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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Message from Chairman Brenda Green

Your EMC looks forward to serving you in 2025. We will continue to be community-minded and member-focused. Our goal is to always provide exceptional service in every part of our business.



Tri-CoGo is making a big difference in our communities by providing the best internet experience available. If you are not already subscribed, I encourage you to sign up and experience world-class broadband powered by your EMC. Over 9,000 satisfied customers will tell you how great it is!

Growth is happening everywhere. As we look to the future, we realize our existing office and service facilities in Putnam County must grow too. Tri-County recently purchased a parcel of land to construct a new district office and operations facility to accommodate both the EMC and Tri-CoGo. The new facilities will allow us to more efficiently serve our members.

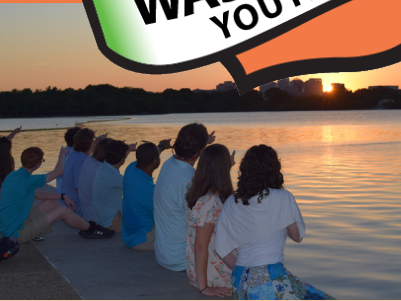
What happens in Washington D.C. ultimately filters down to the local level and impacts your power bill. We will be working with our industry allies to promote sensible rules and regulations that will protect reliability at an affordable cost.

Finally, I want to wish all our members a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID LEADERSHIP ADVENTURE

sponsored by  Tri-County EMC



www.tri-countyemc.com/washingtonyouthtour.cms

Tri-County EMC sponsors students each year on a week-long leadership adventure in Washington, D.C. The cooperative will select three students, also known as delegates, to join more than 100 youth to represent the great state of Georgia June 13-20 at the 2025 Washington Youth Tour. (56206001)

The fast-paced, high-energy program is designed to give delegates a taste of democracy in action, expose them to the nation's rich history through visits to national monuments and museums, and encourage students to become active in their communities. After a send-off banquet in Atlanta the night before departure, the group will travel to the nation's capitol to connect with more than 1,500 students from across the country.

To complete an application or to learn more, visit tri-countyemc.com/washingtonyouthtour.cms. Applications must be submitted by February 15.

Trip Highlights

ARLINGTON CEMETERY
SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS
POTOMAC RIVER CRUISE
MOUNT VERNON

SUPREME COURT TOUR
FORD'S THEATER
WHITE HOUSE
KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

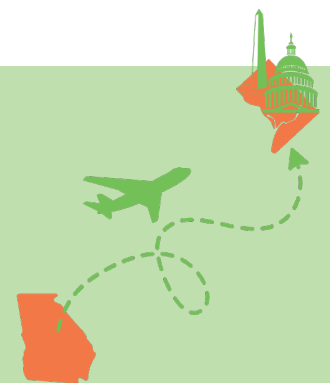


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I'm really into architecture and history, so the experience at Mount Vernon was really cool.

Delaney Johnston
2024 WYT ALUMNI

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students must reside in a home that receives electricity from Tri-County EMC.
2. Public, private, and home-school students are eligible to apply.
3. Participants must be 16 years of age before the time of the trip.



TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$50,000 IN DECEMBER

On December 12, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board of Directors met to discuss applications for Operation Roundup Grants. Sixteen organizations were awarded for a total of \$50,818.92 to fund a variety of community needs and projects. The Operation Roundup program is made possible through the generosity of our members who elect to have their bills rounded up each month. The next round of grant applications will be due March 1. (101608001)

CIRCLE OF LOVE CENTER

\$7,500 to support outreach services for domestic violence survivors

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

\$1,000 to purchase winter coats for children unable to afford them

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF PUTNAM COUNTY

\$5,000 to purchase electrical materials for Habitat Home #28

JONES CO FAMILY CONNECTION

\$3,000 to provide underprivileged teens with hygiene items like deodorant, toothpaste, and shampoo

MATTIE WELLS ELEMENTARY

\$1,000 to purchase clothes and shoes for a student clothing closet

SOLES FOR SOULS

\$1,500 to purchase shoes for underserved local youth

VELMA MCFADDEN WMS

\$4,300 to purchase food for the pantry and repair the handicap ramp

ATRIUM HELATH NAVICENT BREAST CARE CENTER

\$7,500 to provide mammograms to uninsured women who cannot afford medical care

LAKE COUNTRY BAPTIST CHURCH BROTHERHOOD

\$2,000 to purchase construction materials for a handicap ramp

LOCKERLY ARBORETUM

\$1,817.92 to purchase medical equipment for the safety of public visitors and students

BALDWIN CO SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

\$2,500 to support a program that joins students with and without intellectual abilities on a team

JONES CO ROTARY CLUB

\$1,701 to purchase First Readers booklets for 51 Jones County Head Start students

MANUP MENTORING

\$2,000 to give a scholarship to seniors in the program planning to attend college

MIDDLE GA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

\$2,500 to create a comprehensive training program for university students volunteering for the financial literacy initiative

WILKINSON CO 4-H CLUB

\$2,500 to go toward 4-H events in Wilkinson County Schools as they rebuild the program

OCMULGEE CASA, INC.

\$5,000 to purchase Christmas gifts for local foster children

WIN \$1,000 FOR YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

Applications due February 1

The Walter Harrison Scholarship is open to all undergraduate college students whose primary household is served by an EMC. A panel of judges from Tri-County EMC will select one undergraduate semi-finalist to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship at the state level. A combination of need and academic ability will be used to determine winners. The scholarship must be used in Georgia. (79996002)

Students residing within the service area may apply for the Walter Harrison Scholarship through Tri-County. Applications can be downloaded at www.tri-countyemc.com/walterharrison.cms or may be obtained by mail upon request. To receive an application by mail, contact Anna Smith at 478.986.8126. Applications must be received by Tri-County EMC by February 1, 2025.





RECIPE BOX

COLLARD GREEN SALAD W/ PECANS

Courtesy of Georgia Grown

INGREDIENTS:

SALAD

- 6 cups finely shredded collards, stem removed
- 2 tbsp pecan or vegetable oil
- ½ cup goat cheese, crumbled
- ½ cup toasted chopped pecans
- ½ cup Satsuma supremes, skin removed
- Salt and pepper to taste

SATSUMA VINAIGRETTE

- ¼ cup pecan or vegetable oil
- ½ cup Satsuma juice
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Prepare the Salad Base - place the shredded collard greens in a large bowl. Season lightly with salt and pepper, and drizzle with two tablespoons of pecan oil. Toss gently to coat.

Add the toppings - Sprinkle the goat cheese, toasted pecans and Satsumas over the greens.

Make the Dressing - In a small bowl, whisk together ¼ cup pecan oil, Satsuma juice, cider vinegar, and a pinch of salt and pepper until well combined.

Pour the dressing over the salad. Toss gently to evenly distribute the dressing and toppings.



Your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen! Send your best recipes to annas@tri-countyemc.com or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

TRI-COUNTY EMC AWARDS 37 BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS TO LOCAL TEACHERS

In December, Tri-County EMC awarded 37 teachers in Jones, Putnam, Baldwin, and Jasper Counties with education grants totaling \$45,000. Outside judges evaluated applications for innovation, goals, objectives, student involvement, and budget. With the help of Bright Ideas Education Grants, hundreds of students will benefit from hands-on learning experiences brought forth by their teacher's dedication to the education community.



2024 Grant Winner Niki Hutsell and Asst. Principal Tasha Jones of Putnam County Middle School

Since 2008, Tri-County EMC has provided more than \$350,000 in grants to local schools. Funded by unclaimed capital credits, the grants help teachers improve education in their classrooms through innovative projects that would otherwise not be funded. Georgia certified public or private school teachers in grades Pre-K through 12th Grade in Baldwin, Jones, Putnam, Jasper, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties qualify to apply. A full list of winning projects can be found at www.tri-countyemc.com.



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