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FROM YOUR COOPERATIVE, WITH LOVE

As your electric cooperative, our number one priority is to bring you, our members, safe and reliable power. When outages ensue, our capable linemen and dedicated team of personnel always remain ready to take your call. However, it takes more than poles and power lines to serve our members wholeheartedly.



Tri-County EMC holds great purpose in fostering growth within the communities we serve - because just like you, we live here too. With a heavy focus on the investment of education, whether through scholarships or leadership opportunities, we strive to nurture an environment where our youth can succeed. After all, they are the future.

Through the generous support of members rounding up their monthly electric bills, the Tri-County EMC Foundation has awarded over 1.2 million in grants to local charitable institutions, government agencies, and non-profits since the start of the Operation Roundup program in 2001. Working in cooperation with our members has shown that small change can truly change lives. (51254001)

When under-served areas within our service territory were being held captive by slow internet speeds in a Web-centric society, our fiber affiliate Tri-CoGo stepped up to the plate. We hope that enhancing the lives of our members through high-speed internet will contribute to both economic growth and quality of life.

As a local business, we find joy in powering your life and bringing good things to the communities we serve. We appreciate the love and support that our members have shown us since 1939!

ENERGY SAVING TIPS DURING WINTER



Love is in the air - and so are cold temperatures. Winter weather typically means increased energy usage at home. Heating systems are working longer to warm our homes, and peak hours are prolonged as people are home using appliances. Tri-County EMC members will likely notice the impact of higher bill amounts as we navigate further into the winter season. While we know weather is unavoidable, there are some approaches to reduce energy usage in your home during periods of high electricity demand.

Keep your bills in check with these tips to save energy-and money!

- 1 MIND THE THERMOSTAT.**
If you have a traditional heating and cooling system, set the thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. Consider a smart or programmable thermostat for additional savings.
- 2 BLOCK AIR LEAKS**
Seal windows and exterior doors with caulk and weather stripping to improve indoor comfort and decrease the amount of energy used to heat your home. (13629005)
- 3 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUNLIGHT**
In the winter, open your blinds, shades, and curtains to let the natural sunlight warm your home. Close them at night to block the dropping temperatures.
- 4 AVOID COSTLY SPACE HEATERS**
Using space heaters to temper the air in a bathroom for a short period of time may be a good option, but using them to heat the entire house will cost you more than using a heat pump. The amount of energy you would use to run 2 space heaters could power a central heat pump large enough to heat an 1,800 square foot home.



TRI-CO GO

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Time to break up with your old internet service provider and make the switch to Tri-CoGo's 100% fiber internet!

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We now have Tri-CoGo and our download speed is 960-990 MBPS and is MUCH cheaper. We love it!

Teresa Belflower, Tri-CoGo Customer

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

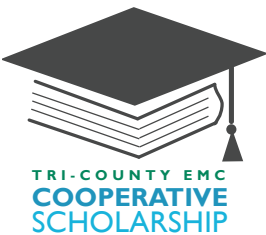
Tri-County EMC is committed to making contributions toward community growth throughout our service area, including investment in youth education and leadership. There are several upcoming scholarship opportunities for service area students who seek to further their education after high school. To apply, please visit tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms.



OPERATION ROUNDUP SCHOLARSHIP | DEADLINE APRIL 15

Through Operation Roundup, the Tri-County EMC Foundation will award a total of \$4,000 annually to students residing in the homes of Tri-County EMC Members. Special consideration is given to non-traditional students who are working full or part-time and have returned to school.

Applicant must be enrolled in any U.S. accredited college, university or technical college and have maintained at least a 2.0 average.



COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP | DEADLINE APRIL 15

Tri-County EMC will award three \$2,000 Cooperative scholarships to students residing within the cooperative's service area. One scholarship is awarded in each of the three Tri-County board districts. Applications are judged by an outside panel of education professionals based equally on academics, financial need and community involvement. (61726001)

High school seniors and undergraduate students are eligible to apply.



LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP | DEADLINE APRIL 15

Tri-County EMC will award one \$3,000 Lineman Scholarship to an individual interested in becoming an electric lineman. Applications are judged by a panel of Tri-County EMC lineman and retirees.

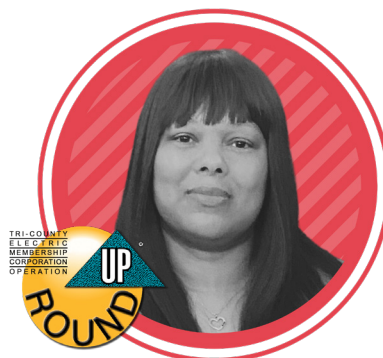
To qualify, applicants must have received a high school diploma in Jones, Putnam or Baldwin Counties OR have received a GED and currently reside in Jones, Putnam or Baldwin Counties in Georgia.



FORMER RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



William Dietrich
2022 Recipient



Celeste Adkins-Chatfield
Fall 2022 Recipient



Landon Hewett
2022 Recipient

RECIPE BOX

BUTTERSCOTCH MELTAWAYS

The perfect treat for your special someone!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter
- ¾ cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 ¼ cup flour
- 1/8 tsp salt
- ¾ cup cornstarch
- ¾ cup butterscotch chips
- Red candied cherries
- Sugar

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cream butter & confectioners sugar, add yolk, vanilla & coconut. Sift dry ingredients & add gradually, just incorporating. Stir in butterscotch chips. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and place on parchment lined baking sheets. Dip bottom of a glass in water then in sugar then lightly press cookie down. Put half candied cherry on each. Bake 12 – 15 minutes until edges just begin to turn golden. Makes about 3 dozen.

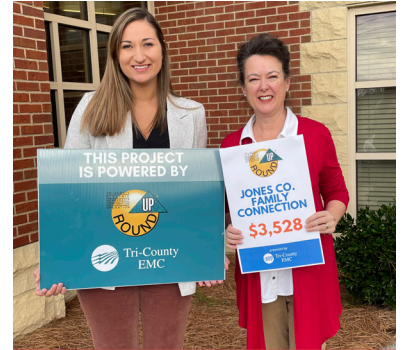


This recipe is courtesy of Georgia Grown. Did you know your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to annaj@tri-countyemc.com or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1

ABOUT OPERATION ROUNDUP:

Operation Roundup is funded by voluntary contributions from Tri-County members to the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Participants in the program have their monthly bill rounded up to the next dollar, with that surplus amount going to fund Operation Roundup. Charitable institutions, government institutions, civic organizations or other not-for-profit organizations located within Tri-County's eight county service area are eligible to receive funding. Applications must be for special needs or projects. Grants are awarded quarterly.



Jones County Family Connection awarded \$3,528 last March.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A GRANT?

The next deadline to apply for an Operation Roundup Grant is March 1. Applications can be found on our website at www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms or mailed upon request by calling 478.986.8126.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applications must be for a special project or need. Donations will not be made to an organization's general budget.
- Project must be located within a county that Tri-County EMC serves (Baldwin, Putnam, Jones, Bibb, Jasper, Morgan Twigg or Wilkinson County)
- Charitable institutions, government institutions, civic organizations or other not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

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