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AN UPDATE FROM TRI-COUNTY EMC

How We're Handling Coronavirus

Coronavirus has quickly become one of the most commonly used terms in the world today. A global pandemic is something most of us never expected to see, but it's here. It's effects are taking a toll on everyone.

At the time of this publication (March 20), we are doing our best to flatten the curve and give our members a bit of leniency during this difficult time. Tri-County EMC lobbies are closed, and power disconnections have been temporarily suspended. Our status seems to change quickly, so for the most up to date information regarding Tri-County EMC and the Coronavirus, please visit us online at www.tri-countyemc.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. And while you may not be able to visit us in person, you can always give us a call at 1.866.254.8100.

Cooperatives cherish having local contact and a personal touch. But for now, we are grateful to be able to connect with you virtually. As a Tri-County EMC member you can monitor your energy usage online, complete an online energy audit in an effort to lower usage, and you can pay your bill online, over the phone, on the myTCEMC app or at a payment kiosk. None of these options require you to visit our office.

"During the Coronavirus outbreak, we are lucky to be able to continue to do business, although not in person. Electricity is a need - especially in critical times like these - and we're here to provide that service 24/7," Ray Grinberg, CEO. (74559001)

TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$16,819 IN MARCH

In March 2020, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 12 projects, totaling \$19,819 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities.

BRAVE MEADOWS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER:

\$1,050 to provide therapeutic riding lessons for those with special needs.

CARTER HUTCHINS MOORE VFW AUXILIARY POST 686:

\$500 to purchase bingo game prizes for Veterans.

CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH:

\$1,524 to purchase the materials to construct a wheelchair ramp for an individual in need in Putnam County

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN GEORGIA:

\$2,000 in funds to purchase recreational supplies for a Christian summer camp in Wilkinson County.

CITY OF GRAY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

\$3,400 to be used to add 1st and 2nd grade students to the department's child education program.

COMMITTED CHRISTIAN OUTDOORS:

\$2,400 to purchase boats to be used for outdoor fishing retreats for teens.

GRIGGS CHAPEL AME CHURCH:

\$3,000 to repair the bathroom for an individual in need in Putnam County.

JONES COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION: \$1,710 to be used to purchase mesh bookbags to be given to students in need at the Jones County Back to School Carnival.

LOCKERLY ARBORETUM: \$1,289.88 to be used to create a native reptiles and amphibians exhibit.



Jones County Family Connection received a \$1,710 grant to purchase mesh backpacks to be distributed to students in need in Jones County.

**MILLEDGEVILLE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH:**

\$1,695 to purchase materials to build 2 wheelchair ramps during the church's River of Life Mission Project.

THE CANCER FOUNDATION:

\$750 to go towards living expenses of an individual with cancer in Putnam County.

THE GEORGIA PARENTING PROJECT:

\$500 to install a wheelchair ramp for an individual with a heart condition in Putnam County.

ABOUT OPERATION ROUNDUP:

Operation Roundup is funded by voluntary contributions from Tri-County members to the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Participants have their monthly bill rounded up to the next dollar, with that surplus amount going to fund Operation Roundup. Any non-profit, civic, religious or government organization located within Tri-County's eight county service area are eligible to receive funding. Applications must be for special needs or projects. Applications can be found on our website at tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms or mailed upon request by calling 478.986.8126.

**NEXT
GRANT
APPLICATION
DEADLINE:
6.1.20**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2020 ELECTION

The Nominating Committee plays the important role of naming qualified candidates for election to expiring or open director seats

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to nominate qualified director candidates residing in the district that has a director vacancy. In addition to nominating members themselves, they can also accept nominations from members outside the committee that would like to run for a director position. The 2020 Nominating Committee, elected at the 2019 Annual Meeting, include the members below. Those interested in running for a director seat should contact one of the members below or Tri-County EMC at 478.986.8100 by June 1, 2020. (77589001)

DISTRICT 1: <i>Jones & Bibb</i>	DISTRICT 2: <i>Putnam, Jasper & Morgan</i>	DISTRICT 3: <i>Baldwin, Wilkinson & Twiggs</i>
Evelyn Simmons Thomas Comer Tracy Gattie	Hank Raehn Jerry Sheppard	Kevin Pope Jack Brock Hunter Bacon

HOW TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

Ever wonder how the Board of Directors election process works for your co-op? Here's an overview of director qualifications and steps taken to be on the ballot.

QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE ON THE TRI-COUNTY EMC BOARD: (Reference: Bylaws Section 4.02 Qualifications)

- Member cannot be a "close relative" of an incumbent director or an employee of the cooperative. As used in these bylaws, "close relative" means a person who is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, or niece, by blood or in law, of the principal.
- Member must have a permanent residence served by Tri-County EMC
- Candidate must be a member for at least 2 years prior to the election
- Member must have the legal capacity to enter into contracts in the State of Georgia
- Former Tri-County EMC employees must wait two years before being eligible to serve on the board
- Member cannot be employed by or have any

HOW TO GET ON THE BALLOT:

(Reference: Bylaws Section 4.06 Nominations)

To meet the qualifications to have your name placed on the ballot you must satisfy one of the options below by:

- Being nominated by the Nominating Committee to be included on the ballot for the election. The Nominating Committee is chosen at the previous year's annual meeting and will meet no less than 120 days prior to the annual meeting. A list of Nominating Committee members can be found above.
- Submitting a petition signed by 50 fellow members. No electronic signatures accepted. Petitions must be submitted to the Nominating Committee no less than 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting on October 15.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

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RECIPE BOX

COCONUT CAKE

CAKE INGREDIENTS

- 1 box Duncan Hines Classic Yellow Cake Mix
- 1/2 cup Vegetable Oil
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk

ICING INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 12 oz bag of frozen shredded coconut

DIRECTIONS

The night before you bake the cake, mix the icing ingredients and refrigerate. The next day, combine cake ingredients and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes in 2 layers. When cooled, slice each layer in half making 4 layers. Once cake is cool, spread the icing on the cool cake.



Thanks to Melba Chapman of Jones County for the recipe. Did you know your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to kimb@tri-countyemc.com or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.



We're giving away a set of

AIRPODS

to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at www.tri-countyemc.com/raffle.cms or by mailing a check made out to the American Cancer Society to Tri-County EMC, PO Box 487, Gray, GA 31032. Please include your name and phone number. The last day to purchase tickets is April 30. (60906001)

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