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How Power Is Restored

During the summer, afternoon thunderstorms are common and can result in power outages due to lightning strikes or wind-damaged trees. Tri-County EMC line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark.

1 High-Voltage Transmission Lines

Transmission lines bring power from generating plants to our substations. These lines are rarely damaged, but when they are, these facilities must be repaired first before other parts of the system can operate.

2 Distribution Substation

Each substation serves hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself, or if problems exist down the line.

3 Main Distribution Lines

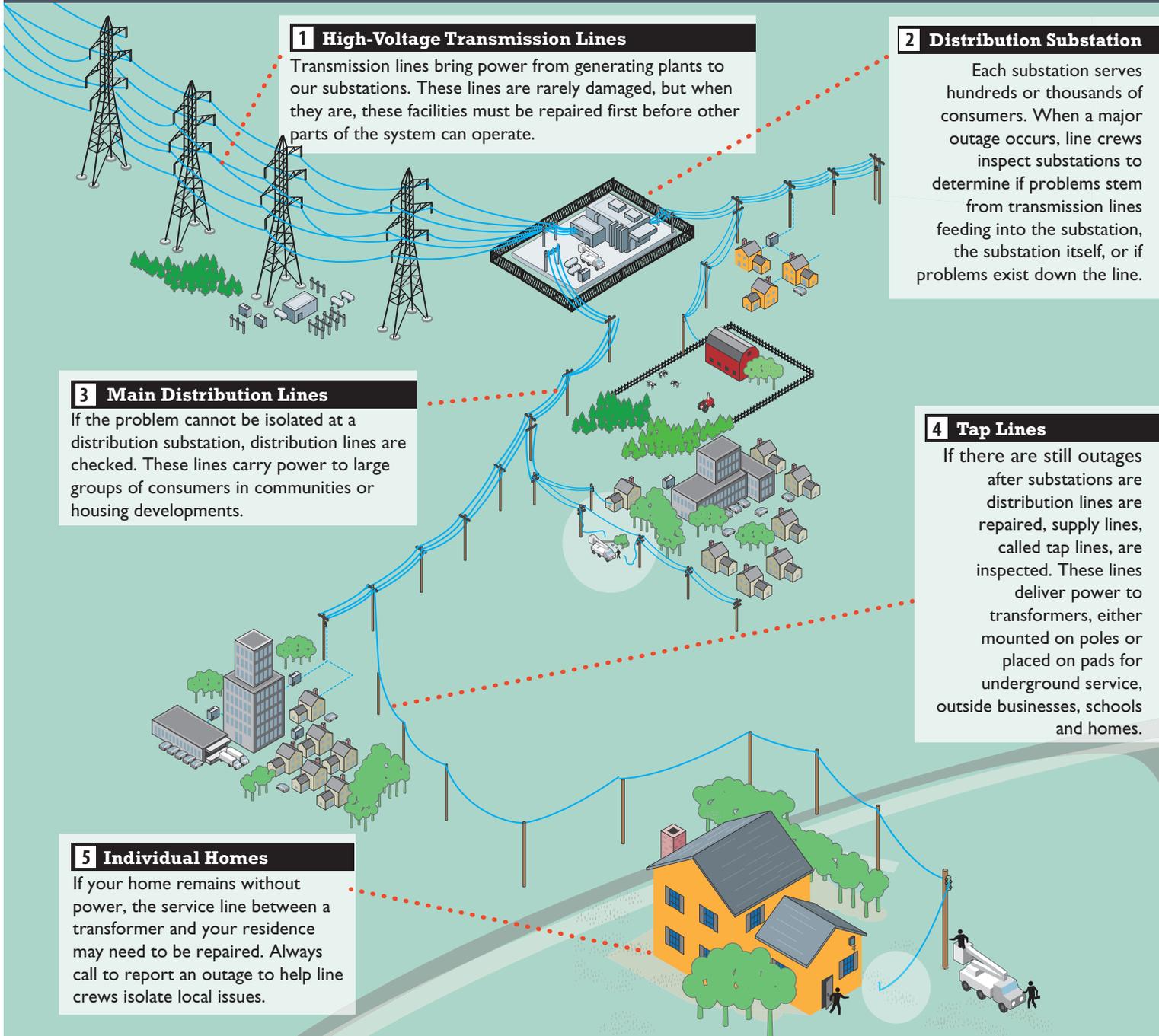
If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

4 Tap Lines

If there are still outages after substations are repaired, supply lines, called tap lines, are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

5 Individual Homes

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issues.



Students return from Washington D.C.

Jonathan Daniel of Putnam County and Bitleigh Vu of Baldwin County recently represented Tri-County EMC on the Washington Youth Tour, a week-long leadership experience exclusively for teens sponsored by the electric cooperatives in Georgia, including Tri-County EMC.

From June 8-15, Daniel and Vu joined 1,700 of their talented and ambitious peers in Washington, D.C. to build leadership skills, understand the importance of civic involvement and community service and to tour the nation's historic sites to gain a greater understanding of the country's rich and storied heritage. When combined, various aspects of the trip provide a unique lesson that cannot be duplicated in any classroom.

In Georgia, this year's contingent included 113 student delegates, 14 chaperones and three tour directors who attended a kick-off banquet in Atlanta for the student delegates and their families before departing the next morning for D.C. for the remainder of the trip.

"The students get to see history come to life as they learn of the people and places which helped shape our country," says Kim Broun, Communications Specialist at Tri-County EMC. "They meet delegates from across the country from different walks of life, different backgrounds and different life experiences to give them a broader perspective and deeper appreciation of the world at large."

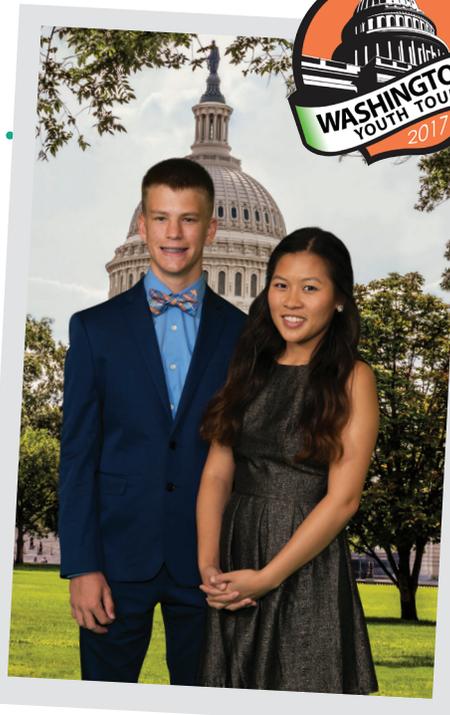
While in D.C., stops included Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, U.S. Capitol, National Archives, National Cathedral, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Museums and Kennedy Center. The students also toured the revered Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam and Korean War memorials.

In addition to taking in the sights of the nation's capital, students gained perspective on some of today's important issues and their role as involved citizens. Everyone had the opportunity to engage with staff and/or members of Georgia's congressional delegation, including personal visits with Senators David Perdue and Johnny Isakson and U.S. Reps. Sanford Bishop and Austin Scott.

Finally, all state groups convened for National Youth Day, sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers, including Olympic gold medalist and author Mike Schlappi.

This year's delegates will join nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America as alumni of the Washington Youth Tour. (31013001)

To learn more about the trip, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/washingtonyouthtour.cms. The application deadline for the 2018 Washington Youth Tour is February 15.



Tri-County EMC Foundation Grants \$22,058 in June



During their June meeting, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved 8 grant projects, totaling \$22,058 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities. Operation Roundup is funded by members rounding their bill to the next dollar. One hundred percent of the funds donated to Operation Roundup go to the Tri-County EMC Foundation to fund grants like the ones listed below.

Georgia College & State University Foundation: \$1,000 to provide drinking water for students at the Harrisburg Community Center in Baldwin County.

Gray United Methodist Church: \$6,000 in funds to purchase materials for River of Life, a home repair ministry to benefit individuals in need in Jones and Wilkinson Counties.

Jones County Family Connection: \$1,000 in funds to purchase book bags for students to be dispersed at the back to school carnival in Jones County.

Middle Georgia State University Foundation: \$1,000 to purchase a STEM Kit Car and supplies for a team of students from Baldwin and Putnam County to compete in the Soapbox Derby in Macon.

Muscular Dystrophy Association: \$4,000 to send students from the Tri-County EMC service area with Muscular Dystrophy to summer camp.

Northridge Christian Ramp Ministry: \$1,558 to purchase materials to construct two wheelchair ramps for individuals in need in Baldwin County.

Putnam Community Resources: \$2,500 to purchase food for a food bank in Putnam County.

Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia: \$5,000 to pay for 333 nights of stay for families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Interested in Applying for a Grant?

Do you know of a non-profit group needing funding for a specific project in the Tri-County EMC service area? Encourage them to complete an Operation Roundup Grant Application. The next deadline to apply for an Operation Roundup Grant is September 1.

Qualifications:

- Application must be for a special project or need. Donations will not be made to an organization's general budget.
- Project must be located within a county that Tri-County EMC serves (Baldwin, Putnam, Jones, Bibb, Jasper, Morgan, Twiggs or Wilkinson County)
- Organization must be a non-profit, civic, religious or government organization. (82936001)

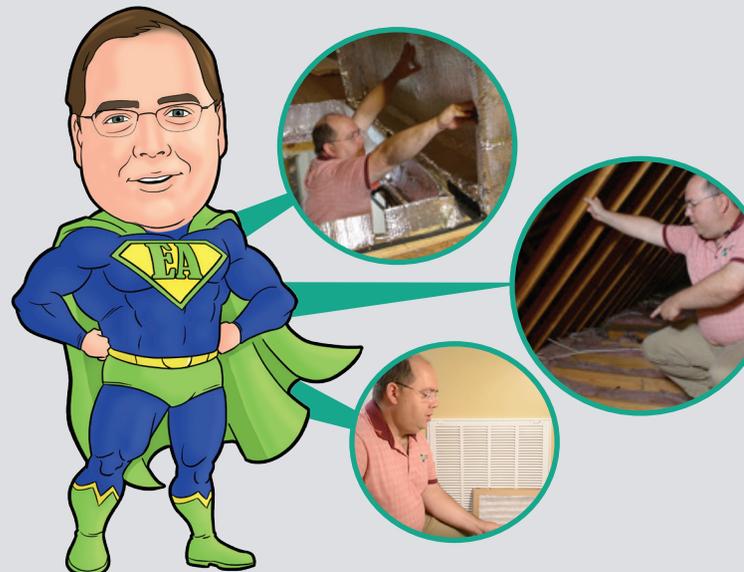


Bonnie Hopkins, pictured right, accepts an Operation Roundup Grant on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House from Kim Broun, Tri-County EMC.

Energy Audit Man Shares Energy Saving Tips

Looking for ways to save energy in your home? Energy Audit Man is here to help. In a series of videos, Energy Audit Man, played by Jonathan Stewart, Energy Services Representative at Tri-County, shares simple, effective and low-cost tips to help you save conserve energy in your home.

The videos are available on Tri-County EMC's Facebook and Twitter pages and on our website at www.tri-countyemc.com/energy-saving-tips.cms.



Local Student Attends Youth Leadership Camp.....



Devin Woodard, a student at Jones County High School, represented Tri-County EMC at the Georgia Cooperative Youth Conference held July 17-21 at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington. The mission of the conference is to educate students about cooperatives, build their leadership skills and promote teamwork through a series of activities, trainings and presentations. During the 5-day conference, students engaged in activities such as the Congressional Insight Workshop, where they participated in making staff, media and legislation decisions to gain a deeper understanding as to why their political involvement in the legislative process is important. Other highlights of the conference included personality assessments and the "Co-ops 101" program in which speakers discussed the cooperative way of business including history, organization, member benefits, opportunities and current issues. Students that attended heard presentations from council members, Georgia EMC, GEMC Federal Credit Union, Dairy Farmers of America, Staplcofn, Southern States and Farm Credit as well as the Georgia Cotton Commission. (86137001)

Did you know?

Does your home have a window air-conditioning unit? Make sure that your window unit is properly weather-stripped and clean the filter monthly. Keep "fresh air" vents on window A/C units closed to keep humid air outside.

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Recipe Box

Peach Crumble

Thanks to Fannie Batchelor of Baldwin County for sharing this recipe! **Did you know that 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.**

Ingredients:

- 1 dozen peaches
- 1 cup of water
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 stick of margarine or butter
- 1 cup of self-rising flour

Directions:

Peel the peaches and slice them into wedges. Add 1 cup of sugar and water. Simmer on the stove for 10 minutes or until the peaches are juicy. Set this mixture aside in a greased baking dish.

For the crust, mix the margarine, flour and 1 cup of sugar into a crumbled texture. Sprinkle the mixture over the top of the peaches. Bake at 400°F for 30 minutes or until golden brown on top.



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