



TRI-COUNTY EMC SELECTS SPRING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ...Cont'd on Page 2

Tri-County EMC is a strong supporter of our schools and provides scholarships to those seeking higher education. The cooperative recently awarded two \$2,000 Operation Roundup Scholarships and four \$2,500 Cooperative Scholarships to students residing in the cooperative's service area.

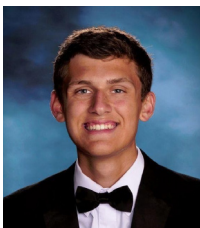
OPERATION ROUNDUP SCHOLARSHIP



Leanna, Giddens, Putnam County

Nursing at Georgia College & State University

"I hope to pursue higher education in nursing so that I can one day provide quality care, comfort, and support to individuals and families in my community."



Aaron Varnadoe, Jones County

Business Management at University of Georgia

"I do not see business simply as a pathway to financial success but as a versatile tool that can strengthen organizations, expand access to resources, and improve the lives of others."

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DOWNED POWER LINES:

What to do and what never to do

Severe weather and unexpected accidents can bring power lines down without warning. If you see a downed power line, stay away and keep others, including children and pets, at a safe distance. Call 911 and report the outage as soon as possible so crews can respond quickly and safely.

Never touch or attempt to move a downed power line, and never assume a line is safe just because it is not sparking or making noise. Also, do not approach objects in contact with a downed line, such as trees, fences, or vehicles, since these can carry electricity as well.

If a power line falls on your vehicle, remain inside and wait for emergency personnel. If you must exit, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time, then shuffle away with small steps.

Downed power lines are a serious hazard, but a safe response is simple: keep your distance and report it right away. By staying aware and cautious, you help protect yourself, your neighbors, and the crews working to restore power. (90287001)

WHAT'S NEXT AT TCEMC?

7/3

Offices Closed

Offices will be closed in recognition of Independence Day.

7/24

Petition Deadline

Due date to submit petitions to be on the 2026 Directors' Election ballot



RECIPE Box

EASY SUMMER STRAWBERRY JAM

Courtesy of Georgia Grown

- 1-quart fresh strawberries, washed and hulled
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ tsp lemon zest
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

Cut strawberries into small pieces. Combine strawberries in a bowl with sugar, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla. Place mixture in a heavy bottom saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring until sugar has dissolved. Raise heat to medium-high and cook until it reaches a temperature of 215 degrees on a candy thermometer, stirring to prevent scorching. Store in the refrigerator or follow canning procedures to store in properly sterilized and sealed jars. (84750002)



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.

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

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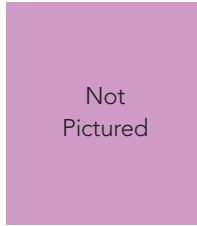
COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP



Nichole Botsoe, Jones County

Music Education at University of Georgia

"I hope to create music classrooms where students feel safe, valued, and empowered to express themselves."



Autumn Coleman, Jones County

Mechanical Engineering at Tuskegee University

"My goal is to work in an engineering field where I can contribute to infrastructure, energy, or manufacturing solutions that improve the quality of life and expand opportunities for underserved communities."



Alyssa Pennington, Putnam County

Physical Therapy at University of North Georgia

"I want to be someone who helps people heal, stay active, and improve their quality of life."



Addison Coker, Putnam County

Health & Community Wellness at University of West Georgia

"I aspire to make a meaningful impact by promoting health awareness and empowering my community to prioritize their well-being as a vital part of their everyday lives."

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

- Never operate a generator inside a home, garage, or enclosed area
- Place generators outside in a well-ventilated area away from doors and windows.
- Never plug a generator directly into a home outlet, as this can back feed electricity onto power lines and endanger utility crews.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully, and keep the generator dry to reduce the risk of electric shock. (87644001)