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Important Dates

May 10th – Pineland May invoice due

May 12th – Mother's Day

May 27th – Memorial Day
(Pineland offices closed)

June 1st-5th – FRS Washington Youth Tour

June 10th – Pineland June invoice due

June 13th – Pineland's Annual Meeting

June 16th – Father's Day

June 21st – First day of Summer

July 4th – Independence Day
(Pineland offices closed)

July 10th – Pineland July invoice due

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InTouch Newsletter

An informational newsletter from Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Pineland Announces FRS Washington Youth Tour Representatives

Beginning in 2015, Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. joined other rural telecommunications companies across the nation by sponsoring two highly recommended students from the Pineland service area to visit Washington, DC during the early summer. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) Washington Youth Tour has hosted thousands of students, providing a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities, as well as, key legislative, regulatory, and government figures.

The 2019 Youth Tour participants representing Pineland, and chosen through a blind critique, attend Metter High School and Emanuel County Institute. Evangelina Jarvis, a rising junior at MHS, is the daughter of Jim Jarvis and Suzanne Tyson. She is active in the MHS Cross Country and Track teams, Softball team, FBLA, FCCLA, Beta Club, Y-Club, Kiwanis Key Club, and Educators Rising. In her spare time she loves to run, kayak, and travel. Sarah Beth Kersey, daughter of Marvin Kersey and Jodi Jarvis, is a

rising junior at ECI. Sarah Beth is active in Varsity Cheerleading and Track. She is an FBLA member, Senior Beta Member, Sophomore Student Council Representative, Emanuel County Senior 4-H Secretary, 21st Century Leader for Emanuel County, and Dual Enrollment Student at East Georgia State College.

“Angel and Sarah Beth have worked hard for their accomplishments to date and we are certain they will continue along the same successful tract throughout their remaining high school years and on into college,” says Dustin Durden, General Manager of Pineland. “We are excited that they will be representing Pineland at this year’s FRS Youth Tour and appreciate the work FRS does to educate today’s youth and tomorrow’s leaders.”

The Foundation for Rural Service is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Arlington, VA, that serves rural communities across the United States. Established in 1994 by NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, FRS educates the public about the benefits of a nationwide

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Left to Right: Evangelina Jarvis (MHS), Dustin Durden, Sarah Beth Kersey (ECI).



COOKING CORNER

With Michael Cardell



Easy Make Chicken & Rice

Ingredients

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 2 split chicken breasts | 2 tbsp. of unsalted butter |
| 1 Family Size can of Cream of Chicken | Seasoned salt |
| 1 Family Size can of Cream of Mushroom | Salt/Pepper |
| 2 cups of cooked Rice | |

Directions

Fill a 6 quart pot with water. Season water with 3 tbsp. of seasoned salt, add breasts, and bring to a boil. Cook on low/medium heat for 1.5 to 2 hours. Remove skin and debone. Pull into shreds once cooled. Boil rice in broth from chicken (minimum-6 cups of broth). Cook on low, covered, until rice is tender. Add unsalted butter, Cream of Chicken & Cream of Mushroom, and shredded chicken. Stir and simmer for 1 hour. Continue to stir occasionally. Add water or leftover broth for desired consistency. Salt and pepper to desired taste.

Note: This will feed a family of four multiple times in one week. My daughter Kaley could live off of this meal. Makes a full 6 quart pot. Cut recipe in half if you do not eat leftovers. Enjoy!

Michael Cardell is a veteran employee with Pineland, having joined the company at the age of nineteen. He began working on the cut-over crew and has served as the Plant Supervisor for a number of years. He is a native to Metter and a graduate of

Metter High School. He is married with two children, Coby and Kaley. In his spare time, his hobbies include golfing, hunting, fishing, riding 4-wheelers, coaching, grilling and visiting Myrtle Beach.

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telecommunications network and promotes rural connectivity as an essential link in this network.

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. FRS is committed to educational achievement in rural communities, recognizing that tomorrow's economic and civic development depends on the involvement and commitment of today's youth. Learn more at www.frs.org.

NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. NTCA advocates on behalf of its members in the legislative and regulatory arenas, and it provides training and development; publications and industry events; and an array of employee benefit programs. In an era of exploding technology, deregulation and marketplace competition, NTCA's members are leading the IP evolution for rural consumers, delivering technologies that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development and commerce, education, health care, government services, security, and smart energy use. Learn more at www.ntca.org.

Memorial Day – A Time to Honor

Often times the meaning of Memorial Day can be overshadowed by cookouts, the beach, or a day off from work. With all of the festivities, it is important to take a moment to acknowledge and remember the true significance of this day.

Did You Know? Memorial Day History

- Originated in the years following the Civil War, and was initially known as Decoration Day.
- Communities would pay tribute to fallen Civil War soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers.
- In 1966, Waterloo, New York was acknowledged as the official birthplace of Memorial Day due to its annual commemoration, during which businesses closed and the community adorned soldier's graves.
- Became an official holiday in 1971.
- Originally, only those fallen during the Civil War were honored, however, during WWI this acknowledgment was expanded to include American soldiers that perished in all wars.
- For decades was observed on May 30th, but was changed to the last Monday in May after the passing of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act by Congress which took effect in 1971.
- The National Moment of Remembrance, a moment of silence, is observed each Memorial Day at 3:00pm local time, in reverence of those who have died defending our Nation.





CodeRED is the new emergency communication system that is being utilized by Candler County authorized officials to inform residents and businesses of urgent and critical information. With this system, time sensitive information such as weather advisories, emergency details and instructions, evacuation notices, precautions, missing persons, and more, can be relayed to thousands of citizens in minutes. Those enrolled can receive these communications through a call to their home or business phone, cell phone, text message and email. In addition, CodeRED also employs a mobile app which can notify users of critical alerts in the area they are traveling to or through, as long as that area utilizes the CodeRED system.

If you are a Candler County Resident, you can visit the Candler County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.candlersheriff.com> and click on the CodeRED icon in the center of the page to sign up.

Be sure to check with your local officials to see if your area employs an emergency notification system and receive information on how to enroll.

Being informed helps to keep you and your family prepared for and during an emergency.



Contact 811 before you dig.

811: Do you know what's below?

Whether you are building a new structure, or simply installing a new mailbox post or shrub, it is important to know what's below before you break ground.

There are several types of utility lines that can be located beneath the ground. In order to avoid damaging a line, interrupting services, and potentially creating a hazardous situation, it is safest to have these lines located first.

Simply reach a Call Before You Dig center by dialing "811" or visiting call811.com. Local utility companies will be dispatched to mark any lines in the area that you plan to dig, often within just 2-3 days.

Do you have the speed you need?

Today not just everyone, but *everything* is connecting. We no longer only have smart phones, but now, smart homes. In addition to our mobile devices, TVs, heating and air units, security and camera systems, gaming consoles, AI units (think Alexa), and several other devices offer us higher efficiency and convenience - through a wireless connection. In order to receive and maintain a quality experience from these systems, our homes must have a sufficient internet speed, often referred to as bandwidth.

With how easy it is to hit the "connect" button, we often forget the

effect that adding another device has on our current bandwidth. Since bandwidth is shared amongst all the devices on a network, every time a new device is added, the bandwidth available to the existing devices decreases. Without sufficient internet speed available for each connected device, users will often experience slow loading, lagging, dropped wireless connections, and buffering (the dreaded spinning circle) while streaming or gaming.

Simply put, the more devices you connect, the more speed you will need to maintain them.



SPECIAL LOCAL TALENT

GIFTS FOR ALL ATTENDEES • CASH DOOR PRIZES

Pineland
67th Annual Meeting

Thursday | June 13th | 2pm

Metter Pre-K through 8 Education Complex Cafetorium



IN-TOUCH TRIVIA

1. How long does it normally take 811 to locate lines after receiving a request?

2. What is held each Memorial Day at 3:00pm? _____
3. What is needed in order to receive and maintain a quality connection with our wireless devices? _____
4. Name three (3) types of information that can be relayed to citizens through the CodeRED system. _____
5. How many years has Pineland sponsored students for the FRS Youth Tour?

***Write one of the questions and correct answer on Pineland's facebook for an additional chance to win a \$5 credit on your bill! 5 fans will win!**

Name: _____ NUMBER: _____

Please print your name and phone number clearly
Not eligible for credit two editions in a row.

IN-TOUCH TRIVIA WINNERS

Rick Tooley
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Allison Day
Sherry Kersey
Anne Hostilo
Roy Biggers
Emma Franklin
Dawn Phillips
Connie Wammock
Gale Grant
Terry Lumley
Vicki Jo Riner
Ashley Brinson
Cathy Coleman
Stephanie Triplett

Congratulations! You are the winners of In-Touch Trivia from our previous newsletter! These customers will receive a \$5 credit on their Pineland Telephone bill!



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15 customers will win!

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