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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU!

A Message from CEO Ray Grinberg

The end of each year is a time where we wrap up projects for the year and look forward to the opportunities of the next. These past few years have had their fair share of challenges with COVID, supply chain issues and challenging economic times. As we move forward into the next year, we want to look into the positive. While there are still unknowns with power costs and inflation, we have many things to be thankful for. We have a supportive board of directors and a dedicated group of employees that put our members first. We deliver quality electric service to our members. And our fiber internet project continues to grow as we officially enter Phase 2 of Tri-CoGo.



Since January, we have awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to local students and more than \$70,000 in Operation Roundup Grants to fund special projects in our community. We will end the year by awarding \$30,000 in grants to local teachers to execute classroom projects. And the best part of these community efforts is that these programs are funded through members voluntarily rounding their bill to the next dollar or from unclaimed capital credits – none from the general budget.

We are looking forward to 2023 and the many great things to come. As always, the safety of our members and employees is our top priority. A safe and happy holiday season is our Christmas wish for you! (83548001)



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learn more on page 3!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Tri-County EMC offices will be closed on
December 23 & 26 for Christmas and January
2 for New Year's.

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

Applications Due February 1

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:

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.

Tri-County EMC must receive applications by February 1. The award honors the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electrification movement. Visit us online at www.tri-countyemc.com/walterharrison.cms for more information and to download the application.

FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:

- Operation Roundup Scholarship: Due April 15
- Cooperative Scholarship: Due April 15
- Information on all scholarships can be found at www.tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms



CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST

And The Winner Is...

Kindergarten - 5th grade students were invited to participate in Tri-County's Christmas Card Art Contest. 252 entries were submitted, and the top three submissions are shown below. The first place artwork will be featured on the Tri-County EMC Christmas Card.

In addition to the winners shown here, a winner was chosen for each grade level as well. All winning artwork can be seen on our website at tri-countyemc.com/christmascardartcontest.cms. Winning artists will be awarded at their schools. (96977002)



1ST PLACE OVERALL

Lucas Miller

5th Grade, Turner Woods Elementary



2ND PLACE OVERALL

Slater Devine Dunkerly

5th Grade, Turner Woods Elementary



3RD PLACE OVERALL

Kennedy Crawford

3rd Grade, Turner Woods Elementary

TRI-COGO COMPLETES PHASE 1

Phase 2 Underway



On a mission to bring 100% fiber internet to every home and business in the Tri-County EMC service area, Tri-CoGo has officially entered the second phase of the two-part fiber build-out. Phase 1, which began in May 2021, served most Tri-County EMC members living in Jones, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Bibb Counties and portions of Baldwin County. Phase 2 will bring internet connectivity to members living in Putnam, Jasper, and Morgan Counties and the remainder of Baldwin County.

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“We are proud of the completion of phase one and the success in bringing high speed internet. There are areas in our service territory where over 50 percent of customers have switched to Tri-CoGo service.” said Greg Mullis, COO of Tri-CoGo. “But we know that there is still work to be done. We are building fiber and installing services as fast as possible to help with this need.”

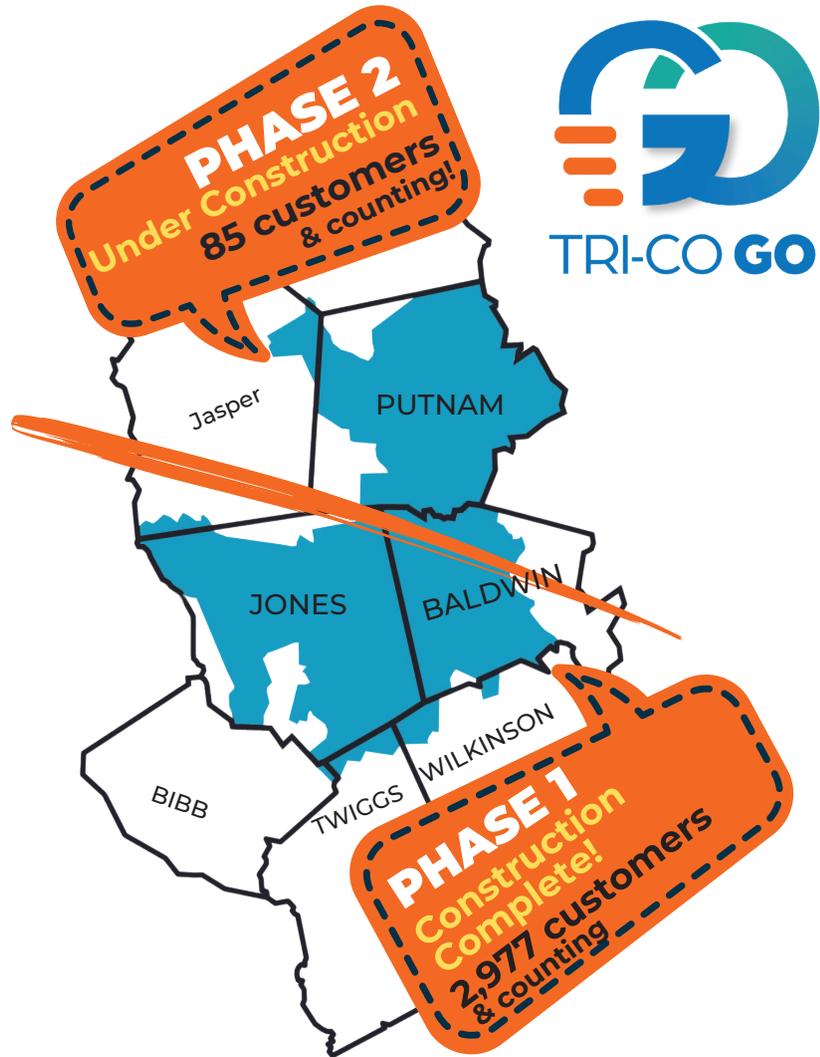
“You asked us to help. We said we were going to do it, and we did it. Phase 1 is complete, and Phase 2 is well underway.”

Ray Grinberg, CEO

Since the start of Phase 2, over 350 miles of fiber have been constructed through Putnam and Baldwin Counties. Crews are averaging 19 miles of fiber a week, on track to finish the build-out in early 2024.

When asked about the completion of Phase 1, CEO Ray Grinberg commented, “You asked us to help. We said we were going to do it, and we did it. Phase 1 is complete, and Phase 2 is well underway.”

On November 10th Tri-CoGo began serving customers in Zone 15, which includes residents living in portions of southern Putnam County. Tri-County EMC members who are interested in fiber internet service can find an availability map and schedule on Tri-CoGo’s website, tri-cogo.com. (79619001)



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RECIPE BOX

RAINBOW WINTER SLAW

SLAW INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium beet, peeled
- 1 (5- to 6-inch) daikon radish (about 6 ounces)
- 1 large apple
- 2 medium carrots, peeled
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup chopped, toasted pecans
- 2 or 3 thinly sliced green onions

DIRECTIONS

Note: For this recipe, keep all cut vegetables separate until ready to combine with dressing. Rinse surfaces between vegetables, and rinse julienned beets under running water to get rid of excess pigment. This will keep the salad's colors from bleeding into each other.

Use a very sharp knife or a mandoline to julienne beet, daikon radish, apple and carrot into very thin matchsticks, about 1/16-inch, or use the coarse side of a box grater. Keep cut apples in enough water to cover with 1 teaspoon lemon juice to keep from browning. About 10 minutes before serving, drain beets and apples well, then spread on opposite sides of a large, paper towel-lined baking sheet. Pat dry to remove excess water, and set aside while you make the Georgia Citrus Black Pepper Vinaigrette (recipe follows). Toss all cut vegetables and apples with dressing, pecans and green onions to serve.

DRESSING INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons satsuma juice
- 1/2 teaspoon satsuma zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup pecan oil
- Salt and Pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Whisk together satsuma juice and zest, lemon juice and Dijon mustard, then gradually add oil while whisking constantly to emulsify. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

This recipe is courtesy of Georgia Grown.. 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.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER AWARDED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Maggie Milner, President of the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce, presented Hank Raehn with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Hank Raehn, a Tri-County EMC Foundation Board Member, was recently awarded Citizen of the Year by the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Awards Banquet. Hank moved to Putnam County in 2007 and has been an avid volunteer in his community ever since. He serves an active role in the ATLAS Ministry, Putnam County Christian Learning Center, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and at the Putnam County Polls. Hank has been a member of the Tri-County EMC Foundation board since 2012 and in his tenure has helped award \$580,000 in Operation Roundup Grants to non-profit groups in the Tri-County EMC service area. Congratulations Hank!

WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

Leadership Trip for Teens To Washington D.C.

Tri-County EMC is sending two deserving students on a week-long leadership trip to Washington D.C. June 15-22, 2023! Students from EMCs across the state will have the opportunity to tour all the sites in Washington D.C., meet with their legislators, develop leadership skills, network with their peers and learn about electric cooperatives. Teens must be age 16 by the trip date, but not yet started college, to qualify. Students must live in a home served by Tri-County EMC to be eligible. Applications are due February 1. Learn more at www.tri-countyemc.com/washingtonyouthtour.cms.



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