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MAKE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 24/7

You can now make payment arrangements through the member portal and the MyTCEMC Mobile App.

Your mortgage, power bill, child's orthodontist bill and car insurance payment are due on the same date. And now your air conditioning has gone out. Everyone has months where the bills and the money in your account just don't add up.

We're making it easier for those months where you just need a little extra time. Tri-County EMC members now have the ability to make an arrangement to pay at a later date through the online member portal and the myTCEMC mobile app.

"Payment arrangements have always been an option for our members," said Dawn Haskins, CFO. "We're just making the process more convenient. Instead of having to talk to a customer service representative to extend your due date, you can now set this up yourself."

Making an arrangement will allow you to extend your due date until one month from the original due date. Members that are signed up for Automatic Bank Draft or Levelized Billing will not be able to make an arrangement without removing their account from these programs. Members can have no more than two broken payment arrangements in a 12-month period. (5901001)

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BEAT THE HEAT AND SAVE ENERGY

Summer is a great time of year — synonymous with sunshine and vacation. But in Georgia, summer also means it's hot and humid. Really hot and humid! To keep your home cool and humidity low, your air conditioner will likely run more, causing your energy use to go up. One way to get the best bang for your electric dollar during the summer heat is to keep conditioned air inside your home. Follow the electric tips below to help reduce your energy use and enjoy summer again!

STOP AIR LEAKS

Add weather-stripping on doors and windows and caulk the cracks and plumbing penetrations to keep cool air inside and hot air from leaking into your home.

PUT YOUR HOME IN SUMMER MODE

During the summer, it's best to run your ceiling fan in the counter clockwise position. Only keep fans on when people are in the room. Fans cool people, not the air. Also, if you built fires in the winter, make sure the damper to your fireplace is closed so that the cool air can't sneak out through the chimney.

MAINTAIN YOUR HVAC EQUIPMENT

Make sure there are no leaves, grass or shrubs blocking airflow to your outside HVAC unit. Clear at least six feet above the unit and two feet around the coils to optimize efficiency. We recommend getting your HVAC system serviced and coils cleaned by a heating and air contractor each year to extend the life of your system.

INSTALL A SMART THERMOSTAT

A smart thermostat allows you to set different temperatures for different time periods throughout the day. Once you program it, you won't have to touch it again. You can also control the system from your smartphone.

PROPERLY INSULATE YOUR ATTIC

Install recommended levels of insulation to lower cooling costs. On warm days, attic temperatures can get up to 140 degrees. Recommended levels of insulation vary. Contact us to help you determine the right level for your home.

USE OUR ONLINE ENERGY TOOLS

In our online Energy Efficiency Center, you will find tools to help you conserve energy in your home. The Billing Insights Calculator will help you break down your energy usage using your bills and allow you to perform energy saving scenarios to pinpoint opportunities for savings. In addition, you can use the Appliance Calculator to determine what it is costing to operate each appliance in your home. Visit www.tri-countyemc.com/energy-calculator.cms for more information.



SCHEDULE AN IN-HOME ENERGY AUDIT

If you want to take your energy savings a step further, contact us for an In-Home Energy Audit. Our Energy Services Representative will evaluate your home to find out where you are using the most energy and help you determine ways to conserve. This audit is free to Tri-County EMC members. To schedule an audit, contact us at 1.866.254.8100.



TWO LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE OPERATION ROUNDUP SCHOLARSHIP

Tri-County EMC awards \$10,000 in scholarships each year through three scholarship programs. The Operation Roundup Scholarship is awarded to two students each spring and fall.

In addition to awarding grants each quarter, the Tri-County EMC Foundation also awards scholarships to two deserving students in the service area twice per year. The scholarships are worth \$1,000 and are awarded based on academics, financial need and service to others. Special consideration is given to non-traditional students who are working full or part-time and have returned to school. Congratulations to the Spring 2019 Operation Roundup Scholarship recipients. The next deadline for this scholarship program is October 15, 2019. For additional information on this and additional scholarship opportunities, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms. (40797002)



SHERINE KULLMANN

Sherine Kullmann of Putnam County is a junior at the University of Georgia. She is an active member of the Society of Women Engineers, the Language Partner Program, the International Street Festival Planning Committee and achieved a Global Excellence Certificate. Her goal is to become an environmental engineer.



DYLAN GATTIE

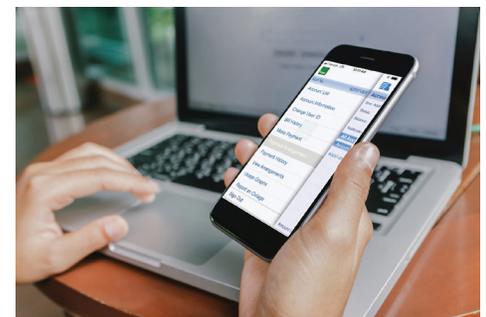
Dylan Gattie of Jones County is a senior at Mt. DeSales Academy and plans to attend Georgia Southern University in the fall. He is a member of 4-H, FCA and Gray United Methodist Church. He is also a varsity letterman in both wrestling and football. His goal is to obtain a degree in Construction Engineering.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS, CONTINUED

To make an arrangement online, visit www.tri-countyemc.com and click on “Your Account”. Under the “Payments” tab, click on “Payment Arrangement” and follow the prompts from there.

To make an arrangement through the myTCEMC app, first open the app and log in. Click on the account you would like to make the arrangement for. Select the top left menu and then press “Payment Arrangement”.

For other ways to make paying your utility bill easier, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/billingoptions.cms.



ACCOUNT NUMBER

Did you find your account number? 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.

RECIPE BOX

BEEF N' BEANS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can Bush's Maple Cured Bacon Baked Beans
- 1 large sweet onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 Tbsps. Ketchup
- 1 Tbsp. Mustard
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- Cheddar cheese, shredded
- Bread for serving

DIRECTIONS

Brown the ground beef and drain. Add onions to the pan with the meat and stir. Add the remaining ingredients and cover. Stir occasionally. Cook for a few minutes until the onions become transparent. Toast a few slices of bread and spread the beef and bean mixture over the toast. Top with shredded cheese and serve.



Thanks to Katy Beddingfield of Putnam County for the recipe. 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.

NEW PAYSITE KIOSK LOCATIONS

To better serve our members, we have relocated the PaySite Kiosk previously at the Eagle One Travel Center to the Jet Foods Store #44 on the corner of Hwy 129 and US 441. The address is listed below.

Jet Foods Stores #44
121 Gray Road
Eatonton, GA 31024

Additionally, you can also make payments at a new PaySite Kiosk in the Eatonton Piggly Wiggly at 228 N. Jefferson Ave. For a full list of payment locations, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/contact-us.cms.



CO-OP HOSTS EV19

An Electric Vehicle Demonstration Day was held in Milledgeville to educate attendees on the EV industry and offer test drives.

On April 26, Tri-County EMC, in partnership with the Milledgeville-Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, hosted an Electric Vehicle Demonstration Day at Central Georgia Technical College's Milledgeville Campus.

Approximately 150 attendees heard from nationally-known speakers about the growing electric vehicle industry. With topics including charging, range, investment and lifestyle, attendees got a glimpse of what it would be like to own and drive an electric vehicle in daily life. In addition, first responders were able to gain basic knowledge about what to do if they are on an accident scene with an electric vehicle.



Attendees were able to test drive several electric and hybrid vehicles.

“The goal of EV19 was to help people understand the hype of EVs by giving them a chance to drive one,” said Greg Mullis, vp of corporate services. “We wanted to give them the opportunity to learn from the experts about EVs too.”

If you were not able to attend EV19, Tri-County EMC is planning to host an Electric Vehicle Demonstration Day in Gray next year. Details will be included in *Current Lines* as they become available. (66390001)

OFFICES CLOSED

Tri-County EMC Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.