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APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Spring is in the air...and so are home projects! April marks Safe Digging Month and the beginning of the peak period for outdoor projects in Georgia. In many cases, Tri-County EMC, Tri-CoGo, and other utility companies run cable underground to provide service to your home. Before you begin your next home project, it is important to know if and where those utility cables are buried. Whether it's planting trees, constructing a backyard fence, or installing a new sprinkler system, be proactive and ensure that you are not digging near any buried electrical or fiber-optic cable.

CONTACT GEORGIA 811

Did you know that nationwide an underground line is damaged every three minutes? Georgia 811 is a free service that exists to help prevent utility damages and safety emergencies. Homeowners are responsible by law to contact Georgia 811 at least three business days before beginning any digging project on their property. You can submit an eRequest online at Georgia811.com, or call 811 to reach the automated system.



From there, Georgia 811 transmits the location and description of the project to the affected member utility companies, who will be responsible for sending out a location technician to the proposed area. Once underground lines are marked, you will know the approximate location of utility lines and can practice safe digging.

Failure to contact Georgia 811 can threaten your safety, disrupt electric or internet service to an entire neighborhood, and you could potentially incur fines and repair costs. Before you dig, make sure you take the necessary precautions.



WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

Delegates Selected



Jayden Daniel of Putnam County and Esteban Zabala of Baldwin County have been chosen to participate in the 2023 Washington Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid leadership experience sponsored by Georgia's electric membership cooperatives, including Tri-County EMC.

Jayden and Esteban will gather with the other 106 teen-delegates in Atlanta to kick off the tour, spending time getting to know each other before departing to our nation's capital. (58444001)

From June 15-22, students will tour historic locations like Mount Vernon, explore museums and monuments and meet with their elected officials to discuss the issues that are important back home.



JAYDEN DANIEL
Putnam County



ESTEBAN ZABALA
Baldwin County

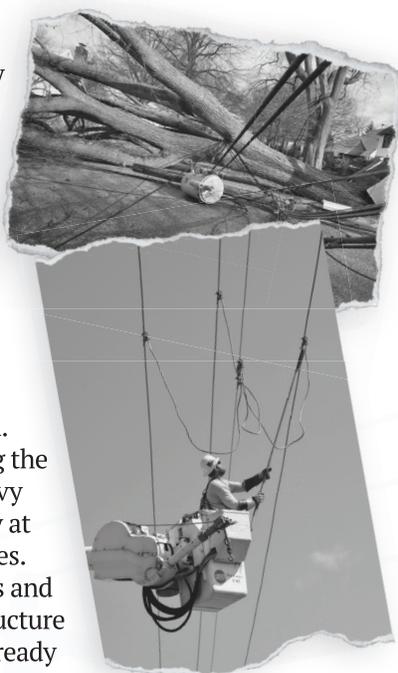
THE POWER BEHIND YOUR POWER

Every April, electric cooperatives across the state take a moment to pay homage to the dedicated individuals responsible for, in simple terms, keeping our lights on. However, working as an electrical lineman is about as far from "simple" as an occupation can get.

A highly traditional trade cultivated by grueling work and extreme conditions, electrical line work is a career not suited for the faint hearted. From high-risk tasks such as climbing the highest power poles to operating heavy equipment, linemen must keep safety at the forefront of their minds at all times. As severe storms hit our communities and the inevitable damage to our infrastructure ensues, our devoted linemen remain ready to take the call.

When Tri-County EMC linemen were asked what characteristics someone should possess to be successful in their industry, good work ethic, ability to face adversity, and a strong safety mentality topped the list. We are thankful not just one day in April, but 365 days out for the year for the dangerous work that our linemen do. In good weather and bad, linemen have your back and are ready to answer the call.

Interested in becoming an electric lineman? Visit www.tri-countyemc.com/linemanscholarship.cms and learn how to apply for the Tri-County EMC Lineman Scholarship.



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AS A LINEMAN I FEEL IT IS AN **OPPORTUNITY TO HELP EVERYONE** BECAUSE NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, YOU USE ELECTRICITY AT SOME POINT.

Blade Thimmond
Lineman Apprentice



TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$9,400 IN MARCH

In March, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 6 projects, totaling \$9,400 in Operation Roundup funds that will benefit organizations and individuals in our local communities.

BRAVE MEADOWS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER:

\$1,750 to help fund therapeutic riding scholarships for special needs children and adults.

JONES COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION:

\$2,250 to purchase bookbags and school supplies for the 8th Annual Back to School Event.

JONES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:

\$1,000 to help cover the cost of building a Special Needs Master's Program in Jones County.

MILLEDGEVILLE KAPPA LEAGUE:

\$1,500 to help cover the cost of sending students to the Annual Kappa League Leadership Conference.

PUTNAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

\$2,000 to support activities of special needs students outside of the classroom.

STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH 1808:

\$900 to purchase books for children throughout the community.

The next round of applications are due June 1. To find our more information or to apply for an Operation Roundup grant, please visit www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms.

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OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANTS IN ACTION

In December of 2022, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved a grant to Stone Creek Baptist Church that furnished 30 suitcases for children in foster care, each filled with toiletries, pajamas, undergarments, and a book. Tracy McWilliams, member of the Women's Missionary Union, wrote "Words cannot express how grateful we were to receive an Operation Roundup grant. We were able to provide thirty children that are in foster care with a blessing bag. The best part was the ability to make sure each child had a present to open for Christmas." (82907002)



RECIPE BOX

HAY STACK CANDY



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup salted Georgia Grown peanuts
- 2 cups chow mein noodles

DIRECTIONS

Pour butterscotch chips and peanut butter in a medium microwave-safe bowl and cook on high for 20 seconds. Stir the mixture and cook for another 20 seconds. Repeat this process until butterscotch chips are melted and mixture is smooth. (90109001)

Add the peanuts and noodles to the peanut butter mixture. Gently stir until all of the noodles and peanuts are coated.

Drop by forkfuls onto waxed paper and cool until set. Enjoy with a glass of milk!

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.

BROADBAND UPDATE

In March, Tri-CoGo's 100% fiber internet service powered by Tri-County EMC became available to members living in Zone 18 near Sinclair Marina Road. Members who were pre-registered should have received an email with a link to activate their account. Members interested in signing up can visit www.tri-cogo.com or speak to a Customer Success Representative at 844.662.7569. For an updated schedule and map of zones, visit connect.tri-cogo.com/front_end/zones.



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