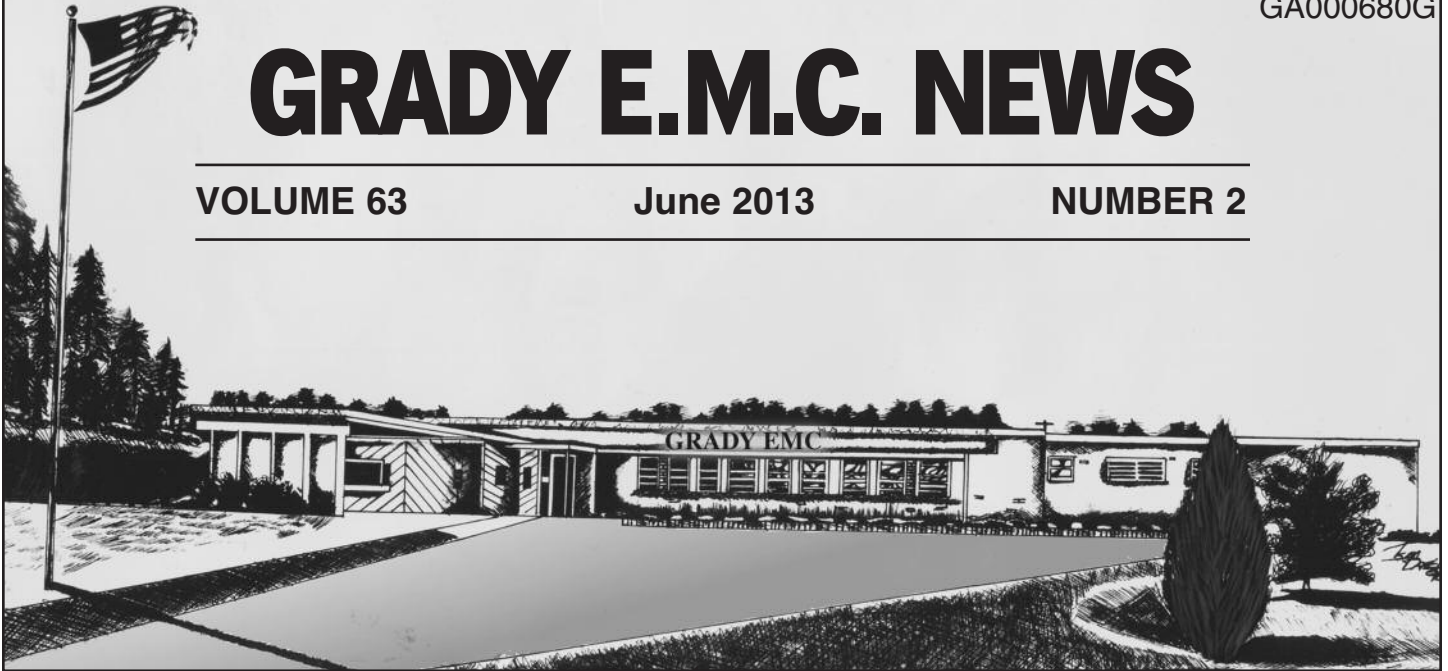


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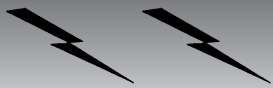


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**Grady
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will celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. In honor of the Fourth of July, Grady EMC's office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2013. As usual, in case of emergencies, you may contact the office at 229-377-4182 for assistance. We wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July.



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Shiver School Career Day

Grady EMC recently responded to a request from Shiver School to conduct a "Careers on Wheels Day". Among the jobs highlighted were the linemen at Grady EMC. The children were delighted to see the BIG bucket truck and to talk to Grady EMC employee, Scott Taliaferro. Scott, Grady EMC's Safety Director, spoke about various aspects of his job and working for an EMC (electric membership cooperative). One of the young students commented, "I want that job so I can ride in the bucket!". Even though it was a misty, rainy morning, it didn't dampen the spirits of the students wanting to learn more about the career.

Grady EMC would like to thank Shiver School for the opportunity to be a part of this community program.

Pictured in the photo is Scott Taliaferro, Safety Director for Grady EMC, and several Shiver School students. ■



EMCs RECOGNIZED FOR "EXTREME MAKEOVER" of Georgia FFA/FCCLA Building

Leaders from Electric Membership Cooperatives (EMCs) across the state, including Grady EMC, were recently recognized during the dedication of the new EMC Cabin at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Ga.

Formerly known as the REA Cabin, the new structure represents a three-year undertaking to renovate the original cabin built in 1957 with funds donated by EMCs. Fast forward nearly six decades

when it became necessary for significant restorations that included structural repairs, new doors, exterior and interior finishes, new bathrooms, plumbing, heating and air, electrical, carpet and tile, painting and new built-in furniture.

"EMC involvement and support of the new cabin is a perfect example of a long-standing belief in the importance of the Georgia FFA/FCCLA program,"

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2013 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

What some past delegates have described as life-changing, unbelievable, and awesome awaits three new students the week of June 13-20. These rising seniors, Ally Hollingsworth, James Clemons, and Viraj Patel will be experiencing this trip of a lifetime offered by Grady EMC and the EMC's of Georgia. Part of the excitement for them will be the opportunity not only to represent themselves; but also, to represent their respective schools, parents, and communities. There is no doubt they have the ability to do this very well.



Ally Hollingsworth, a Cairo High School junior, is an energetic and inquisitive young lady. She is active and involved with the Thomasville Music & Drama Troupe, Bainbridge Little Theatre, and Project Linus (a program that supplies security blankets to children in crisis). Ally is involved with various clubs and activities at Cairo

High. She enjoys performing in plays and musicals and likes to play tennis. Her future plans include college earning a degree in Broadcast Journalism. Ally's parents are Paul and Lisa Hollingsworth.



James Clemons, a junior at Bainbridge High School, is a very talented student. James is a deep-thinker which helps him in his efforts with the Bainbridge High Mock Trial Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom and between his work at his part-time job, he runs in 5K's and half marathons. He enjoys swimming , hunting, and fishing. His future plans include receiving a college degree in bio-molecular engineering working in the agricultural sector. James' parents are Earnest and Margaret Clemons.



Viraj Patel, a Thomas County Central High School junior, is a dedicated, goal-oriented individual. Viraj is serving as Class President. He spends a lot of his after-class time volunteering with the Thomas County Animal Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and the Thomas County

Food Bank. He enjoys fishing and playing various sports. Plans for Viraj's future are to seek and gain a congressional appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy. Viraj's parents are Tommy and Rina Patel.

They will be among 105 high school students during this event with stops in Georgia and Washington, D.C. The Washington Youth Tour is Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens. It is the premier event designed to reward deserving students for their hard work and their willingness to get involved in various leadership roles in their schools and communities. It helps bring to life what they have been studying about in the classroom. The WYT provides a "hands-on" experience as to the role of government, and the importance of community and public service. It provides an opportunity for exceptional students to meet face-to-face with members of Georgia's congressional delegation and visit historical points of interest in Georgia and the Nation's Capital.

The tour is fast-paced, dynamic, fun, and educational. It is a week-long, all-expenses paid trip that will provide them with a lifetime of friendships and memories. The tour commences in Atlanta with a dinner banquet held in their honor for being chosen as the EMC's delegate. The first day, the group will tour President Franklin Roosevelt's Little White House in Warm Springs, participate in leadership and educational sessions, and fly to Washington that afternoon. The balance of the week will be touring Washington. Visiting the War Memorials, Supreme Court, Arlington Cemetery, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Ford's Theatre, and Washington National Cathedral are a few of the stops along the way. Visiting Capitol Hill and meeting with their congressional delegation are always a highlight of the tour. Cruising down the Potomac River on an evening cruise, dining at Union Station, Hard Rock Café, meeting with approximately 1,000 other students from across the nation, etc. are just a few of the fun highlights that will be encountered.

Grady EMC considers it an honor to sponsor these three students on the WYT. With this happening during their formative years, it is our hope that this event will open their eyes to the realities, possibilities, and opportunities that they might not have otherwise seen or considered.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ally, James, and Viraj. ■



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says Georgia EMC President/CEO A. Paul Wood.

"Nearly 60 years ago the EMCs helped fund one of the first of many cabins built by the shores of Lake Jackson. The new cabin will continue to host generations of campers who are learning to better themselves and our communities through FFA for years to come."

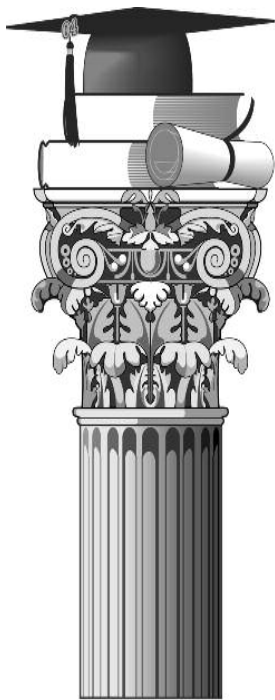
State Camp Director Todd Teasley recently pointed to the new wheelchair-accessible entry and bathroom—one of the only cabins at the camp with these features—and says this project has been the impetus to plan on refitting many of the facility's cabins with the same type of features. With the EMC Cabin complete, the building will be home to scores of FFA campers this summer.

The Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center is a non-profit educational facility designed with the purpose of providing the youth of Georgia with a site for leadership and career development. Started in 1937 as an FFA Camp for rural youth, it has evolved into a premier camp facility and conference center for the FFA and FCCLA Organizations, as well as many other youth and adult organizations. The Georgia

FFA-FCCLA Center is one of two FFA-FCCLA Centers in Georgia, and one of many FFA Centers throughout the nation. ■



STANDING IN FRONT of the new Georgia EMC cabin are, left to right: Bobby Ferris, Southern Rivers Energy and Georgia FFA Board member, A. Paul Wood, Georgia EMC President and CEO, Shivani Dhir, 2013 Georgia FCCLA State President, Nicole Holden, 2012-2013 Georgia FFA State Secretary, Sierra Milligan, 2012-2013 Georgia FFA State Vice President, and Brandon Poole, 2012-2013 Georgia FFA State Vice President.



Congratulations *the Class of* to the Graduates of *2013*

We know this is a day that you have looked forward to for a long time. Your hard work and efforts have finally been rewarded. The friends and classmates that have preceded you in graduation are now moving on with their lives, whether furthering their education, or entering the workplace. You, the Seniors of '13, will now start doing the same and contributing to your communities and society. You have been equipped to handle the challenges, overcome the objectives, and become a productive individual. Your families, friends, relatives, and educators have watched you grow and mature and are extremely happy for you and for your accomplishments. Grady EMC also takes pleasure in wishing you much happiness and success in whatever you try to accomplish.

Congratulations!!!