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OFFICES CLOSED

Our offices will be closed on Friday,
July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

PREPAREDNESS IS THE BEST DEFENSE

Tri-County EMC crews are always prepared and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area. When severe storms cause power disruptions, our line crews take all necessary precautions before working on downed lines. Our members must also practice safety and preparedness to protect their families during storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, including canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water, and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies, including towelettes, soap, and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages, and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener, and a portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

STORM SEASON *Continued from Page 1*

In a prolonged outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers, and other sensitive electronics. This will help prevent overloading circuits during power restoration. If you plan to use a portable generator, ensure it's rated to handle the amount of energy you need and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely. Stationary generators should only be installed by a licensed electrician. Georgia law requires you to have a properly installed transfer switch that isolates the generator from Tri-County lines and eliminates feedback to the electric system. Feedback can electrocute anyone coming in contact with wires your generator has energized. Please help keep our crews safe by taking the necessary precautions.

Severe storms can occasionally bring down power lines. If you see a downed line, always assume it's energized and never approach it. If flooding occurs, never walk through areas where power lines could be submerged. (58657001)

Planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings, and follow us on Facebook for the latest power restoration updates. If you experience an outage, please don't report it on Facebook. Call the outage reporting number at 1.833.698.2362, or if you are enrolled in our outage texting program, TextTCEMC, you can text 'OUT' to 85700. Members can also monitor service area outages in real-time using the outage map on Tri-County EMC's website.

While we hope the major storms will surpass Tri-County EMC's service territory altogether, it is never a bad idea to be ready. Mother Nature is unpredictable and can change in a moment's notice. We recommend that you make a plan today, because storm preparedness is always the best defense.



COOPERATIVE COUPLES CONFERENCE

Now accepting applications

Tri-County EMC is now accepting applications for the Cooperative Couples Conference. This conference, scheduled for August 22-24 at the historic Windsor Hotel in Americus, Georgia, is designed for couples to network with leaders of cooperatives and learn the economic and service benefits of the cooperative business model.

To learn more or complete an application, please visit www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperative-couples-conference. Applications are due by July 1.

REPORT A POWER OUTAGE

TEXT

Text 'OUT' to
85700.

APP

Download the
myTCEMC
mobile app.

PHONE

Call us at
1.833.698.2362.

UTILITY SCAMS

Tip of the Month

Always be cautious of unsolicited calls or in-person visits to your home from companies claiming to conduct energy audits. These are typically telemarketing firms that claim to be a third-party company or pose as a representative from your electric utility to gain access to homes and sell services with the promise of government rebates.

If you receive a suspicious phone call, hang up and call us at 1.866.254.8100. For the safety and comfort of members, Tri-County EMC representatives and contractors are issued IDs to verify their employment with the cooperative.



TRI-COUNTY EMC SELECTS SPRING 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Tri-County EMC established the Lineman Scholarship to honor the trade that is the backbone of our business. This year, the cooperative is pleased to award the \$3,000 scholarship to Joseph Meier to complete the program at ELITE Lineman Training Institute.



JOSEPH MEIER | BALDWIN CO.

Joseph is a graduate of Georgia Military College Prep School in Milledgeville. His experience on mission trips building houses for families in Guatemala and Mexico inspired him to pursue a career involving hands-on work and helping others. He looks forward to the camaraderie that comes with being an electric lineman.

Tri-County EMC is a strong supporter of our schools and provides scholarships to those looking to better themselves through higher education. The cooperative recently awarded four \$2,500 Cooperative Scholarships and two \$1,000 Operation Roundup Scholarships to students residing in the cooperative's eight-county service area. (86583001)

COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP



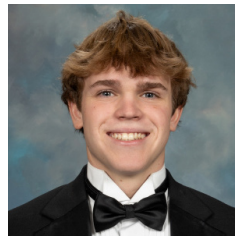
DYLAN BRIMBERRY | JASPER CO.

Dylan is a graduate of Jasper County High School in Monticello planning to further his education at Ogeechee Technical College this fall. Dylan hopes to pursue a career in entrepreneurship.



LIZZIE MERRITT | JONES CO.

Lizzie is a graduate of Jones County High School in Gray. She plans to earn her undergraduate degree in social work or business at the University of Georgia. Lizzie will later attend law school to become an attorney and practice family law.



CHARLIE RANDOLPH | PUTNAM CO.

Charlie recently graduated from Gatewood School in Eatonton. Charlie will attend the University of Georgia to earn a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. To create more opportunity, Charlie wants to obtain his Professional Engineer License.

Not Pictured

KAITLYN TEAGUE | BALDWIN CO.

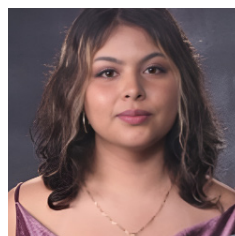
Kaitlyn graduated from Baldwin High School in Milledgeville. She will attend Georgia College and State University to study biochemistry and plans to one day work in the medical or pharmaceutical field.

OPERATION ROUNDUP SCHOLARSHIP



LOGAN HASKINS | JONES CO.

Logan is a non-traditional student working full-time as a paraprofessional at Gray Elementary School while pursuing a degree in education at Middle Georgia State University. She was recently accepted into the Para to Teach Program.



DIANA RAMIREZ | PUTNAM CO.

Diana recently graduated from Putnam County High School in Eatonton. She plans to attend Georgia State University and major in international business with a focus in finance. Diana's long-term goal is to become a successful business owner and financial leader.

RECIPE BOX

BAKED SPAGHETTI

Courtesy of Julie Gallagher of Haddock

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 32 oz tomato sauce
- 4 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp Italian spices (or more to taste)
- 16 oz spaghetti noodles
- 1 8-oz package of grated cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Brown ground beef, drain, and set aside. Boil the spaghetti noodles, drain, and set aside. In a separate bowl, combine tomato sauce, cream cheese, sour cream, and Italian spices.

In a 9x13 inch greased pan, put a small amount of the sauce mixture in the bottom. Pour all of the cooked spaghetti noodles on top. Cover the noodles with the remaining sauce, then pour on the ground beef. Top with grated cheese.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake the dish uncovered for 30 minutes.



DID YOU KNOW?

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.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES ARE THEY RIGHT FOR YOU?

Today, more electric vehicles can be seen traveling the roadways than ever before. Increased reliability, reduced emissions, less maintenance, and operational savings are just some of the ways EVs are transforming the automotive industry. Many educational institutions across the country have made the switch to electric-powered buses, saving thousands on diesel fuel each year. Much like solar energy, EVs are not the right fit for everyone. As your trusted energy partner, Tri-County EMC strives to equip its members with the knowledge necessary to make an informed decision.



An Interactive Electric Vehicle Guide is available on the cooperative's website at www.tri-countyemc.com/electricvehicles.cms.

The guide features:

- Benefits of Electric Vehicles
- Fast Facts about EVs
- Savings Potential with an EV
- Commute Calculator
- Charger Finder (74031001)
- EV Models Available



EV REBATES AND INCENTIVES

Tri-County EMC also offers rebate and incentive programs for EV owners. If you purchase a new electric vehicle, Tri-County EMC will help offset the cost of energy used for charging during your first year of ownership. You'll receive a bill credit of \$30 each month for one year. In addition, Tri-County EMC is helping you to charge your EV by offering a \$250 rebate on the purchase and installation of any NRTL certified Level 2 charger at your home or business. Simply purchase the charger and have it installed, and a credit of \$250 will be applied to your bill.

If you are interested in enrolling in one of our rebate programs or would like to find out more information about EVs, contact us at 478.986.8119.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

Three account numbers are hidden in parentheses in this issue of Current Lines. Find your FULL account number and call 478.986.8126 to claim a \$50 bill credit.



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