

RECIPE BOX

CREAM CHEESE POUND CAKE

CAKE INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. of extract of your choice (i.e. almond, coconut)

GLAZE INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2-3 tbsps. milk

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Coat a 10 cup bundt pan with nonstick spray or coat with shortening and lightly dust with flour, tapping off excess. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add butter and cream cheese. Beat together until smooth. Add in sugar and mix until light and fluffy. Add in eggs, one at a time, the extracts, salt and baking powder until mixed. Next, slowly add the flour and mix until incorporated.

Spread the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 70-80 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

As the cake cools, mix the glaze ingredients and pour over the cake while it is still warm.

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.

WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

A Leadership Trip for Teens to Washington D.C.

Tri-County EMC is looking for two teens to represent the cooperative on a leadership experience in Washington D. C.. On the week-long trip, students will see the sites at our nation's capital, develop leadership skills, network with legislators and peers from across the state and make memories that will last a lifetime. If you know of a high school student looking for a life-changing summer trip, encourage them to apply for the Washington Youth Tour. The trip is scheduled for June 18-25 and applications are due February 15. Students must be age 16 or older at the time of the trip and live in a home with electric service from Tri-County to apply. For more information, including video highlights from the trip, visit us online at www.tri-countyemc.com/washingtonyouthtour.cms. (88704001)

TOUR STOPS:

- Potomac River Cruise
- Tomb of the Unknowns Wreath Ceremony in Arlington Cemetery
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Bureau of Printing and Engraving
- Mount Vernon
- National Cathedral
- Jefferson Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Washington Monument
- World War II Memorial
- Vietnam Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- Smithsonian Institute
- Holocaust Museum
- Iwo Jima
- And more!

2019 DELEGATE QUOTES

“Before the trip I was interested in nurse management, but after this trip I am more interested becoming a lawyer and working in politics. This trip allowed me to see the positive impact the law and politics can have on people.”

-Katherine Embry, 2019 Delegate, Pictured Center

“On this trip I noticed that other students could walk into a room and captivate the attention of their peers. This trip gave me the confidence to get the attention of others and be able to speak up and speak for my beliefs.”

-Rebecca Hildreth, 2019 Delegate, Pictured Right

“The trip gave me some lifelong friends that I really didn't expect. The people that I met were absolutely amazing, and it's something that I wouldn't trade for the world.”

-Calleigh Reber, 2019 Delegate, Pictured Left



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Message from Your Chairman

As we begin 2020, I would like to look ahead to the promise of the new year and let you know about exciting things ahead. As a member of an electric cooperative, you are an owner in one of America's most successful and influential business models. The promise of rural electrification is still alive and relevant after eighty years and we have many exciting things in store in 2020.



*Brenda P. Green,
Chairman*

First of all, I would like to thank our membership for the high marks you give the cooperative in the customer satisfaction survey. We will continue to survey the membership in 2020 as we strive to serve you even better. Thanks for your trust and feedback.

In 2019, we held our first "town hall meeting" — a chance for members to gather and share their thoughts about the cooperative. The great questions and input were very helpful. We will host more of these meetings in the coming months and we hope you will join us.

One of our initiatives for 2020 is connecting fiber-optic cable to Tri-County EMC's facilities, including our headquarters and substations. That connectivity is vital to delivering innovative solutions. We are also conducting a broadband study to assess the existing internet service available to our members and the feasibility of providing service. Please be patient as we work through this process. We will keep you updated.

Our knowledgeable employees are here to help you with efficiency and innovation. Because EVs represent the cutting edge in technology and efficiency, we will introduce incentives for electric vehicles and EV chargers in 2020. More information on our EV efforts are included on Page 2.

We exist to serve you and working together, we will accomplish much. Wishing you a safe and prosperous 2020.

INTRODUCING EV365

Does your New Year’s resolution include saving money, making a difference in the environment, or maybe just adding something fun and exciting to your daily drive? You can check all three of those boxes with an electric vehicle. It’s no wonder that electric vehicles are one of the fastest growing segments of the automotive market. There are a wide range of EV’s that are fun to drive and offer amazing performance. If you purchase a new electric vehicle between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, Tri-County EMC will pay for your first 1,000 miles for the first twelve months of ownership. You’ll receive a bill credit of \$30 each month for one year.

“Purchase a new EV and we will pay for your first 1,000 miles each month for a year.”

Based on research conducted by Tri-County EMC, more than 75% of our commuters drive less than 60 miles per day, well within the range of virtually every EV model on the road. When traveled with an EV, you could be saving more than \$1,000 each year on fuel. Just how much does it cost you to drive 1,000 miles in your current car or truck? Visit www.tri-countyemc.com/electricvehicles.cms to compare and calculate savings.

In addition, Tri-County EMC is helping you to charge your EV by offering a \$250 rebate on the purchase and installation of any NRTL certified Level 2 charger at your home or business. Simply purchase the charger and have it installed before December 31, 2020. A credit of \$250 will be applied to your Tri-County EMC bill.



Chevy Traverse AWD	\$120
Ford F-150 2WD	\$114
Honda Civic 4-Door	\$75
Nissan Leaf 40kw	\$32
Tesla Model 3 Standard Range	\$27
Toyota Camry	\$75

COST TO DRIVE 1,000 MILES

**Calculations based on 10.5 cents per kWh and \$2.40 per gallon of gasoline.*

MINIMUM BILL CHANGE IN JANUARY

Beginning January 2020, the minimum bill charge for residential and commercial accounts will increase by \$1 per month. The minimum bill charge is located in the “Energy and Distribution” line item on your bill, along with your kWh usage. This minimum charge increase reflects the true cost it takes to get power to you, as it recovers much of the fixed costs of providing service.

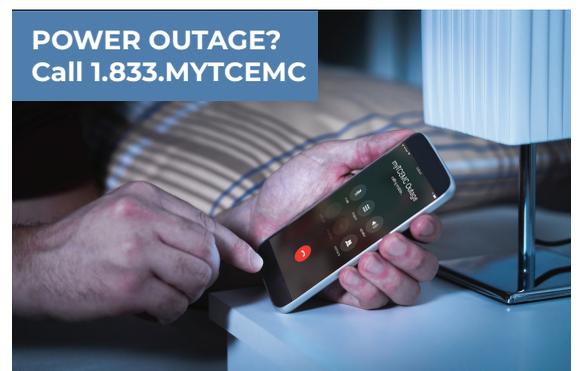
The minimum bill will rise from \$34 to \$35 for residential accounts and from \$44 to \$45 for prepay accounts. General service commercial accounts will see an increase in the base rate from \$36.50 to \$37.50. “The cost to deliver electric service is a cost that every member shares,” said Ray Grinberg, CEO. “Raising the minimum bill allows us to cover those fixed costs of providing service without tying fixed cost charges to how many kWh you use.”

CALL 1.833.MYTCEMC FOR POWER OUTAGES

If you prefer to call in your outage, jump to the head of the line by calling 1.833.MYTCEMC during an outage. In addition to reporting outages by myTCEMC app, website, text and our phone number, we have added a phone number dedicated to outage reporting. (86711002)

By dialing 1.833.MYTCEMC rather than our local number, your call will bypass call menus and go directly to the outage reporting system. There, you can report your outage using the automated system or by talking to a live representative.

We encourage you to save this number in your phone for future use.



TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$15,900 IN DECEMBER

In December 2019, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 10 projects, totaling \$15,900 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities.

BALDWIN COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER:

\$1,500 to purchase booster seats and car seats for low-income families in at the Baldwin County Early Learning Center.

CAFE CENTRAL: \$3,000 to purchase non-perishable food items to deliver to poverty-stricken clients in Baldwin County.

CUB SCOUT PACK 119:

\$1,500 to be used for scouting dues for underprivileged youth, to purchase awards and for pack activities

GEORGIA PARENTING PROJECT: \$400 to be used to purchase a stand-up freezer to store donated meat to be dispersed to individuals in need in Putnam County.

JONES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: \$2,000 to be used for the 2020 summer reading program

LAKE COUNTRY BAPTIST CHURCH:

\$500 to purchase materials to construct a wheelchair ramp for an individual in need.

NORTHRIDGE RAMP MINISTRY:

\$1,506.50 to be used to purchase materials to construct two wheelchair ramps for individuals in need in Baldwin County.



Baldwin County Early Learning Center received an Operation Roundup Grant to purchase car seats and booster seats for low-income families.

OPERATION APPRECIATION:

\$2,500 to be used to cover the cost for Veterans from our service area to attend a retreat in North Georgia.

VETERANS WALL OF HONOR PARK:

\$1,500 to be used to purchase benches and a flagpole for the Veterans Wall of Honor Park.

GREATER FAITH REVELATIONAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

\$1,500 to be used to purchase food and Christmas gifts for underprivileged families in Jones 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 charitable or government institution, civic organization or other non-profit group 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. The next deadline is March 1, 2020. (554411002)

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Tri-County EMC will award \$10,000 in scholarships to students with a primary residence in our service area this year. Visit us at www.tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms to learn more or to apply.

- **Walter Harrison Scholarship:** Applications Due February 1
- **Operation Roundup Scholarship:** Applications Due April 15
- **Cooperative Scholarship:** Applications Due April 15

ACCOUNTNUMBER

Did you find your Tri-County EMC account number? Three random account numbers are hidden in each issue of Current Lines. Find your complete account number inside parentheses in this issue of Current Lines for a \$50 bill credit. Call us at 478.986.8126 to claim your credit.