgia for a three-day virtual leadership event set for June 22-24.

As Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, the Youth Tour offers participants the opportunity to experience U.S. government and U.S. history while having fun, making new friends, learning about careers in public service and gaining leadership skills.

"We view the 2021 virtual Youth Tour as an opportunity to expose these students to people and ideas they may never have had the opportunity to meet or experience before; in so doing, they expand their horizons and leadership abilities," said Tammye Vaughn, Office Manager for Altamaha EMC.

"The pandemic may have prevented us from offering our usual summer trip to Washington D.C., but it won't stop us from offering a top-notch leadership experience to the youth of our community."

The three-day interactive experience will focus on different aspects of leadership - Leadership and Me, Leadership and My Community, Leadership and My Nation - and include live presentations with Q&A sessions, small mentor group breakouts, photo contests, trivia challenges and the chance to win one of several \$5,000 college scholarships.

Participating teens will learn how to be a better interviewer and storyteller from youth tour alumni involved in broadcasting and get a better grasp of personality types and techniques to build their leadership potential.

They will also talk with professionals in education

and community development to learn about ways to better our state and hometowns. And on the final day, students will meet virtually with Georgia's members of Congress in a town hall setting to hear from legislators and ask questions; as well as hear from a panel of alumni who have interned and worked in Washington, D.C.

Savannah is a junior at Swainsboro High School and is a dual enrollment student at East Georgia State College. She is the daughter of Brett and Selena Reynolds. She is involved in FBLA, Beta Club, 4H and student council. Savannah had the honor of being a semi-finalist this year for Governor's Honors program.

Rylie is the son of Craig and Leslie Rowland. He is a junior at David Emanuel Academy and is a dual enrollment student at East Georgia State College. Rylie is involved in 4H and a member of the baseball and football teams at DEA. He has served as a Page for Representative Butch Parrish and Senator Jack Hill.

Cameron is a junior at Montgomery County High School and a dual enrollment student. He is the son of Janeth Coleman and the late Charles Coleman. He is involved in 4H, FFA, Beta Club, FCA and student council.



Cameron Coleman



Savannah Reynolds



Rylie Rowland

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

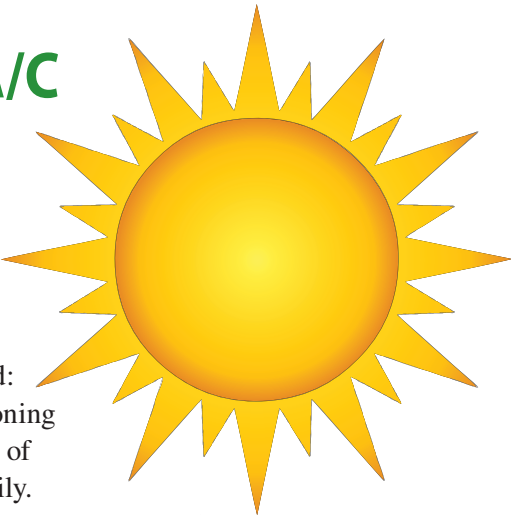
Medrano, Edna
Mosley, Mary Ann
Musselman, Donald R Jr
Newhart, Carol Sue
Perry, Marissa J
Phillips, EM
Pinkett, Arnisha Marcella
Poole, Ronald Lloyd
Ricks, Clifton E
Royal, James Grady
Sanchez, Maria Victoria
Scruggs, Vernal C
Serrano, Daniel
Solengerg, James R
Taylor, Jarvis Eligha
Tharpe, Carolyn
Williams,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

Five reasons to have your A/C tuned up before summer

Neglecting to maintain your air conditioning unit not only puts your family at risk of being caught without cool indoor air on a sweltering summer day, but it can also cost you extra money.

Here are five reasons to have your air conditioner checked:

- 1. Prevent a breakdown.** A well-maintained air conditioning unit is less likely to stop working when you have a house full of company or are enjoying a staycation at home with your family.
- 2. Spot needed repairs.** Like your car, a unit that is regularly tuned up will reveal small problems that the tech can repair before they become big ones or even ruin the device.
- 3. Keep it running efficiently.** A qualified service technician will make sure your unit doesn't have any problems that are keeping it from peak performance. An efficiently operating unit doesn't have to work as hard as one with problems, so it uses less energy. That can save on cooling bills.
- 4. Extend its life.** A new A/C unit isn't cheap. If you keep yours in good shape, it will last longer, which means you won't have to shell out for a new one so soon.
- 5. Feel comfortable.** An air conditioner that isn't working well might not heat your home evenly or enough. During a regular visit from an A/C repair tech, you can explain which rooms never seem cool enough.



In Loving Memory of William B. "Bud" Hart



*T*he employees, management and board of directors of Altamaha EMC mourn the loss of our longtime director and friend. Mr. William B. "Bud" Hart passed away on February 13, 2021 at the age of 83. Mr. Hart served on the Altamaha EMC Board of Directors beginning in 1976 until his resignation in 2012 due to failing health. He continued to serve the members of Altamaha EMC by serving as Director Emeritus from 2012 until his death.

Mr. Hart was a native of the Providence Community. He was a lifelong farmer and was one of the first growers of the Vidalia onion. He was the owner of WB Hart Farms. He was a member of Uvalda Baptist Church and attended Cedar Crossing Baptist Church.

Mr. Hart was a devoted farmer and family man. He treasured spending time with his family and always had a story to brag about regarding one of his children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hart is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Yvonne Morris Hart; four children - Michael Hart, Donna Hart Warren, Cindy Hart Williams and Heath Hart; two sisters, Patsy Hart and Elaine Hart Wright; three brothers, Calvin "Cub" Hart, Dorsey Hart, and Gene Hart; nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

"Altamaha EMC was fortunate to have Mr. Hart as a leader and friend," says Romanous Dotson, Altamaha EMC General Manager. "He always had the best interest of our members at heart. His peaceful, easygoing attitude served as a model for all of us. His kindness and compassion for his fellow man was apparent in everything he did. Mr. Hart will be truly missed by everyone here at Altamaha EMC."

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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems..

Source: www.energy.gov



HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All offices of Altamaha EMC will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

We will reopen at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 6th. The drive-in window at the Lyons office only will remain open on Independence Day. You can always make payments on your accounts by using our kiosk machines at any of our offices. Payments made using the kiosk post immediately to your account.

In the event of a power outage or other emergency, please call 912-526-8181.



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Member RECIPES

Chicken Spinach Pasta

Ingredients

1 lb. fusilli pasta
2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 lb.)
1 tsp. garlic powder
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
2 cups halved grape tomatoes
2 cups spinach, packed
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
2 tbsp. freshly chopped dill

FOR DRESSING

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 tbsp. red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tbsp. dijon mustard
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions until al dente. Drain and transfer to large bowl. Season chicken breasts with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook chicken until golden and cooked through, 8 minutes per side. Let rest 10 minutes, then cut into 1" pieces. In a medium bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, Italian seasoning, garlic, and mustard. Season with salt and pepper. In the large bowl with the pasta, toss together all remaining ingredients. Pour dressing over salad, toss until coated, and serve.

- From the kitchen of Amber Mosley

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.