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Tri-County EMC Foundation Grants \$21,797.18 in June

In June 2018, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 10 projects, totaling \$21,797.18 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities. The organizations that received funds this quarter are:

Gray United Methodist Church: \$3,500 to purchase materials for home repair projects to be used during the River of Life Summer Mission Program.

Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County: \$2,135 to purchase materials to construct a roof for a Habitat home in Putnam County.

Helping Hands Society: \$1,000 to purchase food for food baskets to be delivered to families in need in Baldwin County.

Jones County Boy Scout Troop 485: \$650 to purchase materials to construct a speaking platform and benches for Lockerly Aboretum in Baldwin County as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Jones County Public Library: \$750 to purchase books to be used in the summer reading program.

Make-A-Wish Georgia: \$2,500 to fulfill wish experiences for ill children in the Tri-County EMC Service Area.

New Damascus Baptist Church: \$572.18 to purchase materials to construct a wheelchair ramp for an individual in Jones County.

Northridge Christian Ramp Ministry: \$690 to purchase materials to construct a wheelchair ramp for an individual with a spinal cord injury in Baldwin County.



Putnam Community Resources: \$2,500 to purchase food for a food bank in Putnam County.

Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia: \$5,000 to provide 333 nights of stay for individuals from the Tri-County EMC service area that have a child in the hospital.

Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia received a grant from the Tri-County EMC Foundation to be used to pay for nights of stay for families from the Tri-County EMC service area with children in the hospital.

About Operation Roundup:

Operation Roundup is funded by voluntary contributions from Tri-County members to the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Participants in the program 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 www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms or mailed upon request by calling 478.986.8126.(68634001)

2018 Cooperative Scholarship Recipients

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 May. 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, 2019. Learn more at www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativescholarship.cms. Congratulations to our recipients.



Katie Pounds, District 1

Katie recently graduated from Jones County High School and plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall. There, she will study biomedical engineering and has a goal to promote STEM careers to young women across Georgia.



Jacob McMillian, District 2

Jacob recently graduated from Gatewood School and plans to attend UGA in the fall. He plans to obtain a biology degree and attend medical school. His goal is to become a primary care physician and provide medical care for the medically under served areas of Georgia.



Cameron Brown, District 3

Cameron is a graduate of John Milledge Academy and began classes at Georgia Military College in May. Cameron plans to obtain a business degree and earn his master's degree. Ultimately, he wants to start his own sporting goods store and be a coach at the high school or college level.

Top 4 Reasons to Enroll in ourSolar

Tri-County EMC's Cooperative Solar Program, ourSolar, gives you the opportunity to have solar energy for your home without installing panels on your property. The energy for ourSolar comes from our 1 MW solar array in Putnam County. Energy produced by your block in the array will be credited to your bill. Here are the top reasons why you should consider enrolling in ourSolar:

You'll Help The Environment: Solar is a renewable form of energy, unlike coal, so as long as there is sunlight, solar energy can be produced. By signing up for ourSolar, you are leaving a smaller carbon footprint by helping reduce the use of coal and other non-renewable energy sources.

You Won't Have Holes In Your Roof: Want solar power, but not sure if you'll be in your house for the foreseeable future? Solar panels can cause issues when trying to sell a home. Some home buyers don't want panels. And removing the panels will come at a high cost and leave damage to your roof.

Lower Cost than Rooftop Panels: Installing solar panels on your property can cost thousands and thousands of dollars. With ourSolar, you'll get solar energy for your home for just \$25 per block of energy.

There's No Hassle: For just \$25 per month, you can have the solar energy produced by a 1.22kW block. If you try it a few months and find out the program isn't for you, just give us a call and we'll cancel your subscription with no additional charge.

Learn more on our website at www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativesolar.cms.



Is An Electric Vehicle Right For You?

Electric vehicles are a fast growing sector of the automotive market. And for good reason. Manufacturers have worked to extend the miles-per-charge range through battery technology improvements. Public charging stations are becoming more available at businesses and other public locations. And some manufacturers have developed rapid-charging stations that can supply a full charge in the time it would take to fill a tank with unleaded gasoline.

Prices for total electric vehicles have dropped considerably over the past few years, with many models available in the \$25,000 - \$35,000 range. In addition, the cost to power the vehicles can be considerably less than your usual gasoline purchase.

And for those with a need for speed, you can have it immediately with an electric vehicle. While an internal combustion engine must rev up to speed, the electric vehicle has full power at its disposal almost instantly.

But, do all these new and improved developments have you convinced to purchase an electric vehicle for your next mode of transportation? That's what we'd like to know. Please complete an online survey at <https://www.tri-countyemc.com/survey.cms>.

If you'd rather complete the survey on paper, please fill out the questions below and return it in person to either office location or mail it to the address listed below. (84657001)



Electric Vehicle Survey:

Circle your answer for each question and drop off your completed survey at either office location. Paper surveys can also be mailed to Tri-County EMC, Attn: Electric Vehicle, PO Box 487, Gray, GA 31032. If you would rather take the survey online, please visit <https://www.tri-countyemc.com/survey.cms>.

1) Have you considered the purchase of an electric vehicle?

- a) I already have an electric vehicle
- b) I am interested in the purchase of an electric vehicle
- c) I'm unsure of the value to me at this time
- d) No, I'm not interested

2) How long is your average daily commute (roundtrip)?

- a) Less than 10 miles
- b) 10-30 miles
- c) 31-60 miles
- d) Greater than 60 miles
- e) I don't commute daily

3) Is an electric vehicle charger available to you at work?

- a) Yes, and there are typically enough available
- b) Yes, but there are so few that charging can be a challenge
- c) No



Blue or Black Ink for Checks

When paying your electric bill via check, please use blue or black ink to write your check.

Checks written in colors other than blue or black are sometimes not picked up on bank scanners, and therefore cannot be deposited and applied to your account. This will cause us to have to return your check and obtain another form of payment.

In an effort to avoid this inconvenience, we ask that you stick to blue or black ink.(86922002)



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Recipe Box

Southern Tacos

Thanks to Ruth Eilers of Baldwin County for sharing this delicious recipe! **Did you know that 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.**

Ingredients:

- 3 Chicken Breasts
- Favorite BBQ Sauce
- 1 (16 oz.) sour cream
- 4 cups self-rising flour

Directions:

Boil chicken breasts until cooked. Once done, drain the water, shred the chicken and add in your favorite Barbecue sauce to taste. In a separate bowl, mix together the sour cream and flour. Once mixed well, pinch off about a 2" ball of the dough. After dusting with flour to prevent sticking, flatten dough into a disc about palm size. Add about 2-3 tablespoons of the BBQ chicken to the flattened disk and fold over to resemble a taco. (Note: The meat will be visible on one side) Place this on parchment paper on a cookie sheet. Continue until all of the dough is used. Bake in oven at 400 degrees until the taco biscuits are done and lightly browned (about 15-20 minutes). Makes 16-18 tacos.



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