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WE VALUE OUR COMMUNITIES

In this issue, you'll read about some amazing young people headed to Washington, D.C., on a leadership journey. Hearing the vision our Washington Youth Tour delegates have for the future of our community fills me with optimism. These young leaders are serving their communities focused on how that impact will improve the world around them, not themselves.

Their leadership makes me think about the vision that led to the creation of this cooperative. This company was founded to improve our community. We've never lost sight of that.

We have six value statements that guide our business decisions; one of those is "involvement in our communities." It's part of who we are and what we're about. It's important to us. And, it's important to you; a strong community is important to everyone.

When it comes to serving our communities, we're not standing on the sidelines, we're in the game. We participate. Each of our district offices has a partnership with a local school to help out with everything from field day to mentoring. For 47 years we've hosted an annual Quality Beef Show for young people. New last year, we started funding teachers' innovative classroom ideas, more than \$50,000 worth. Jackson EMC welcomes new businesses to the area as members of all the local chambers of commerce, and we serve on volunteer community support groups.

There's a reason we support these programs — doing good in the

community is good for everyone. We strive to be servant leaders both inside this company and outside in the community we serve. It's hard to keep track of how many employees decide to serve in civic clubs, on economic development authorities and on charitable boards. A great number of our employees also serve as coaches and Girl Scout leaders and mentors and volunteers for other organizations making impacts in our communities.

Our employees become involved in delivering meals to seniors and the disabled, organizing blood drives, raising money for Relay for Life and March of Dimes — we attract that kind of person because that's the kind of company we are.

The four students headed to Washington, D.C., are our members of tomorrow. This program is an opportunity for us to invest in these future leaders. I am proud of the hard work our delegates invest in their communities. I am thankful to work at a cooperative that is invested in the success of these students and every member of our community.

Do we have an employee coaching your team or leading your civic group that deserves recognition? Send me an email at chip@jacksonemc.com.

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

WAYS TO SAVE: COOL COOKING TIPS

As temperatures heat up, no one wants to spend time standing over a hot stove. Use these tips to cut time and electricity in the kitchen:



Microwave It!

Microwaves are good for more than popcorn. Use this energy saver to steam veggies, heat soups and even cook casseroles.



Unplug the Extra Fridge.

Unplugging the extra refrigerator or freezer at your home can save hundreds of dollars in just a few years.



Don't Forget Your Slow Cooker.

Or your toaster oven, or griddle. Putting small appliances to work more often can mean significant energy savings.



Double Up.

If possible, prepare double portions of your meal and cook them together. Freeze the extra for later. It takes a lot less energy to reheat food than to cook it twice. Using a microwave can use as much as 80% less energy when reheating than a standard oven.

HOW IS YOUR **ELECTRIC DOLLAR USED?**

You may have wondered how your money is used when you send your electric bill payment to Jackson EMC. It may surprise you to know that most of each dollar goes to pay for the actual electricity that comes to your home or business — 75 cents. What's left over pays for materials, equipment, labor, billing, interest and other business expenses.



- 75¢** Cost of Power
- 6¢** Depreciation
- 6¢** Operations and Maintenance
- 4¢** Consumer Accounts, Service, Sales
- 4¢** Interest Expense (*long-term debt*)
- 3¢** Administrative and General Expense
- 2¢** Margins

MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Cajun Crab Salad



“Perfect for summer and it goes terrific with anything!”

- RONNELL CHAPETTA, JEFFERSON, GA

INGREDIENTS

2 cups (8 oz.) small shell macaroni
1 teaspoon olive oil
4 eggs, hard boiled
1/3 cup diced celery
1/3 cup green peppers
1/4 cup sliced green onion
6-8 ounces crab meat

DIRECTIONS

Cook macaroni till done; drain and rinse with cold water and drain again. Toss with olive oil. Mix dressing in a separate bowl.

In a large bowl mix macaroni, chopped eggs, (saving one egg for garnish), celery, peppers, green onion and dressing. Toss until well mixed. Stir in crab meat. (Best if fresh picked crab meat).

Garnish top with slices of egg and wedges of tomato and avocado (optional).

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SERVANT LEADERS

ZACHARY MILES

Mountain View High School | Junior

“ *Leadership is all about serving others and keeping the people you are leading before yourself.* ”

You may have seen Zachary Miles’ name in print already. While only in his third year of high school, he’s already penning articles for the Gwinnett Daily Post. He also works the anchor desk at Mountain View High School.

“What impresses me most about Zach and his leadership is not the natural talent he possesses, the way people are drawn to him or even his ability to effectively solve problems. Zach has all of these, yes. Yet, the most impressive thing about Zach is his genuine care for people,” said 2014 Washington Youth Tour Delegate and Youth Leadership Council alum Michael Smith.

Zachary teaches 4th grade religious education at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He helped build an outdoor classroom for a local elementary school. And when two high school students from a neighboring community tragically died in a car accident, he started the “Brown Bag Project” to collect spare change in brown paper bags for the family. He helped raise \$692.82.

“I want to help as many people as I can to make a positive impact on the world,” he said.

Zachary is the son of Kristopher and Jennifer Miles of Dacula. He plans to study Broadcast Journalism at Notre Dame.



SPENCER SUMNER

Gainesville High School | Sophomore

“ *Good leaders inspire others to reach their full potential.* ”

As an Eagle Scout, Spencer Sumner puts the Boy Scouting E.D.G.E. method — explain, demonstrate, guide and enable — to work in all facets of his life. A sophomore at Gainesville High School, he spends a lot of time sharing his knowledge with those around him.

To earn his Eagle award, he led a team of 20 scouts to build shelves for a homeless center so they could organize and store their donations.

Spencer spends a lot of time teaching others. As a lifeguard at Frances Meadows Aquatic Center, he teaches new swimmers. Serving as president of the Chess Club, he recruits new members and teaches them the game. As treasurer of his high school class, he leads. And as a state qualifier on the varsity swim team, he is surrounded by other athletes who learn from his example of hard work and dedication.

“Spencer has achieved great personal success, but he has done so as he provides an excellent example to his peers,” said GHS Swim Coach John Price. “He constantly encourages his teammates. He embodies another virtue of good leaders: he is willing to learn.”

Spencer says in working with others he encourages them to do their best. “I remind them their best gets better results,” he said. “You have to try your hardest to get better results.”

Spencer is the son of Sean and Laura Summer of Gainesville. He plans to study medicine at UNC Chapel Hill.

**MEET THE YOUNG LEADERS
FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO
MAKE UP JACKSON EMC'S
DELEGATION ON THE
WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR.**

The high school students chosen to serve as Jackson EMC's delegates for this year's Washington Youth Tour June 9-16 have one thing in common; each student leader has a passion to serve others. As delegates, Zachary Miles, Elena Shao, Spencer Sumner and Georgia Warnock will travel to Washington, D.C., with 110 other Georgians and join more than 1,700 Youth Tour participants from electric co-ops from across the country as they embark on a leadership journey.



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ELENA SHAO

Peachtree Ridge High School | Junior

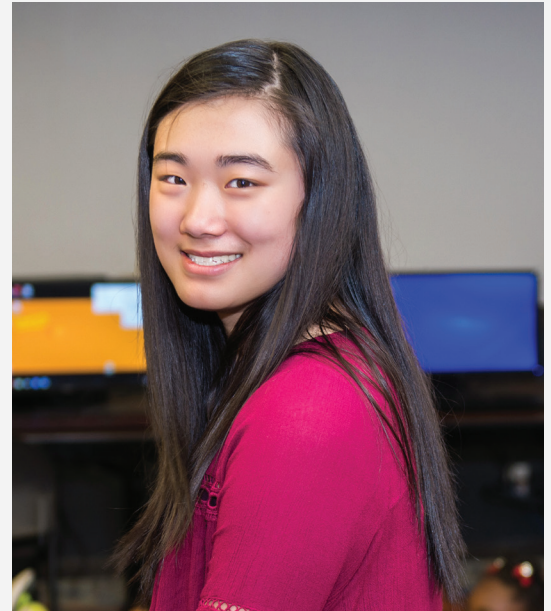
“ *A leader's greatest duty is to everyone else around them.* ”

Elena Shao wants to expand the platform for students to be heard. “I passionately believe in our ability to be positive and influential forces in a community,” Shao, a junior at Peachtree Ridge High School, said.

Shao has a powerful message and credentials. She's in National Honor Society, Beta Club, took two prizes last year in the regional science fair, is first chair violin in the orchestra, CFA Leader Academy, Gwinnett Student Leadership Team, was on the team that raised \$50,000 for Relay for Life, wins state-level art awards, takes multiple AP classes each semester and maintains a 4.0 GPA.

What makes her really excited is the work she does at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta. “The first time I saw the beautiful chaos, the paint splatters on the walls and mismatched colors on the bulletin boards and the dozens of kids shuffling papers around in the homework room, was one of the few times I have felt truly energized and electric,” she said. Elena develops leadership modules for young elementary school students at the club, and works on team-building activities.

“She's passionate about learning about the world and changing the world,” said Peachtree Ridge Language Arts Teacher Amber Stallings. “Elena excels as a scholar, contributes to her community, carries herself as a leader and displays tremendous personal character in every situation.” Elena is the daughter of Xinghua Liao and Yong Shao of Lawrenceville. She plans to study Public Policy at Georgia Tech.



GEORGIA WARNOCK

West Hall High School | Sophomore

“ *A great leader, they see a problem, they find a solution.* ”

Georgia Warnock is a sophomore at West Hall High School, but spends part of her day at the University of North Georgia as a dual-enrollment student.

Not only is she enrolled at both schools, she is tutoring her peers — at both schools. Obviously, she is excelling academically, but Georgia is also succeeding with her music. West Hall's music director Ernie Phillips wrote, “I believe she will be a strong contender in your search for excellence.”

His confidence is understood. Georgia currently serves as principal oboe in the symphonic band, principal bassoonist in the concert band and she plays clarinet in the marching band. She also serves as Librarian for the program.

On Wednesday nights, Georgia packs bags for BackPack Love, a nonprofit ministry for kids in Hall County who need food over the weekend. Sometimes,

she'll help pack 500 bags. “I always think about how it would feel if I was in one of those kids' situations,” she said. “This is worth my time.”

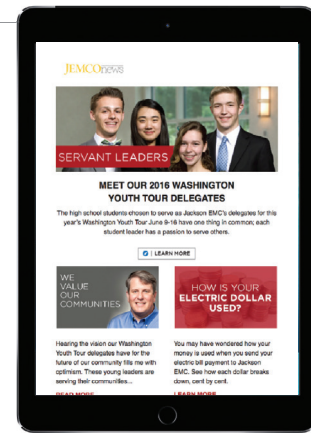
As both a high school and college student, member of multiple bands, active church member, lifeguard and tutor, among other things, Georgia said there isn't much time left for TV. “I'm a little busy, but it's nice to feel like I'm making a difference and doing things for my future.”

Georgia is the daughter of David and April Warnock of Gainesville. She plans to attend UGA and become a budget specialist.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT: FOOD FOR THE SOUL



For two decades, Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry has provided meals, shelter and more to the needy in Lawrenceville and Dacula. The ministry opens Wednesday and Friday for food and emergency financial assistance for those in financial straits, and on Saturday morning and Monday nights for food.

According to Executive Director Linda Freund, in the first quarter of 2016 the co-op served an average of 458 different households per month: 811 adults, 710 children and 81 seniors. She said it takes approximately 20,000 cans of food to feed these families for one week.

Assistance ranges from food and emergency shelter to paying for prescription medicine or water bills. Housing the homeless is one of the organization's major missions — and one that the Jackson EMC Foundation has consistently supported since its beginning in 2005.

“We can buy enough food to get everybody fed, but there’s not enough housing for the homeless,” says Freund. “Our ministry provides families with emergency housing for one week in a motel.”

Lines form early at Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry, where clients come for a variety of needs. What they may


lack in resources, they make up for in faith, according to the ministry director.

“All I have to do is open the door to see the people and their faith,” says Freund. “This is a place where people receive a personal touch; it’s not all about the food. We ask about their family and pray with them. We give both literal food for their bodies and spiritual food for their souls.”

The gifts, both physical and spiritual, are necessary to keep families afloat, according to Freund. “When the Great Recession hit in 2008 and 2009, people were desperate, and many still are,” she says. “When you can’t pay your bills, it’s a crisis. Everybody has a different crisis, a need they can’t meet at the moment.”

Grants from the Jackson EMC Foundation have helped the ministry reach many. “Everyone who gives when they pay their power bill contributes, and it’s amazing when you consider how many people have touched our ministry in this way,” says Freund.

Since awarding the first \$15,000 grant for the emergency food assistance program in November 2005, the Jackson EMC Foundation has awarded \$145,000 in assistance to the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry.

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OPERATION ROUNDUP: YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded

\$125,426 IN GRANTS

during its April meeting, including **\$123,426 to organizations** and **\$2,000 to an individual.**

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:



\$15,000 | Camp Koinonia

In Homer to provide 60 Banks County underprivileged third-through sixth-grade students referred by Family Connection and DFACS with a five-day camping experience that provides positive learning experiences to establish strong character, leadership and teambuilding skills and build personal relationships.



\$15,000 | Summer Scholars Institute

A three-year academic enrichment program held at the University of North Georgia's Gainesville campus to help at-risk middle and high school students in Hall County prepare for college and careers by concentrating on the basic areas of reading, writing and mathematics, along with science for third-year students.

\$15,000 | Exodus Outreach

A Buford nonprofit organization serving people in all walks of life who are hurting and in need of support, for a summer program that offers kindergarten through eighth-grade at-risk students in Gwinnett and Hall counties with a supervised summer learning

and development curriculum that readies students to succeed in school in the fall.

\$15,000 | Gwinnett Student Leadership

For its student leadership program, a two-year program serving high school juniors and seniors in 23 public schools, providing practical leadership skills and training to return to their home high school to facilitate the core leadership principles with groups there to increase the capacity to develop student leaders.

\$15,000 | North Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry

For its Medication Assistance Program, covering the cost of non-narcotic/controlled substance prescriptions for senior citizens and families that qualify for assistance when the amount of medication is too much or the co-pays are too costly.

\$15,000 | Extra Special People

In Watkinsville to provide an opportunity for special needs or seriously ill children from low-income or financially distressed families in Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Jackson and Madison counties to attend an eight-week camp experience where they can explore nature, discover their own abilities, master new skills and make new friends.

\$12,500 | Camp Twin Lakes

A not-for-profit organization that offers year-round recreational, therapeutic and educational programs for children facing serious illness and other challenges, to help children in Jackson EMC's 10-county service area attend its state-of-the-art, fully accessible campsites.

\$10,000 | Spectrum Autism Support Group

A parent-run nonprofit group in Suwanee that provides support, education and resources for the entire spectrum of autism disorders to families in Barrow, Gwinnett, Hall and Jackson counties, to enable disadvantaged autistic individuals ages 4 to 22 to attend the organization's weeklong summer camp program where daily activities are used to teach social skills.

\$10,000 | Young Women's Christian Organization (YWCO)

In Athens to help girls from low income families attend the Girls Club, a structured recreational and educational summer program targeting young girls ages 5 to 14 from low-to-moderate income families, and to help defray bus transportation expenses.

\$8,000 | Camp Kudzu

A year-round camping program for children with diabetes and their families to teach diabetes management skills that will reduce their risk of diabetes-related complications, as well as improve their attitude about living with the disease, to help children from the 10 counties served by Jackson EMC attend a one-week overnight summer camp.

\$3,500 | Good Samaritan Ministry of Northeast Georgia

A Gainesville nonprofit that provides food, clothing, furniture, job counseling and education assistance to those in need in Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties, to purchase food and personal hygiene items.

\$2,000 | Camp To Belong

A free summer camp that reunites brothers and sisters living separately in foster care or other out-of-home care to strengthen relationships, increase self-esteem, create healthier attitudes and childhood memories, to enable children in the 10 counties Jackson EMC serves to attend the camp.

\$1,475 | Gainesville 1st United Methodist Church Urban Ministry

To help fund a summer soccer camp for at-risk elementary school-aged children in the Baker and Glover neighborhoods.

\$951 | Northeast Georgia RESA (Regional Educational Service Agencies)

To fund iPad applications and amplification for four itinerant teachers who service nearly 100 students with a variety of types and degrees of hearing loss, cognitive and physical areas of need, to provide a variety of opportunities for meaningful and engaging lessons.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$2,000 to replace the hearing aids of a senior citizen.

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NEED TO KNOW: MOVE OVER

Effective July 1, House Bill 767 requires any motorist approaching utility linemen at an active work site, as indicated by traffic cones or flashing yellow, amber, white or red lights, to change lanes or reduce their speed to a reasonable and proper speed below the posted speed limit. **Any motorist who does not change lanes or drop their speed to avoid the utility workers can be fined up to \$250 per incident.** The new bill applies to all types of utility workers, including electric, natural gas, cable and telecommunications workers, right-of-way crews or utility contractors.

“ This bill will help the selfless linemen and women in Georgia go home safely to their families after working around the clock to keep our lights on, even in extreme weather conditions. ”

- Gov. Nathan Deal said April 19th when he signed the bill.

