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**Cash is the primary method of payment. Some retailers may accept debit cards, but may change that policy with no notice.*



**TRI-COUNTY EMC'S
2021 ANNUAL ELECTION
IS UNDERWAY**

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GENERAC GENERATORS

Reliably delivering electricity to your home is a priority for Tri-County EMC, but sometimes the co-op is no match for Mother Nature. Severe weather events can disrupt power here in Middle Georgia, depriving our homes of the electricity we depend on.

An extended electric outage is more than an inconvenience these days. More people are working and schooling from home, and those activities often demand electricity powered technology. Backup power solutions are becoming more and more of a necessity.

Tri-County EMC has teamed up with Gresco, the co-op's materials supply cooperative, and Anderson Power Services to make it easy for Tri-County EMC members to purchase and install a Generac Generator on their home at a competitive price. In addition, Tri-County EMC members can apply for a loan to pay for the generator through Go Energy Financial Credit Union.

If you are interested in purchasing a generator, contact Anderson Power Services at 478.292.6908 to receive a free quote.

Learn more online at www.tri-countyemc.com/generators.cms.



BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS FOR TEACHERS

Tri-County EMC will award \$30,000 in grants to teachers at schools within the service area to execute innovative projects in their classrooms. Applications are due October 15.

MISSION:

The Bright Ideas grant program, sponsored by Tri-County Electric Membership Cooperative, provides grants for teachers to improve education in local classrooms for innovative projects in grades Pre-K through 12 that would not otherwise be funded. The program is funded by unclaimed capital credits.

ELIGIBILITY:

Georgia certified public or private school teachers in grades Pre-K through 12 in Baldwin, Jones, Putnam, Jasper, Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties qualify to apply.

CRITERIA:

Projects will be judged based on innovation, goals, learning objectives, student involvement and budget.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT LIMIT:

Individual projects can be funded up to \$1,500.



TERM:

Grants will be awarded annually based on merit and must be used within 18 months of issue date. Follow up reports may be requested by the cooperative. (66062001)

APPLICATION:

Applications must be completed online at tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms by midnight on October 15.

FUNDING:

Funds come from unclaimed capital credits that otherwise would have been surrendered to the state.

www.tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms
Applications Due October 15

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TRI-COUNTY EMC ELECTION IN PROGRESS, MEETING OCTOBER 21

Cast your vote in the Tri-County EMC Board of Directors Election for a chance to win a cash prize.

Tri-County EMC's Virtual Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be live streamed on Tri-County's Facebook page and will also be available on tri-countyemc.com. At the meeting, attendees will get an overview of the cooperative's business over the past year.

An important part of the Tri-County EMC Annual Meeting is the election of the board of directors. All members can participate in the election without attending the Annual Meeting. Every Tri-County EMC member will be sent a ballot on September 13 – by email or by mail. All members who cast a vote will have a chance to win a \$500 cash prize or one of ten \$50 bill credits. (91701001)

Ballot items for this year's election include director seats for Post 2 of Districts 1, 2 and 3. Candidates for these director seats are all incumbents and are running unopposed. Candidate biographies and additional information can be found at tri-countyemc.com/election.cms.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. This is a great time to prepare your home for possible power outages due to natural disasters that may occur. We recommend having the below items in your home in an easily accessible area. (75875004)



FLASHLIGHTS

Have flashlights with extra batteries on hand. While candles can be helpful as light sources, flashlights are the safer option.



HEAT/FANS

Gather heavy clothes and blankets to have on hand. If you have a working fireplace, stock up on firewood now. During summer, you may want battery-powered fans.



FOOD

Stock up on non-perishable food items that do not require cooking. Remember, your electric can opener will not work without electricity. Have a manual opener on hand.



INFORMATION

Keep a battery-powered radio on a local station to get weather and outage updates. Be sure to charge all cell phones before the storm hits. Have a car phone charger in case you need to recharge your phone.



WATER

For those with well service, have a case of bottled water on hand. Fill any bathtubs and extra pitchers with water as well.



MEDICAL

Have a first aid kit and several days of prescriptions handy. Those who depend on electricity for medical devices may need to move to another location until power is restored.

RECIPE BOX

SUMMER FRUIT SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups melon balls or cubes
- 1 cup green grapes
- 1 cup peaches, cubed
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup strawberries

DIRECTIONS

Melt 1/4 cup apple mint jelly, or stir with a fork until softened. Poor the melted jelly over the fruit. Toss lightly. Chill before serving. If desired, garnish with fresh mint leaves.



Thanks to Lisa Cook of Jones County for sharing this 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 15

In addition to funding community grants, the Tri-County EMC Foundation offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students—with preference given to non-traditional students—to help pay their college costs.

Through Operation Roundup, a total of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per winner) is awarded annually to students residing in the homes of Tri-County EMC members. Applicants must be enrolled in any U.S. accredited college, university or technical school and have maintained at least a 2.0 average. Applications are judged based on merit by an independent panel of judges.



Applications can be mailed by request or completed online at www.tri-countyemc.com/roundupscholarship.cms. Applications are due October 15.

SERVICE YOUR HVAC

While it may still be warm outside, cooler weather is on the way! In the winter, heating requires more energy than any other system in your home, typically making up about 42% of your energy bill. With proper equipment maintenance and upgrades like additional insulation and air sealing, you can see significant savings on your energy bill. In addition, we recommend getting your HVAC unit serviced annually to have them run at optimum efficiency and to extend the life of the unit.



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