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WE'RE READY FOR STORM SEASON. ARE YOU?

Sweet summertime. The warm weather makes us eager to plan cook-outs with friends and family and afternoons on the water. But at a power company, we also know the warm summer weather brings the potential for power outages through thunderstorms and hurricanes. Tri-County EMC employees stand ready to respond should these power outages occur.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary safety precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. We encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness at home to protect your family during major storms and outages.

On page 3, you'll see a list of recommended items FEMA suggests to have on hand during storm season. We encourage you to make a plan for you and your family and visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

How To Report a Power Outage:

- Online at tri-countyemc.com/report-an-outage.cms
- By Phone at 1.833.myTCEMC (1.833.698.2362),
- myTCEMC app
- Text "OUT" to 85700

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**OFFICES
CLOSED** Offices will be closed Monday, July 4
in observance of Independence Day.

COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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, 2023. Congratulations to our recipients! Learn more on our website at www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativescholarship.cms. (88986001)



SYDNEY BEARDEN

Sydney Bearden of Jones County plans to attend Mercer University in the fall to obtain a degree in nursing. She also plans to minor in English in order to obtain Ph. D. and research the development of rural areas and other countries in the medical field. Sydney enjoys being involved in her community and has participated in DECA, Beta Club, HOSA, TSA and Yearbook, all while maintaining an “A” average.



WILLIAM DIETRICH

William Dietrich of Putnam County plans to attend Mercer University in the fall to obtain a degree in design. An artist at heart, his goal is to design amusement parks. He is a member of Beta Club, Anchor Club, Key Club and the National Honors Society. He is an active member of his church and community and enjoys volunteering with the First Foundation, CGTC Eggstravaganza, Ronald McDonald House, and recently the Alice Walker 75th Birthday Celebration.



HARLEE ROBINSON

Harlee Robinson of Baldwin County plans to attend University of Georgia in the fall to obtain a degree in ecology. She hopes to work in a STEM field. An avid ballet, jazz and tap dancer, Harlee is also an ambassador in student government, and participates in Yearbook Club. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering for Putnam Christian Outreach and has participated in several food drives in her community.

High gas prices got you down?

DRIVE ELECTRIC

Rebates Available for Tri-County EMC Members:

- \$250 rebate when you install a Level 2 charger -OR-
- \$30 bill credit for 12 months when you purchase an EV



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BEFORE THE STORM

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.



AFTER THE STORM

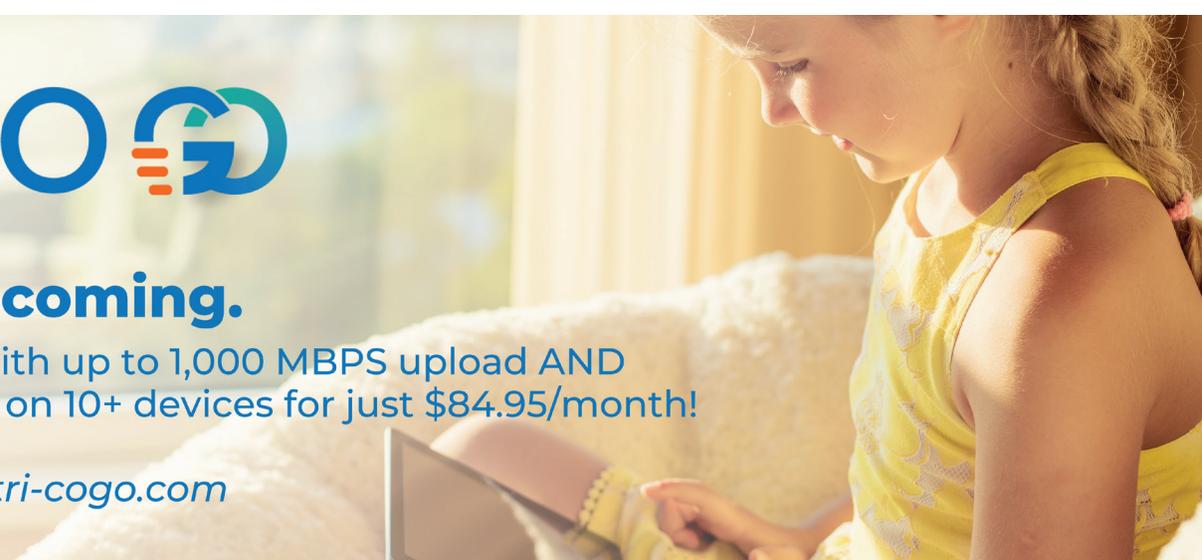
- In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a potential power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored.
- If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.
- Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information. We also recommend following your local Emergency Management Agency on social media for local updates.
- Check www.tri-countyemc.com and Tri-County's social media pages for updates on power outages and restoration progress.
- After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property. (82288001)



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RECIPE BOX

22 MINUTE TEXAS CAKE

CAKE INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 cup of water
- 1 stick of butter/margarine
- 1/2 cup of Crisco
- 3 1/3 tablespoons of cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

ICING INGREDIENTS

- 1 stick of butter/margarine
- 3 1/2 tablespoons of cocoa
- 1/3 cup of sweetened condensed milk
- 1 pound bag of powdered sugar
- 1 cup of chopped nuts

DIRECTIONS

Combine sugar & flour in a bowl. In a saucepan, combine the butter, water, Crisco and cocoa. Bring this to a boil, stirring constantly until combined. Pour over your dry ingredients. Add remaining ingredients and blend - do not use mixer. Bake 25-35 minutes at 350 degrees in a 9x13 inch greased pan. While the cake is baking, mix butter, cocoa and milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and add the remaining ingredients. Pour over cake as soon as it is removed from the oven.

Thanks to Melba Chapman of Jones 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.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Like many trades, being an electric lineman is very much a tradition and a way of life. To honor that trade that is the backbone of our business, Tri-County EMC has established a Lineman Scholarship Program. Each year, this scholarship will award \$3,000 to an individual to allow them to complete the lineman training program through the Technical College System of Georgia.

We are grateful to be able to invest in a local student while also investing in the future of the electric industry. (34606001)

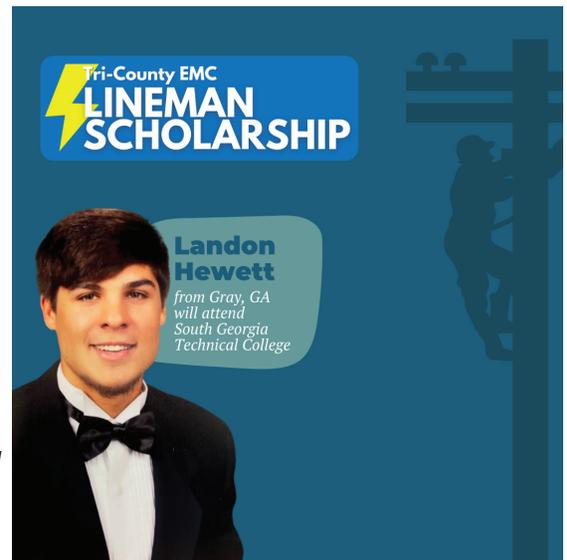
To learn more, visit tri-countyemc.com/linemanscholarship.cms.

Note: Due to the change in CDL licensing requirements, students will not have to be accepted to a technical school before applying for the scholarship in 2023.

LANDON HEWETT

Landon is a recent graduate of Jones County High School and plans to attend South Georgia Technical College to complete the electric lineman training program.

"A lineman who comes in and helps restore power may seem more like a superhero. I want to become a lineman so that no matter what day or time it is, or what kind of weather I may be facing, I will be able to put my skills to work and help people and communities in need." -Landon



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