

2017 Washington Youth Tour Delegates Announced

Lamar County residents Alexandria Hatten and Margaret Henry were recently selected to represent Southern Rivers Energy (SRE) on the 52nd annual Washington Youth Tour. This all-expenses-paid leadership experience is sponsored by Georgia's electric membership cooperatives, including SRE.

Hatten and Henry will join more than 100 students from across the state in our nation's capital June 8-15. During this in-depth tour, delegates will have a unique opportunity to meet with their elected officials and discuss the issues that are important back home. Georgia delegates will mingle with 1,700 of their peers from other states and exchange

views concerning local and national issues.

"Our commitment to community is what sets cooperatives apart from other businesses, and the Washington Youth Tour is one way we show the youth of our service area that their co-op is more than their electricity provider," says Kathryn Claxton with Southern Rivers Energy. "We genuinely care about the prosperity of our communities, and that includes providing special opportunities for these exceptional students and preparing them for future success. We are proud to have Alexandria and Margaret represent SRE, their school and their community on the 2017 Washington Youth Tour."

As a U.S. Senator in 1957, Lyndon Johnson encouraged electric cooperatives to "send youngsters to the nation's capital, where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents." For more information, visit our website, southernriversenergy.com, or youthtour.coop.



Some 2016 WYT Delegates at Marine Corps War Memorial



Alexandria Hatten

Alexandria Hatten, a sophomore at Lamar County High School (LCHS), hopes to work in a humanitarian field that improves lives. She is the daughter of Jan Manley and Mark Hatten, of Barnesville, first place winner in the regional literary competition for personal essay and member of the varsity cross-country team. She is the only sophomore at LCHS who is dual-enrolled at Gordon State College. Alexandria is active in many school clubs and is a member of the Lamar County Library Teen Advisory Board, where she helps organize tutoring events for the SAT as well as movie nights during finals week. She also recently raised \$400 for Dressember, an organization providing therapy, food and medical care of victims of human trafficking, and plans to make it an annual event.



Margaret Henry

Margaret Henry, a junior at Lamar County High School, plans to earn a bachelor's of science in nursing (BSN), then eventually practice as a naturopathic midwife. She is the daughter of Rolfe and Janine Henry of Barnesville. She is student government class president, and a member of the varsity cross-country and varsity soccer teams, lettering in both sports. Margaret is on the Dean's List at Gordon State College, where she is dual-enrolled. She is an active 4-H member and is the trumpet section leader in the LCHS band, and is active in numerous school clubs. She also volunteers with special-needs children and the elderly, participates in Dressember to raise funds to stop human trafficking and serves on the Lamar County Library Teen Advisory Board.