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A LOT LIKE DAD

June. What a great month! School's out, pools are open, fish are biting, and the new Guardians of the Galaxy movie is out. It's also the month I get to celebrate being a father to two amazing kids and a great dad who taught me about life at a cooperative.

My dad, Bucky, as he's known to most people, recently retired from a long career as a cooperative manager in Alabama. I learned a lot about this industry from watching him. He and mom raised my brother and me with the skills we needed to be successful. The son of a mechanic, he knew how to fix everything, and he taught us about resourcefulness and hard work.

He could build anything. I remember coming home from school one day to witness him mowing the grass twice as fast as usual. The accelerated speed wasn't because he'd sharpened the blades or decided to run instead of walk, but because he had tethered two push mowers to a riding mower and was mowing the grass with his new hybrid-machine. I'm not quite the mechanic he is, although I did become an engineer—just like him.

I didn't know growing up this was what I was going to do. Maybe I should have known, though, I'm a lot like him. We even share the same name, Ernest Adelbert Jakins. I'm the third, actually, although none of us go by it, and neither does my son. I became "Chip" from day one, but it took a little time to grow into the "off the old block" part.

Dad would take me out on service calls with him when I was a kid. I'd hold the spotlight for him in the dark while he worked on the power lines or keep the seat warm in the cab of the truck when he met with members. Those times we rode together he instilled in

me the same things his father did for him – a good work ethic that calls for trustworthiness and dependability and respect for people. Trustworthiness and dependability are not only important between a father and his children, but for a business as well. Building a reputation for accountability and dependability for our members is what we're all about at Jackson EMC. That reputation wouldn't be possible without the employees who carry themselves with the same kind of integrity.

The children of Jackson EMC's employees look up to their parents just like I look up to mine – some of them look 40 feet up a power pole or to someone hoisted in the air on the arm of a bucket truck, in fact. Some fathers at Jackson EMC work in rain, heat and cold, day and night, when duty calls. It's not an easy job. The hours are long and tasks are dangerous. But the payoff—making life better and more comfortable for all of us—keeps them going.

Working in this business with Dad, I've seen how cooperatives are a lot like family: we care about one another. It shows in how we treat each other, how we operate our business and in how we treat our members. Dad taught me to be reliable and to dedicate myself to a job that benefits the community. Every day I get to work with men (and women) who have been taught to do the same thing. Happy Father's Day to them and all the dads out there!

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

WAYS TO SAVE: PREPARE FOR SUMMER HEAT

ABOUT HALF OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL GOES TO HEATING OR COOLING THE AIR INSIDE YOUR HOME. MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR INVESTMENT IN COMFORT BY KEEPING THAT CONDITIONED AIR INSIDE YOUR HOME.



CAULK AND WEATHER STRIP

around door and window frames, seal cracks and penetrations on the exterior or interior of the home, including around plumbing penetrations.



WITH THE CHANGING SEASON

be sure the fireplace damper is closed and ceiling fans are set to run counterclockwise.



MAINTAIN HVAC EQUIPMENT

by keeping the outdoor unit free of leaves, grass, shrubs or anything else that can block airflow. Clear at least six feet of space above and two-to-three feet of space around the outdoor unit.

NEW EMC SECURITY MOBILE ACTIVE ALERT BUTTON

Goes Where You Go!

ENJOY YOUR ACTIVE LIFESTYLE! GO TO THE PARK, THE GROCERY STORE, VISITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, OR JUST DOWN THE STREET WITH CONFIDENCE; HELP IS JUST A CLICK OF A BUTTON AWAY.

Over the past decade, more and more seniors have been using personal emergency response systems as they focus on aging in place and staying independent for as long as possible.

But as seniors get rid of landline phones and travel more, they are looking for new technologies that give them more freedom and peace of mind. There is a growing demand for technology that does not require landlines or base stations that tether users to their homes.

EMC Security's Active Alert Button, powered by Belle®, helps users live independently and stay mobile for longer by offering help with the press of a button, both at home and away.

The Active Alert Button enables users to talk with emergency care specialists via built-in two-way voice with the press of a button, anywhere in the U.S. where there is cellular coverage. Care specialists can send emergency personnel or loved ones to users, depending on what is needed.

For use inside or outside your home, the button pendant is a simple device that is small and lightweight, water-proof, has two-way voice for easy assistance, and a battery that lasts 30 days on a single charge.

The device comes with a simple charging cradle, making it a very low-maintenance solution. Users and caregivers can receive low battery and power off alerts by email, phone call and/or text message.



THE ACTIVE ALERT BUTTON BY EMC SECURITY

is just \$99 plus a recurring \$19.95/mo monitoring fee. There are no extra fees or charges, just freedom to enjoy life on your terms.



Meet Your 2017 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES

The high school students chosen to serve as Jackson EMC's delegates for this year's Washington Youth Tour, on June 8-15 have something powerful in common; a passion to serve others. As delegates, Sheefa Ali, Gabriela Maduro-Salvarrey, Cecelia Tatro, and Trudy Ward will travel to Washington D.C., with 113 other Georgians and join more than 1,700 Youth Tour participants from electric co-ops across the country, as they embark on a leadership journey.

Meet the young leaders from our community who make up Jackson EMC's delegation on the Washington Youth Tour.



CECELIA TATRO
JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL | JUNIOR

Cecelia Tatro writes letters; 50 letters at a time. Cecelia designs cards and writes notes for people receiving hospice care who do not have visitors, so they know someone is thinking about them. Recently, she started a club, Crafting Smiles, at her high school, to expand her passion to include more people and to create more cards and gifts for people who need a little extra support during a difficult time. "It's a wonderful experience to be able to use a hobby and help people. I think other people will love to use this vehicle to serve others," she said. In addition to serving her community through her letter writing, Cecelia sweeps trails at Elachee Nature Center and organizes the food pantry at the Northeast Georgia Food Bank. Cecelia is pursuing a Full International Baccalaureate Diploma at JHS. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Student Council, Spanish Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. Cecelia was selected for the Youth Leadership Hall program through the Hall County Chamber of Commerce and served as a Hugh O'Brien Youth Conference ambassador. Cecelia's career goal is to be a dermatologist. She is the daughter of Michelle Craven and Gordon Tatro, of Gainesville.

“ Leadership is about finding something that has value and inspiring others to achieve the goal together. ”

TRUDY WARD

MADISON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL | SOPHOMORE

Trudy Ward is a musician. In fact, she's a wind instrument extraordinaire, playing both the flute and the oboe in the wind ensemble and marching band, where she will serve as drum major next year. She also plays the synthesizer. She prefers classical music and is especially drawn to the John Philip Sousa marches. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Youth Leadership Team. Trudy's community service includes volunteer work with Kids for Christ at Colbert United Methodist Church, where she also engages in mission work that includes sorting clothes and home goods for the Salvation Army, working on a renovation project for a horse therapy farm and delivering meals to the homeless. Additionally, she helps assemble weekend food bags for middle school students through the intheMIDDLEmeals program. Trudy's dream is to study at The Juilliard School. "I feel like this trip is going to push me past what I set my limit to be," she said. She is the daughter of Regina and Derek Ward, of Colbert.



“ Leadership means putting others before yourself no matter what; pushing yourself to be more for other people. ”



SHEEFA ALI

COLLINS HILL HIGH SCHOOL | SOPHOMORE

Sheefa Ali is one of ten students in the U.S. who won a national prize at Le Grand Concours, the National French Contest. She actively participates in French National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Beta Club and the Collins Hill High School Women’s Chorus. She also served as communications officer for the Atlanta Model UN Conference. Sheefa participates in community service through her school clubs, packs Blessing Bags of food and water for shelters and tutors first graders in reading. Celebrating the unique diversity of her high school, she recently helped plan the inaugural Culture Night at Collins Hill. “The goal is to share our diversity. Culture wasn’t celebrated before, so we decided to have a night just showing off the diversity of our school,” she said. Sheefa plans to pursue a career as a neurologist. She is the daughter of Upasana Patel and Bahdur Ali, of Buford.

“Leadership means not losing sight of your vision, even though you have many struggles along the way.”

GABRIELA MADURO-SALVARREY

PEACHTREE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL | SOPHOMORE

Gabriela Maduro-Salvarrey is passionate about creating social change. “Once something becomes a problem, it can be like a running faucet and you’ll always be mopping water off the floor. I want to find solutions at the source, and turn off the faucet,” she said about her career goal of serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. She’s off to a good start, serving on the Gwinnett Student Leadership Team and the Citizens Climate Lobby, where she invited Rep. Woodall to speak at her school about the environment, an issue close to her heart. Gabriela also created the Social Justice League at PRHS to educate students about current events and their relation to social justice issues while promoting healthy debate and public service through volunteer projects. She’s involved with the PRHS Buddy Bunch club, which promotes interaction and friendship between students in regular and special education classes. Additionally, Gabriella is involved in HoPe, the Hispanic Organization Promoting Education. She is the daughter of Diana Salvarrey-Iranzo and Guillermo Maduro-Vazquez, of Duluth.



“Leadership is taking the resources you have and using them to support others to help them reach their potential.”

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

- PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY



CHRISTY QUEEN | JACKSON EMC | SENIOR MARKETING RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Chaperones, like students, compete for the honor of participating in the Washington Youth Tour. This year, Jackson EMC is pleased to have an employee joining the delegation.

Christy Queen works as a senior marketing resource specialist at Jackson EMC, helping to develop and deliver important member programs like Right Choice™ and our many rebate programs. Christy is committed to serving the youth in our community. She has served on the Board of Directors for Legacy Youth Mentoring, an in-school mentoring program for youth in Jackson County, for five years. She also serves as Board Chairperson for Jackson County Family Connection. Christy works with local youth in events serving high school students, including wiring contests and livestock shows sponsored by Jackson EMC. She is also a private tutor in the areas of math, science and accounting.

CALCULATING YOUR CAPITAL CREDITS

One of the benefits of cooperative membership is receiving capital credits.

Jackson EMC is a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned by our members. Each year, amounts collected above the cost of providing electric service are credited to member-owners' capital accounts based on their patronage (total billing less sales tax).

Your 2016 capital was 7.59 percent of your total patronage. See the worksheet to calculate your capital credit.

This notification is for all rates except QF, LPS, LGS or MBS (you can find your rate designation printed on your monthly bill). Members with those rates have received a separate notification.

Work sheet for Calculation of 2016 Capital

Amount of Bills for 2016 (excluding sales tax) x Allocation Patronage (7.59%) = Your Dollar Allocation

FOR EXAMPLE:

If your 2016 power bills totaled \$500

Amount of Bills for 2016 (excluding sales tax) x Allocation Patronage = Your Dollar Allocation
 $\$500 \times 7.59\% = \37.95

If your 2016 power bills totaled \$1,500

Amount of Bills for 2016 (excluding sales tax) x Allocation Patronage = Your Dollar Allocation
 $\$1,500 \times 7.59\% = \113.85

OPERATION ROUNDUP: YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded

\$111,850 IN GRANTS

during its May meeting, including **\$107,350 to organizations** and **\$4,500 to individuals.**

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$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.

\$15,000 | Gwinnett Student Leadership for its two-year student leadership 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 | 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.

\$13,000 | 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.

\$12,100 | Camp Twin Lakes, a not-for-profit organization which 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.

\$12,000 | Spectrum Autism Support Group, a parent-run non-profit 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 four to 22 to attend the organization's weeklong summer camp program where daily activities are used to teach social skills lessons.

\$10,500 | 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 5-14 from low-to-moderate income families, and to help defray bus transportation expenses.

\$10,000 | Muscular Dystrophy Association to help children and young adults with neuromuscular diseases from the counties served by Jackson EMC attend Camp Walk N' Roll, a week-long summer program with no boundaries for physical disabilities where campers can build confidence and independence while their caregivers have a break from the demands of constant care.

\$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.

\$1,650 | Urban Ministry-Gainesville First United Methodist Church to help fund a summer soccer camp for at-risk elementary school-aged children in the Baker and Glover neighborhood.

\$1,100 | Camp Twitch and Shout to support camper sponsorships for two children from Jackson EMC's service area living with Tourette Syndrome for a week-long overnight summer camp at Camp Will-a-Way at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:
\$3,500 to help a **disabled individual** purchase dental work.

\$1,000 to help a **disabled, older couple** pay for a handicapped accessible bathroom.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, VISIT JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION

Camp Koinonia

Koinonia is a Greek word referring to the idea of fellowship. The 32 churches leading this Homer-based camp believe the action of fellowship produces authentic nurture, love, encouragement, vulnerability, transparency, accountability, and sharing among believers. Camp Koinonia creates fellowship in a traditional camp environment for five days with a diverse group of deserving children with the hope of producing positive, Christian, role models.

"We've grown over our 13 years of camp to what we have now," said Gale Whitlock, assistant camp director.

One need that's grown over time is a camp for middle and high schoolers. A leadership development camp, "Stones," developed from this need.

"Initially we had 12 Stones who helped at camp," Whitlock said. "This year we'll have more than a hundred. This is one of the most exciting programs - they are so excited to lead and learn."



Stones focus on leadership development, while investing in community service projects, such as packing back packs with school supplies, doing yard work for senior citizens, and assisting with ministries. The camp also offers day camp experiences, as well as counselor positions.

The Jackson EMC Foundation recently granted \$13,000 to fund 55 sponsorships for campers from Jackson EMC's service area, to participate in the camp experience. Since 2007, the Foundation has granted \$128,400 in camp sponsorships for Camp Koinonia.

2017 GEORGIA LINEMAN'S RODEO



THE LINEMAN'S RODEO ATTRACTS THE BEST LINEMEN FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO COMPETE IN EVENTS BASED ON TRADITIONAL LINEMAN TASKS AND SKILLS.

Jackson EMC linemen bested many others from across the state at the annual Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, held May 6 in Fort Valley, Georgia. Thirty-three journeyman teams and 86 apprentices from across the state assembled to compete in events designed to test lineman knowledge, skill, safety and speed. Jackson EMC linemen had 19 top 10 finishes.

Both apprentice linemen and veteran linemen compete in the Lineman's Rodeo. Through a combination of experience and training, linemen who have worked in the industry for at least seven years, and exhibit the necessary skills, receive the distinction of journeyman.

APPRENTICE DIVISION

Apprentice Kaleb Chapman, of Gainesville, was named the Georgia Champion Apprentice, finishing first in the overall Apprentice Division and the EMC Apprentice Division, with a final score of 497 and a combined event time of 27 minutes, 46 seconds. Chapman also won first or second in each event.

Apprentice Josh Hallock, of Lawrenceville, finished second in the overall Apprentice Division and second in the EMC Division, with a score of 496 and a combined time of 43:31. Kasey Odom finished sixth overall and Tyler Thurmond finished ninth.

Also competing in the Apprentice Division: Austin Yearwood, Austin Gragg, Cody Watson, Dillon Welborn, Jose Rodriguez, Kevin Cook, James Partain and Collin Ward.

JOURNEYMAN DIVISION

Jeremy Adams, Wayne Connell and Jeff Sutton, all of Gainesville, finished second overall in the Journeyman and EMC divisions, with a perfect 400 score and a combined time of 29:43. In individual events, the team had several first and second place event finishes.

Kevin Grant, Jose Salgado and Matthew Tolar, all of Gainesville, competed as a

journeyman team and finished first in the transformer changeout event and second in the hurtman rescue.

Other journeyman teams included: Justin Cash, Shannon Love and Clay Phillips, all of Jefferson, and Greg Angel, Jason Bond and Dwayne Dickerson, all of Neese.

Brett Hurst, Jackson EMC line foreman in Gainesville, competed in the Senior Division with his brother Victor Hurst and Don Ritchey, both from Snapping Shoals EMC. The team finished first overall in the division.

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MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Farmer's Tomato Pie



“ This was one of my grandfather’s recipes. He used to serve this at his restaurant in Atlanta and everyone loved it.”

JON DILLARD, COMMERCE, GA

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 refrigerated pie crust (unbaked)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Italian blend cheese or shredded mozzarella cheese
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. fine dry bread crumbs
- 2 lbs. ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges (about 6 cups)
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup loosely packed small fresh basil leaves or
- 1/4 cup shredded fresh basil leaves

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Unfold pie crust. On a lightly floured surface, roll crust to a 12-inch circle and place into a 9 to 9 1/2 inch quiche dish or pie plate. Trim edges and fold under extra pastry. Line the pastry with double thickness of aluminum foil and bake for 8 minutes, remove foil and bake for an additional 4 to 5 minutes until pastry is dry, then remove.

Reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Sprinkle 1/3 cup of cheese evenly over the baked pie shell, then sprinkle the minced garlic over the cheese. Next, sprinkle with 2 teaspoons of the bread crumbs. Then, top with 1/3 of the tomato wedges, 1/3 of the cherry tomatoes and 1/3 of the remaining cheese. Top with 2 teaspoons of breadcrumbs.

Repeat with another 1/3 of the tomato wedges, cherry tomatoes, cheese and 2 teaspoons of breadcrumbs. Top with all remaining tomatoes and cheese. Sprinkle with salt. This completes the pie.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is golden brown.

When done, remove and sprinkle with basil leaves. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Serves 6.



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