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## JOIN US FOR A TACO

*We want to hear from you. Voice your opinions and enjoy a taco...or two.*

As a member-owned cooperative, understanding the needs of our customers is very important. Our staff and board invite you to have dinner with us and share your opinion. Tri-County EMC is hosting a Taco Town Hall Meeting on August 22, 5-7 pm at El Tequila, 168 Garrett Way in Milledgeville.



“We survey our members year round via phone and email to make sure that our future plans align with the needs of our members,” said Ray Grinberg, CEO. “But we want to have some face-to-face time with our members to talk about the issues that matter most.”

Join us for a few tacos as we talk Tri-County EMC business. You'll have a chance to hear updates on right-of-way maintenance, reliability, board governance and broadband. There will be time for members to ask questions and voice their opinions as well.

Seating is limited to the first 75 to register. Limit 2 per household. To reserve your spot, please register at [www.tri-countyemc.com/townhall.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/townhall.cms) or call 478.986.8118 with your name, phone number and number of attendees. (85369001)

# TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$18,100 IN JUNE

In June 2019, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 7 projects, totaling \$18,100 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities.



Kim Broun (left), Tri-County EMC Foundation, presents an Operation Roundup Grant to Adam Schulze, Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County. The grant will go towards the cost of plumbing for a habitat home in Eatonton.

## **BURN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA:**

\$3,000 to help cover patient and family service expenses for burn victims from the Tri-County EMC service area.

## **CAMP DREAM FOUNDATION:**

\$3,000 in funds to send students with physical or developmental disabilities to a handicap accessible summer camp.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF PUTNAM COUNTY:**

\$4,200 in funds to purchase materials to construct a Habitat home in Putnam County.

## **HELPING HANDS SOCIETY:**

\$1,000 in funds to help cover the costs of food baskets to be distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas to those in need in Baldwin County.

## **MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION:**

\$3,000 to cover the cost of wish experiences for children with critical illnesses from the Tri-County EMC service area.

## **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:**

\$2,500 to provide nights of stay for families from the Tri-County EMC service area while their children are in the hospital.

## **THE GEORGIA PARENTING PROJECT:**

\$1,400 in funds to purchase non-perishable food items and adult incontinence items for those in need in Putnam County.

## **OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANT 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

## **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-roundup.cms](http://tri-countyemc.com/operation-roundup.cms) or mailed upon request by calling 478.986.8126.

**NEXT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9.1.19**

# THREE STUDENTS AWARDED COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

*Tri-County EMC awards \$10,000 in scholarships each year through three scholarship programs. The Cooperative Scholarship is awarded to three students each spring.*

Each year, Tri-County EMC awards \$6,000 in scholarship funds through the Cooperative Scholarship. Three students from the Tri-County service area each received a \$2,000 Tri-County EMC Cooperative Scholarship in May. Funds were awarded based on academics, financial need and a demonstrated commitment to the community in which they reside. The Tri-County EMC Cooperative Scholarships are funded by House Bill 431, which enabled unclaimed capital credits to fund local education. The next Cooperative Scholarship deadline is April 15, 2020. Congratulations to our recipients! Learn more at [www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativescholarship.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativescholarship.cms). (77561001)



## MORGAN BURGAMY

Morgan Burgamy of Baldwin County is a senior at Baldwin High School. During her senior year, she was Drum Major for the marching band, president of Beta Club and Key Club and ambassador of the Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy. She plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall and major in journalism and mass communication.



## DYLAN GATTIE

Dylan Gattie of Jones County is a senior at Mt. DeSales Academy and plans to attend Georgia Southern University in the fall. He is a member of 4-H, FCA and Gray United Methodist Church. He is also a varsity letterman in both wrestling and football. His goal is to obtain a degree in construction engineering.



## KELSI SCHELL

Kelsi Schell of Putnam County is a senior at Putnam County High School and plans to attend Georgia Southern University in the fall. She volunteers with Putnam County Foster Care, Second Harvest Food Bank and Putnam Christian Outreach. Her goal is to obtain a degree in psychology and become a child psychologist.

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# RECIPE BOX

## AVACADO GARDEN SALAD

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups mixed salad greens
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 small cucumber, partially peeled, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice, divided
- 1/3 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

### DIRECTIONS

In a large serving bowl, thoroughly mix bite-sized salad greens, tomatoes, onions and cucumber. Toss with 2 tablespoons lemon juice, garlic powder, black pepper and salt. Slice avocado(s) into thin wedges, about 1/8-inch thick. Arrange slices on top of salad like a starburst. Brush remaining lemon juice on avocado and serve immediately. Serves 6.



Thanks to Produce for Better Health Foundation for the recipe. Did you know your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to [kimb@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:kimb@tri-countyemc.com) or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

## BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 15

*Tri-County EMC will award \$30,000 in grants to teachers at schools within the service area to execute innovative projects in their classrooms.*

As a cooperative, we at Tri-County EMC pride ourselves on our commitment to the community. Throughout the year, the cooperative awards scholarships and grants to organizations and individuals in our service area to strengthen the communities we serve. All of these awards are funded through unclaimed capital credits or Operation Roundup funds - none from the general budget.

Since 2008, Tri-County EMC has provided nearly \$280,000 in grants to local schools through the Bright Ideas Grant Program. This program awards teachers with funds to execute innovative classroom projects that otherwise may not be funded. The grants are open to all subjects and all grades Pre-K-12. Projects are judged based on innovation, goals, learning objectives, student involvement and budget. Individual projects can be funded up to \$1,500.

Teachers are limited to one grant proposal per funding period. Grants will be awarded based on merit and must be used within 18 months of the issue date. Applicants may be asked to provide a follow up report about the funded project. All applications must be completed online at [www.tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms) by midnight on **September 15** to be considered for funding. (46628001)

For questions about the program or application process, please contact Kim Broun at 478.986.8126 or [kimb@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:kimb@tri-countyemc.com).

