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PREPPING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane season is upon us. Living in the southeast, we are reminded each year that, although we aren't on the coast, we are not immune from the damage delivered by these strong storms.

Your cooperative takes disaster preparedness seriously, and we encourage you to do the same. We regularly monitor the weather and make sure we have more than enough materials and supplies on hand to quickly get power restored to you in the event of power outages.

"If Hurricane Irma taught us anything in 2017, it's that you always prepare for the worst," said Ray Grinberg, CEO of Tri-County EMC. "And while we will always be prepared in the way of manpower, equipment and materials, extended outages during hurricane season are a possibility. When severe storms cause extended damage, it takes time to repair."

While we prepare, we ask you to do the same. Take the time to assemble an emergency preparedness kit, create a household evacuation plan for your family and your pets, sign up for community emergency alerts and make sure you have a working weather radio.

In addition, know how you will report a power outage to Tri-County in the case of severe weather:

Text: Text "Out" to 85700 (enrollment required)

App: Use the myTCEMC app

Phone: 1.833.myTCEMC (1.833.698.2362)

Website: tri-countyemc.com/reportanoutage.cms

TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$16,500 IN JUNE

In June 2020, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 6 projects, totaling \$16,500 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities.



MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION:

\$2,500 to help students from the EMC service area that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 with school expenses.

GREATER MILLEDGEVILLE YOUNG LIFE:

\$2,500 to purchase food and clothing for lower income high school and middle school students in Baldwin 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 organization (83123002)

Middle Georgia Sunrise Ministries was awarded an Operation Roundup Grant to help repair the roof of an elderly couple in Jones County.

PUTNAM CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:

\$3,000 to purchase food for a food bank in Putnam County assisting those financially affected by COVID-19.

PUTNAM COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

\$2,000 to purchase food for a food bank distributing food in Putnam County.

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.

MIDDLE GEORGIA SONRISE MINISTRIES:

\$2,000 to purchase materials to repair a roof for an elderly couple 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 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: 9.1.20

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 June. 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, 2021. Congratulations to our recipients! Learn more at www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativescholarship.cms. (73153002)



AMBER BUTTS

Amber Butts of Baldwin County is a senior at Baldwin High School. She is a member of the Order of the Easter Stars, Jack and Jill of America and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She has also participated in Joshua's Wish, March of Dimes and the Backpack Ministry. She plans to attend Clark Atlanta University in the fall to obtain a degree in biology and African American studies. Her goal is to become an OBGYN.



TARA MACCARTEE

Tara MacCartee of Jones County is a graduate of GMC Prep and plans to attend University of South Alabama in the fall. She is a member of several honor societies, and has participated in One Act Play, softball, cheerleading and JROTC. She also enjoys leading Bible study and has participated in several mission trips, both local and abroad. Her goal is to obtain a degree in nursing with a minor in Spanish.



JAMES MEAD

James Mead of Putnam County is a graduate of Putnam County High School and plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall. He participated on the varsity cross country and baseball teams, Beta Club and the National Honor's Society. He also served as a tutor and volunteered for Angels in the Outfield. His goal is to obtain a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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RECIPE BOX

SWITCHEL

In researching the benefits of Apple Cider Vinegar, the Kunselmans of Jones County learned that it helps deter mosquitos, making it a great ingredient to add to a summer drink. Below is their new twist on an old recipe.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Cups water
- 1 Tbsp. Honey
- 1 Tsp. Lemon Juice
- 1Tbsp. Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Ginger Syrup

DIRECTIONS

Warm water in a saucepan, but do not boil. As water is coming to a heated temperature, stir in each of the ingredients and mix all thoroughly. Allow to cool and pour over a tall glass of ice. Add lemon or lime wedges to taste. Switchel will keep for 6-7 days in the refrigerator. Makes 2-3 servings.



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.

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 more than \$300,000 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.

To apply, submit your application online at www.tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms by midnight on **September 15** to be considered for funding. (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. (62990001)

For questions about the program or application process, please contact Kim Broun at 478.986.8126 or kimb@tri-countyemc.com.



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