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## Tri-County Celebrates Lineman Appreciation Day

Tri-County EMC joined more than 900 electric cooperatives and other electric utilities across the nation in celebrating April 13 as National Lineman Appreciation Day. The occasion provided an opportunity to recognize the hard working men and women who selflessly build, maintain and repair the poles and lines that power our lives.

“Electric linemen don’t often receive the recognition they deserve,” said C. Hill Bentley, Tri-County EMC CEO. “They work all hours of the day, often in hazardous conditions, far from their families, to keep the power on. Linemen truly deserve this day of recognition.”

Chris Bryant and Tyler Beck, both Tri-County linemen, traveled to the Georgia State Capitol on April 13 to hear resolutions thanking linemen for their service from the office of Governor Nathan Deal, The Georgia House of Representatives and the State Senate. Representatives from numerous organizations were eager to give their thanks to linemen across the state. Organizations represented were Electric Cities of Georgia, Georgia EMC, Georgia Power, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, National Association of Journeyman Linemen and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Tri-County also celebrated its linemen locally with a lunchtime cookout at both the Gray and Eatonton office locations. Members of the community shared their thanks on the cooperative’s Facebook and Twitter pages using the hashtag #thankalineman.

Electricity continues to be a luxury that we take for granted. National Lineman Appreciation Day allows us take the time to thank the people that keep our lights on, and, in turn, simplify our lives. We encourage you to take a moment to thank the linemen when you see them working in your area.



**Top Photo:** South District Linemen: (L to R) Joseph Tanner, Lonnie Smith, Mike Hulett, Dennis Rowland, Bruce Carroll, Brooks Brown, Joey Brown, Cal Bullington, Tyler Beck  
**Middle Photo:** North District Linemen (L to R): Buddy Queen, Mike Sasser, Joseph Nunnally, Chris Bryant, Rodney Todd, Bill Williams, Justin Strickland, Lee Witcher, Phillip Foster, Mike Fuller. **Bottom Photo:** (L to R) Chris Bryant & Tyler Beck at the Capitol.

# Delegates Chosen for Washington Youth Tour .....



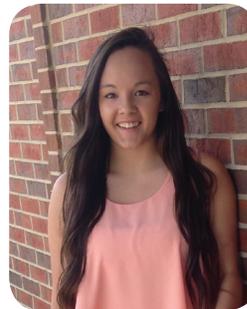
Tri-County EMC has chosen two students to represent the co-op for Georgia EMC's 50th Annual Washington Youth Tour. Hunter Kimball and Makayla Schafer will travel to Washington D.C. in June. Hunter and Makayla will join 110 Georgia high school students on the week long leadership event set for June 11-18. The Georgia students will join more than 1,500 students from 44 states for the event. As Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to teach high school students about U.S. history, government and the importance of public service.

Before flying to Washington D.C., the students will attend a kickoff banquet and spend a day in Georgia where they will develop their leadership skills through team building activities. Once in D.C., students will visit Ford's Theater, the Smithsonian Museum, Holocaust Museum, Union Station, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, Capitol, Washington Monument, and the Jefferson World War II, Lincoln, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans monuments and memorials. (7154001)



**Hunter Kimball** is a sophomore at Jones County High School in Gray. Hunter is an avid runner and a member of the Road Running Track Club, Cross Country Team, and the Mid-Ga Running Mafia 5K club. He served on the Magnolia State Bank Junior Board, has volunteered at the Macon Food Bank, is a member of the 4-H Shotgun team, and obtained Eagle Scout ranking

in 2013. After completing school, Hunter hopes to become a Nuclear and Radiological Engineer.



**Makayla Schafer** is a Junior at Jones County High School in Gray. She is an honor roll student, a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Tennis, and Cross Country teams. Outside of school, Makayla has volunteered with the March of Dimes, I Man I Can Food Drive, the Ronald McDonald House and is active in her Church youth group. After finishing

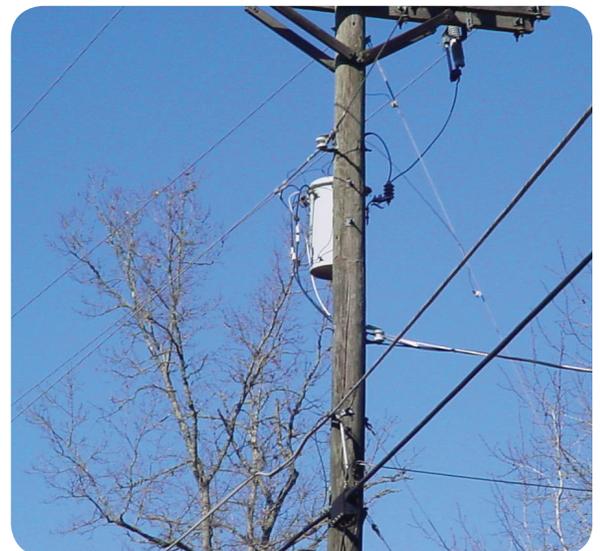
school, Makayla hopes to become a Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force.

# Joint Use Pole Attachment Audit .....

Tri-County EMC has contracts that allow cable and telephone companies to attach their equipment to power poles in order to deliver their services to customers in our service area. Every five years, Tri-County performs an audit of our poles to confirm what equipment is on each pole. From April until November of this year, X-line Utility Services will be performing an audit of the pole attachments on our entire system. These workers will check each pole in our service area to see what attachments are present, and what attachments have been removed.

X-Line contractors will have the Tri-County EMC logo displayed on their vehicle, ID badges identifying them as X-line employees and Tri-County contractors, and a letter explaining why they are on the property. While these workers may need to be on your property to check a pole, they have no reason to be inside your home.

If you have any questions regarding a Tri-County EMC employee or contractor on your property, contact us at 1.866.254.8100.



# Stay Cool in Warmer Weather

## Maintain air filters and HVAC equipment

Well-maintained equipment runs more efficiently, so replace or clean filters as needed. Units that are overcharged or have low coolant levels will cost you more in the long run. Be sure to have your air conditioning unit serviced every 1-2 years. (82854001)

## Set your thermostat as high as is comfortable

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be. Setting your thermostat at the recommended temperature of 78°F instead of 72°F can save 6-18% on your cooling bill.

## Install a programmable thermostat

A programmable 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. The thermostat automatically resets according to your instructions.

## Plant trees or shrubs for shade

A good landscaping plan can do wonders. For instance, properly placed trees around the house can save you between \$100 and \$250 annually on your electric bill. Plant deciduous trees that will grow high, spreading their branches over the south side of your house. On the west side, plant trees with lower crowns to block the afternoon sun.

## Draw your drapes

Keep your blinds, shades and curtains closed on the south and west-facing windows during the day to block the heat of direct sunlight.

## Stop cool air from escaping

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



## Properly insulate your attic

Install recommended levels of insulation to lower heating and cooling costs. Attic temperatures can get up to 140°F.

## Install ceiling fans

A ceiling fan can make a room feel 6 or 7 degrees cooler while using less energy than a 100-watt light bulb. Remember to only run fans only when people are present in the room; ceiling fans cool people, not the air.

## Go oven-less at meal time

Grill outside when possible. When you need to prepare small portions of food, use the microwave, toaster or a counter-top grill, all of which use less energy than a full-sized oven.

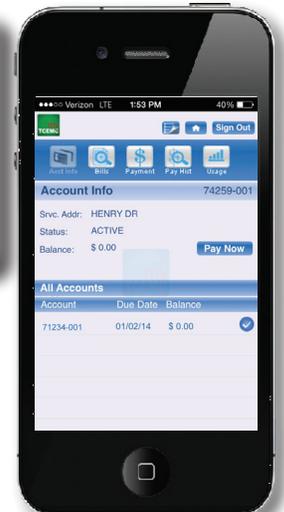
# myTCEMC App

## Your Account At Your Fingertips

Have you downloaded the myTCEMC app? The myTCEMC mobile app allows you to access your Tri-County EMC account 24-hours a day. Use the app to view your energy usage, make secure payments, view your payment history, report an outage and contact us via email or phone. The app is completely free to download and install.

### To Download:

Search for Tri-County EMC on the Apple™ or Android™ market and look for the logo pictured here on the right and click download. Once downloaded, your Tri-County EMC account will be right at your fingertips.



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Find your complete account number in this issue of *Current Lines* and win a \$50 bill credit. Call 478.986.8126 to claim your bill credit.

# Now Accepting Applications for Cooperative Couples Conference.....

Tri-County EMC is now accepting applications for the Cooperative Couples Conference. This conference, scheduled for July 31 - August 2 on Lake Chatuge in Hiawassee, GA, is designed for young couples to network with leaders of cooperatives and learn the economic and service benefits of the cooperative business model. To learn more about the conference or to download an application, visit [tri-countyemc.com](http://tri-countyemc.com).

All applications are due to Tri-County EMC by June 15, 2015. (83094001)

## Did you know?

Properly hooking up your clothes dryer can help save on energy costs. The outdoor dryer exhaust door should close when the dryer is off. Check to make sure the dryer vent hose is tightly connected to the dryer and also to the inside wall fitting. The vent hose should not be kinked or clogged.

## Happy Memorial Day!

Tri-County EMC offices will be closed on **Monday, May 25** in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen **Tuesday, May 26** at 8:00 AM.

## Recipe Box

### Peach Dumplings

Thanks to Anne Shepherd of Putnam County for submitting this recipe. Did you know your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to [kimb@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:kimb@tri-countyemc.com) or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 large can of sliced peaches
- 2 tubes crescent rolls
- 2 sticks butter
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Dash of cinnamon
- 12 oz. can Mountain Dew

#### Directions:

Unroll crescent rolls and separate. Roll one or two peach slices in each roll. Place in a 9x13 inch buttered pan. In a separate pot, melt butter, add sugar, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour entire mixture over peach rolls. Pour Mt. Dew around edges of pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Spoon some of sweet sauce from pan over each serving and serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.



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