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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Message from the Chairman

With a new year ahead of us, we reflect on past achievements but also look forward to how we may serve you even better. We were grateful to recently receive the Business of the Year award from the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce. The award was made possible because of the excellent team of EMC employees serving you. That team continues to stand ready to provide you with exceptional service in 2024.



Planning is a continuous and ongoing process at your EMC. This year we are looking forward to the addition/completion of a new Lake Oconee substation that is anticipated to be in service by December 2024. This infrastructure enhancement will provide us with the necessary capacity to further strengthen our system's reliability in bringing electricity to your home and/or business.

I encourage each of you to reach out to our fiber subsidiary, Tri-CoGo, for the best internet experience available. This service is making a positive difference in the communities we serve. Join the thousands of satisfied customers already receiving the internet service. You may reach a Tri-CoGo representative by calling 844-662-7569.

Your board and staff will strive to stay ahead of the evolving energy landscape as we enter this new year. Contact us if you have any questions or constructive feedback. Our desire is to provide you with the very best member experience. (96662001)

Blessings to you and your family!

Brenda P. Green

TRI-COUNTY EMC DIRECTOR RESIGNS AFTER 37 YEARS

Long-time Tri-County EMC Director Tommy Noles resigned from his District 3 - Post 2 board seat on November 30, 2023. Elected to represent our Baldwin, Wilkinson, and Twiggs County membership in 1986, Tommy has dedicated over 37 years of service to the cooperative.

Serving as a director goes back to the Seven Cooperative Principles - one of which is duty of service to the community. The commitment of a director requires both education and training to be able to mitigate risk, approve the cooperative's rates and budgets, understand power supply, make financial decisions, promote the cooperative business model, and keep up to date on political and environmental news affecting the EMC. Tommy has exemplified the qualities of a great Tri-County EMC Director. Throughout his tenure, he was elected to 12 consecutive three-year terms, attended over 400 board meetings, and served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the board over three decades.

Directors and employees extend their gratitude to Tommy for his devotion to Tri-County EMC and what he has helped the cooperative accomplish in his 37 years of service. "We will miss Tommy's experience and insight along with his friendship," says CEO Ray Grinberg. "He has always considered the employees of Tri-County EMC as family."

The Tri-County EMC Board of Directors has begun the process of gathering interest to fill the vacant seat.

*Thank you for
37 years of service
to Tri-County!*

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

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. (90434001)

Students residing within the Tri-County EMC 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, 2024.



2024 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

Applications due February 15

Each June, Tri-County sponsors two students on the prestigious Washington Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid leadership adventure in our nation's capitol. Students on the trip, also known as delegates, will experience an unforgettable week of sight-seeing, visiting historic monuments, and convening with other state delegates across the country.

PICTURE YOURSELF ON WYT '24



Library of Congress

Tour the largest library in the world, the Library of Congress! This iconic building is home to millions of historically significant books, films and video, audio recordings, newspapers, maps, and manuscripts all waiting to be explored.



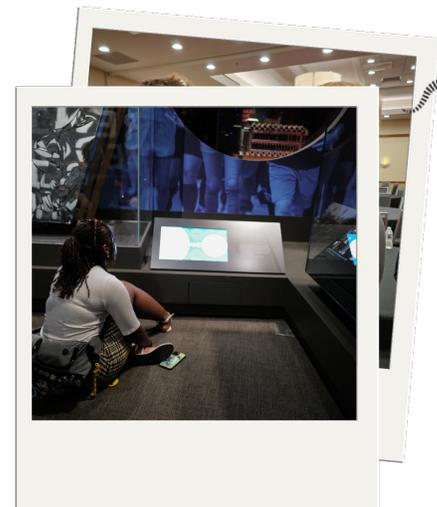
Veterans Memorial

Honor our veterans and lay a rose for one of the 58,318 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country during the Vietnam War.



River Boat Cruise

A longstanding WYT tradition and trip favorite of our former delegates, the river boat cruise presents a night of dinner and dancing while cruising down the Potomac River.



Smithsonian Museums

Enjoy the A/C while exploring fascinating exhibits of the world's largest museum complex. The Smithsonian Institution includes the American Women's History Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Air and Space Museum, and much more!



Capitol Hill Day

Engage with your U.S. Representatives in a Congressional Town Hall. Delegates will even have the opportunity to spend time with U.S. Senators on the Capitol Hill steps!



FRESH CRANBERRY SALAD

Courtesy of Amy Stanford of Eatonton

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pkg. fresh cranberries
- 2 apples, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Grind berries, apples, and celery in a food processor and combine in a bowl. Add the crushed pineapple, sugar, and chopped pecans and mix well. Refrigerate.

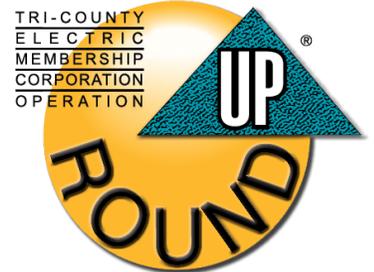
We usually enjoy ours with Ritz crackers, but it is delicious enough to eat alone. Enjoy!



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.

TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$20,500 IN DECEMBER

The Tri-County EMC Foundation met in December to discuss applications submitted by non-profit organizations for Operation Roundup Grants. Out of 15 applicants, 7 were awarded grants totaling \$20,500 to go toward community projects in the Tri-County service area. The next round of grants will be awarded in March. Learn more and fill out a grant application online at tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms.



BALDWIN CO. EARLY LEARNING CENTER:

\$1,000 to purchase gloves and winter hats for students to wear during outside time. (96044001)

EATONTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

\$9,000 to assist with the purchase of food for children's backpacks in the 2024 school year.

JONES CO. DFCS:

\$2,500 to purchase food and soft goods for the local pantry serving low-income families.

STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:

\$2,500 to help furnish local senior citizens with a care package of household necessities.

MILLEDGEVILLE KAPPA LEAGUE:

\$1,500 to go towards travel costs for young men attending the Annual Kappa League Leadership Conference.

RIVERBEND JAIL DOG PROGRAM:

\$2,500 to help cover veterinary and food costs for dogs going through the training program.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

\$1,500 to assist with the installation of a well for a local veteran currently living without running water.



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