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Tri-County EMC Members

LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN

Applications due April 15

To honor the trade that is the backbone of our business, Tri-County EMC established its Lineman Scholarship Program. Each year, the cooperative awards two \$3,000 scholarships to individuals interested in becoming electric linemen. The scholarship money is used to complete the lineman training program through the Technical College System of Georgia. (96852001)

Applicants must have received a high school diploma from a school in Jones, Putnam, or Baldwin Counties OR a GED and currently reside in Jones, Putnam, or Baldwin Counties. Applicants do NOT have to reside in a home served by Tri-County EMC.

Tri-County EMC is proud to invest in local students who, in turn, will contribute to the future of the electric industry. Applications can be completed online at tri-countyemc.com/linemanscholarship.cms.

WHAT'S NEXT AT TCEMC?

3/1

Operation Roundup
Grant Deadline

*Service area non-profits can
apply for grants up to \$15,000.*

4/1

Safe Digging
Month Begins

*Always call 811 before digging to
prevent damage or injury.*

4/15

Foundation Scholarship
Applications Due

*The foundation will award will
award two \$2,000 scholarships.*

4/15

Co-op Scholarship
Applications Due

*Four students will win \$2,500 for
their college education*

ENERGY AUDIT SCAM IN OUR SERVICE AREA

Last month, Tri-County EMC received reports from members about an ongoing energy audit scam. Members were being contacted by a fake company claiming to be working for Tri-County. The callers stated they had been notified of complaints about high bills in the area and offered to provide the members with an in-home energy audit. Several callers gave members specific time frames for arriving to conduct the audits.

Tri-County EMC wants to assure you, its members, that this was NOT a call from the cooperative nor a company hired by Tri-County EMC. If you ever receive a questionable call from someone claiming to be from Tri-County EMC, we encourage you to hang up the phone and call the office directly at 1.866.254.8100.

When out in the field, Tri-County EMC employees will be in uniform and have an ID badge on hand.



RECIPE Box

WATERMELON AGUA FRESCA

Courtesy of Georgia Grown



- 8 cups diced seedless watermelon
- 3 tbsp lime juice
- 3 tbsp mesquite smoky serrano honey
- ½ cup strawberry peppercorn shrub
- Handful fresh basil leaves

Combine watermelon, lime juice, honey, shrub, and basil leaves in blender. Blend on high until completely pureed, about 30 seconds. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer into a large pitcher or other container filled halfway with ice. Stir to dilute slightly and add more ice as needed to reach desired dilution. (48804001)

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.

OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

Are you part of a non-profit or civic group that's looking for funding for charitable projects in the Tri-County EMC service area? An Operation Roundup Grant may be the right fit. (41505001)

The Operation Roundup Program is funded by voluntary contributions of our members to the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Contributions are made to the foundation when participants elect to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next dollar.

Each quarter, the foundation accepts applications for charitable, community-driven projects that meet needs in the cooperative's eight-county service area (Baldwin, Putnam, Jones, Bibb, Jasper, Morgan, Twiggs, and Wilkinson). The nine-member foundation board evaluates each application and awards grants based on the project's worthiness and available funds. Applications for the next round of funding are due on March 1, 2026. Learn more about the program at tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms.

2026 APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 1

June 1

Sept 1

Dec 1

