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SPRING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a cooperative, we are committed to helping our communities grow and thrive. An important part of this commitment is investing in the education of our youth through scholarships. The deadline to submit an application for the Cooperative Scholarship and the Operation Roundup Scholarship is April 15. Learn more about each scholarship below and on our website.

COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Each spring, Tri-County EMC awards three \$2,000 Cooperative Scholarships to students residing within the cooperative's service area. One scholarship is awarded in each of the three Tri-County board districts.



Applications are judged equally on academics, financial need and community involvement. To apply, visit tri-countyemc.com/cooperativescholarship.cms.

OPERATION ROUNDUP SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to funding community grants, the Tri-County EMC Foundation offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students (with preference given to nontraditional students) to help pay their college costs. Through Operation Roundup, four \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to students residing in the homes of Tri-County EMC members.



The applicant must be enrolled in any U.S. accredited college or university and have maintained at least a 2.0 average. Applications are judged equally on academics, financial need and community involvement. To apply, visit tri-countyemc.com/roundupscholarship.cms.

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST

Jessica Patino was named Tri-County EMC's finalist for the Walter Harrison Scholarship. She will go on to compete in the statewide scholarship competition for one of twelve \$1,000 scholarships. Statewide scholarship winners will be announced in April.

Jessica is a senior at Lake Oconee Academy. She plans to attend Georgia Tech and major in biology. Upon graduation, she plans to attend medical school to become a dermatologist.

For more information on scholarships offered through Tri-County EMC, visit us online at tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms.



TRI-COUNTY WELCOMES NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY CONTRACTOR



Keeping the lights on and providing safe service are two of our most important goals. Managing vegetation growth around power lines is critical to reliable service. Tri-County EMC is continuing its right-of-way maintenance efforts by partnering with a new contractor, Georgia Right-of-Way. Headquartered

in Forsyth, Georgia Right-of-Way is a cooperative owned by and doing work for several EMCs in Georgia and Florida. They will begin working on Tri-County EMC's right-of-way on March 30.

"Trees or tree limbs falling into power lines can instantly knock out power to hundreds of members," said Keith Brooks, VP of Operations. "While not all outages can be prevented, we can minimize damage and outage time by keeping the right-of-way clear."

Georgia Right-of-Way will be Tri-County's sole contractor for clearing and maintaining right-of-way. They will also be available to clear power lines from fallen trees and limbs following storms. With the goal of clearing right-of-way on each line every 5-7 years, you will likely see Georgia Right-of-Way crews in your area. Please be aware of their logo, pictured above.



Electric Vehicle Incentive

Let 2020 be your year to purchase an electric vehicle with the help of EV365! If you purchase a new car in 2020, you will receive a \$30 bill credit each month for a year. And if you install a Level 2 charger in your home, you'll receive a \$250 credit. Visit tri-countyemc.com/electricvehicles.cms.



POWER POLE INSPECTIONS

Beginning this month, Tri-County EMC is contracting with Osmose Utilities to conduct pole inspections in our service area. Proper pole maintenance can reduce unnecessary replacement costs and add many years of durable service life to the power pole. Please be aware of their logo in the photo to the right to be able to recognize them in your area. (88944002)



COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

Each year, Tri-County EMC selects a student to attend the Georgia Cooperative Council's Youth Leadership Conference, a five-day camp held each July at the FFA Camp in Covington. Participants develop leadership skills while learning about the role of cooperatives. Tri-County EMC covers all conference costs for participating youth. (29242001)



2019 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

Through teambuilding exercises, personality assessments and an in-depth look into cooperatives, the conference provides leadership training for participants, explores the cooperative way of doing business and heightens awareness of cooperatives in Georgia. Attendees will have the chance to visit a dairy co-op, agricultural co-op and an electric co-op. Participants will also be able to enjoy camp activities, including a high ropes, mud obstacle course and more.

Applications are due May 1. For more information, visit tri-countyemc.com/youthleadershipcamp.cms.

RIGHT-OF-WAY SEASONAL MAINTENANCE

In April, Tri-County EMC will begin 2020 herbicide application. NaturChem, our spraying contractor, will apply herbicide to keep trees, brush and foliage from interfering with the delivery of your electric service. Overgrown trees and other vegetation within 15 feet of overhead power lines are trimmed year-round. Herbicide is applied in five-year cycles. This year's herbicide application will occur in northeast Jasper County, southern Putnam County and a small portion of northern Baldwin County.

The map to the right shows the general area where the maintenance will occur. For a full list of streets that will be affected, or more information on Tri-County's right-of-way program, visit tri-countyemc.com/rightofway.cms. Only nonrestrictive, nonresidual chemicals are used. Landscaped areas such as lawns, streams or ponds will not be sprayed.

When planting trees this spring, always be sure the width of the foliage of the mature tree will not grow within 15 feet of each side of a power line. It is important to keep trees, limbs and climbing plants away from power lines to prevent outages and power blinks. (79535002)



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.

RECIPE BOX

SPINACH SALAD

SALAD INGREDIENTS

- Spinach
- Walnuts
- Bacon
- Mandarin Oranges

DRESSING INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup vinegar

DIRECTIONS

Mix the salad ingredients in a large bowl. Combine the dressing ingredients in a jar and shake well. Pour the dressing over the salad. Toss and Serve.



This recipe is courtesy of Julia Mills of Eatonton. 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.

BE COUNTED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

2020 Census Coming To Your Mailbox

It's Census Year! Every 10 years since 1790, the entire US population is counted. On April 1, the 2020 census count will begin. Each man, woman and child living in the US is required to be counted, as mandated by the Constitution. The census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape the future of your community.

Data from the census helps determine our congressional representation and the distribution of federal funds. It is estimated that for every person not counted, your local community loses approximately \$2,400 per person, per year in federal funds.

This year, the census can be completed online, making it even easier for every person to be counted. In March, you will be mailed a census form with instructions on completing the census online, by mail or by phone. When completing the census, your personal information will always be kept confidential and safe - it's the law.

While you may see the census as another thing to check off of your growing to-do list, remember that every completed form means the potential for more dollars and services for your community.

For additional information, visit 2020Census.gov.

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2020 Census data will help inform how billions of dollars are distributed to states and communities every year for the next 10 years.



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