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MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Play it safe around electricity.

PREVENT ELECTRICAL OVERLOADS

Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Warning signs of overloaded circuits include flickering, brightening or dimming lights, warm or discolored wall plates, frequently tripped circuit breakers or a mild shock from appliances, receptacles or switches. To prevent this, never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances. All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. And never plug more than one heat-producing appliance into the same wall plug at the same time.

STAY AWAY FROM ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Stay away from underground transformers, substation fences and any other electrical equipment. If for some reason a pet, ball, toy or anything else of yours ends up inside a substation, do not attempt to climb the fence to retrieve it. Contact the owner of the substation using the information listed on the gate for assistance. (62994001)

KIDS AND ELECTRICITY

Keep children away from electrical outlets. Plastic outlet protectors are a great way to protect smaller children from outlets, but installing electrical outlets designed to remain closed until a plug is inserted is a safer bet. Keep loose cords out of children's reach and out of the walking path. Cords within the child's reach pose a choking hazard, while cords on the ground could cause a child to trip and fall.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
INFORMATION INSIDE**

LAKE AREA EASTER BASKET PROJECT

Local student with passion for helping others creates 'Baskets of Hope'

In addition to preparing for Spring Break, prom, and the upcoming lake season, Putnam County resident and Gatewood School junior, Jayden Daniel, is keeping busy helping others in his community. Sparked by his passion for helping others, Jayden founded the Lake Area Easter Basket Project, also known as 'Baskets of Hope', an organization that delivers Easter baskets to local youth in the foster care system. Much like the Easter season represents a time of renewed hope and rejuvenated spirit, the Lake Area Easter Basket Project was created to bring joy through the power of a simple gift to children living in difficult circumstances.

Funded primarily through the donations of individuals and church groups, the Lake Area Easter Basket Project has distributed over 1,600 baskets across 12 counties since its startup in 2020, including Putnam, Baldwin, Jones, Morgan, and Jasper Counties. Baskets are tailored to meet various age groups and may contain a range of items such as candy, toys, books, socks, jewelry, and more.

You can follow Jayden's journey as Logistics Coordinator on the Lake Area Easter Basket Project Facebook page. Shortly after the project concludes its fourth Easter season, Jayden will join over 100 future leaders in Washington D.C. in June to represent Tri-County EMC on the Washington Youth Tour.



Jayden Daniel, 17
Founder and Logistics Manager of the LAEBP

OPERATION ROUNDUP JUNE DEADLINE

The next round of Operation Roundup applications are due June 1. Non-profit organizations, charitable institutions, government institutions, and civic organizations serving the Tri-County EMC service area are all eligible to apply. To learn more about Operation Roundup or to apply for a grant, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023 ELECTION

The Nominating Committee meets annually to consider and nominate candidates for the three Board Posts up for election each year. Those candidates nominated by the committee will be placed on the ballot sent to and voted on by Tri-County EMC membership. The 2023 Nominating Committee includes the members below.

DISTRICT 1

Jones & Bibb

Emory Crumbley

Brent Miller

Laura Hardwick

DISTRICT 2

Putnam, Jasper, & Morgan

Carol Guthrie

Jerry Sheppard

Stacey Holder

DISTRICT 3

Baldwin, Wilkinson, & Twiggs

Chauncey Keaton

Hunter Bacon

HOW TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

Tri-County EMC member-owners have an important role in the annual meeting process. Here are the answers to several frequently asked questions about the director election process. (80663001)

HOW ARE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES ELECTED?

A Board of Directors election is held annually, rotating each year by post. Ballots are sent to all members via mail or email. Ballots can be returned to Tri-County by mail, electronically, or in person at either office location. To be elected, the candidate must obtain a majority vote. Election results are announced at each year's Annual Meeting. (Bylaws, Section 4.03, Election)

DO I QUALIFY TO RUN FOR A DIRECTOR SEAT?

- A candidate must be a Tri-County EMC Member
- A candidate cannot be a Close Relative of an incumbent director or an employee of Tri-County EMC
- A candidate must have been a member for at least two years prior to the election
- A candidate must have the legal capacity to enter into contracts in Georgia
- Former Tri-County EMC employees must wait two years before being eligible to serve as a director
- A candidate cannot be employed by or have financial interest in a competing business (Bylaws, Section 4.02. Qualifications)

HOW CAN I GET ON THE BALLOT?

There are two ways to become a candidate.

1. Be nominated by the Nominating Committee - a group of up to nine members appointed by the Board of Directors. You may email the Nominating Committee at nominate@tri-countyemc.com expressing your interest in being nominated. The committee will meet in May.
2. Submit a petition to Tri-County EMC no less than 90 days prior to the annual meeting. The petition must be signed by at least 50 members of the cooperative. (Bylaws, Section 4.06. Nominations.) Contact Tri-County EMC to obtain a petition form.





22 MINUTE TEXAS CAKE

Courtesy of Ms. Melba Chapman of Gray

INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 stick margarine
- 1/2 cup crisco
- 3 1/3 tbsp. cocoa
- 1 tsp. soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

Icing:

- 1 stick margarine
- 3 1/2 tbsp. cocoa
- 1/3 cup sweet milk
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup coconut (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Cake:

Combine sugar and flour in a large mixing bowl. In a saucepan, combine butter, water, shortening and cocoa and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Pour mixture over the dry ingredients and blend without a mixer. Bake in a 12" x 12" pan at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

Icing:

While cake is baking, mix butter, cocoa, and milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and add remaining ingredients. Pour over cake as soon as removed from the oven.

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.

PAY YOUR ELECTRIC BILL USING CHECKOUT

Pay your electric bill on your next shopping trip using CheckOut. CheckOut is a fast and convenient way to pay your bill while checking out at participating retailers near you, such as Dollar General, CVS Pharmacy, and Walgreens.



To get started, you will need to retrieve the personal barcode that is associated with your Tri-County EMC account at mytcmega.sedcheckout.com/Lookup.

You have the option of printing your barcode, or saving it to your mobile device.

When you are ready to purchase your shopping items, present the barcode to the cashier and you can pay your electric bill by making a minimum payment of \$5 to your account. (74074002)

It is important to remember that cash is the primary method of payment. Some retailers may accept debit cards, but may change the policy without notice to customers. Some local participating CheckOut retailers are listed below.

Walgreens

274 W Clinton St
Gray, GA

CVS Pharmacy

423 S Wayne St
Milledgeville, GA

Dollar General

399 Pea Ridge Rd
Eatonton, GA

Dollar General

1376 Ga Hwy 22 E
Haddock, GA

Walmart

2592 N Columbia St
Milledgeville, GA

Walmart

201 Walmart Dr
Eatonton, GA

OFFICES CLOSED

Tri-County EMC offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observation of Memorial Day.



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