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PARDUE SELECTED TO REPRESENT CFEMC AS 2021 YOUTH TOUR DELEGATE

Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation (CFEMC) has selected **Madeleine Pardue**, a high school junior at **The Heritage School**, to represent CFEMC at the 2021 Georgia Electric Cooperative Youth Tour (YTGA) – a virtual leadership experience. The program will be held June 22-24, 2021.

Every year, CFEMC recognizes outstanding high school students who are leaders in their schools, communities, places of worship, or academic and community organizations by providing a valuable leadership experience for exceptional teens through the Washington Youth Tour, which normally involves a trip to the nation's capital; however, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) decided to hold the program virtually this year due to concerns over COVID-19.

"We're excited for Madeleine to represent the EMC," Rachel Camp, CFEMC Youth Tour Coordinator, said. "It's a competitive process and her application really stood out. We're also excited to announce in 2022 the Youth Tour program will return to its original format and those winners will be receiving an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC."

As CFEMC's YTGA delegate, Pardue will participate in a three-day dynamic interactive experience that will focus on different aspects of leadership and will include access to personality profiles, small group breakout sessions, photo contests, trivia challenges, scholarship opportunities and more.



Madeleine Pardue, (left) a junior at The Heritage School, is pictured with Rachel Camp (right), CFEMC Youth Tour Coordinator, will represent CFEMC in the 2021 Georgia Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Virtual Leadership Experience this month.

The unique program will offer Pardue the opportunity to gain lifetime leadership experience, network with fellow, high-achieving peers from across the state, and collaborate in challenges to win one of several scholarships. She will also have the chance to participate in a virtual town hall meeting with Georgia's legislators.

Pardue currently serves on the National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors,

Model United Nations, Debate Team, Students Against Human Trafficking Club, Finer Things Club, Garden Club and Key Club at The Heritage School. She has held internships with 7 Cups of Tea and for The Heritage School yearbook staff. Pardue plans to earn an undergraduate degree in Biology, Nursing or Secondary Education after graduating from The Heritage School in 2022.

Mark your calendars...applications for the 2022 National Rural Electric Youth Tour program will be available on the CFEMC website, <https://utility.org/my-community/washington-youth-tour/> in January 2022. You can also learn more about this leadership opportunity by visiting that same page.

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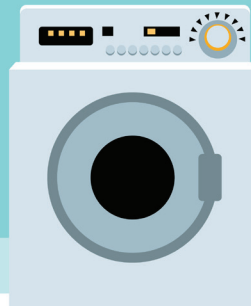


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BEAT THE HEAT THIS SUMMER



1

Instead of cranking up the A/C, use ceiling fans to make rooms feel a few degrees cooler.

2

Delay heat-producing chores like running the dishwasher or doing laundry until the evening hours.

3

Keep blinds and curtains closed during the day – especially for east- and west-facing windows.

Contact us to learn about additional ways to save energy!



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The President's Message

Chris Stephens
CEO

Now that summer is here, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of my favorite activities like enjoying cookouts 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. Unfortunately, we're all too familiar with the destruction weather can have on our homes, businesses and the electric system. I want you to know that CFEMC 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. In fact, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness.

- 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, 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 and prevent it from back-feeding onto the electric system and endangering the lives of our line workers.

Pay attention to the warnings you receive, especially on your cell phones. I know the warning we received concerning the March tornado helped save lives. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check CFEMC's app or website for power restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines. Allow room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

I hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. But, if a storm should come, you can count on CFEMC to respond quickly. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

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