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Foundation Grants \$12,450 in March

In March 2016, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved 10 grant projects, totaling \$12,450 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities. The organizations that received funds this quarter are:

The Boys and Girls Club of Jones County: \$1,200 to purchase a bumper pool table and games for the youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Jones County.

Chard Wray Memorial Food Pantry: \$1,000 to purchase food for a food bank to go to people in need in Baldwin County.

Eatonton First United Methodist Church: \$2,500 to help provide food, clothes, school supplies and temporary housing for a Putnam County family that lost their home in a house fire.

Gray United Methodist Church: \$2,000 to purchase home repair materials for the River of Life program – a home repair youth mission project serving people in need in Jones and Wilkinson Counties.

Jones County 4-H Shotgun Team: \$200 to go towards tournament qualification fees and registration fees for team members.

Jones County Public Library: \$1,000 to purchase books and other materials for the library's summer reading program.

Lake Oconee FCA: \$1,750 to go towards the cost of sending students to leadership training camp during the summer.

Milledgeville First United Methodist Church: Funds to purchase materials to construct two wheelchair ramps for individuals in need in Baldwin County during the River of Life youth mission project.

Steffen Thomas Museum of Art: \$500 to allow students to participate in the museum's fall art program.

Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department: \$300 to purchase updated videos and training manuals to conduct CPR training in Jones County.

OPERATION ROUNDUP



Members participating in Operation Roundup round their bill to the next dollar and give that spare change to the Tri-County EMC Foundation.



Nonprofit organizations submit Operation Roundup Grant applications for funding for service projects. The Tri-County Foundation Board meets quarterly to evaluate the applications.



Operation Roundup Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations for worthy service projects in the Tri-County service area.



The Jones County Library plans to use the Operation Roundup Grant to support their summer reading program.

Delegates Chosen for Washington Youth Tour



Tri-County EMC has chosen two students to represent the co-op for Georgia EMC's Washington Youth Tour. Ariel Daniels and Matthew Dent will join 110 Georgia high school students on the week long leadership event this June. 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 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. (81928001)



Ariel Daniels is a senior at Baldwin County High School in Milledgeville. Ariel is a member of the marching band, where she currently serves as the assistant drum major. She has also been a member of the Beta Club, Book Club, Girl Scouts and numerous honor societies. After completing school, Ariel hopes to work as a lawyer for the U.S. Government.



Matthew Dent is a Junior at Gatewood School in Eatonton. He has served on the Student Government Association, Key Club, Anchor Club and Debate Team. He is also an avid athlete and has participated on the swim, soccer, golf and football teams. Outside of school, Matthew is active with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life and Rotary Club. Matthew also earned his Eagle Scout designation in May 2014.

Construction Underway for ourSolar

Construction on Tri-County EMC's IMW solar project in Putnam County is well underway, with project completion expected in early June. Energy from the project will provide affordable, no-risk access to solar energy for members electing to participate in the cooperative's ourSolar program.

Grading for the project was completed in April and racking and modules were delivered soon thereafter. The site will house more than 4,200 solar panels on about 7 acres and will provide the cooperative with more than 2,000,000 kWhs per year.

Signups for Tri-County's ourSolar program began on April 7, with more than 10% of the available blocks reserved in the first few days of the program. To sign up or to learn more about the program, visit our website at www.tri-countyemc.com/cooperativesolar.cms or call 478.986.8100.



Play it Safe Around Electricity

Now that school is almost out for summer, kids will soon spend their days outside playing in the yard or may move their games inside to keep cool. We encourage you to be mindful of the dangers of electricity and to share electrical safety tips with your children.

Electrical Outlets

Thousands of children are treated in hospitals each year for injuries resulting from inserting metal objects into electrical outlets. Plastic outlet protectors are a great way to protect smaller children from outlets, but installing electrical outlets designed to remain closed until a plug is inserted is a safer bet.

Extension Cords

Be sure to cover all unused outlets of an extension cord with outlet covers or electrical tape. Keep loose cords out of children's reach and out of the walking path. Cords within the child's reach pose a choking hazard, while cords on the ground could cause a child to trip and fall.

Flying Kites

Always fly kites in open areas away from power lines and busy streets. If a kite does get tangled in a power line, drop the string and walk away.

Equipment

Stay away from pad-mount transformers, substation fences and any other electrical equipment. If for some reason a ball or other toy ends up inside a substation, do not attempt to climb the fence to retrieve it. Substations are locked because dangerous, high-voltage equipment is inside.

Climbing Trees

Don't climb trees near power lines. Live wires touching tree limbs pose a risk of electric shock for children climbing on them. (84511002)



Contact Information Update

Is your contact information up-to-date in our system? An updated phone number is an important tool for you and the co-op. When calling in to report an outage or to manage your account, a correct phone number can be quickly identified in our system, speeding up your call.

Update your phone number by giving us a call at 1.866.254.8100 or visit our website at www.tri-countyemc.com/contact_information_update.cms.



Annual Meeting Survey Results

Earlier this year, we conducted a survey of our membership to ensure our annual meeting and election process was meeting the needs of our members. Based on the 342 responses, we determined that most members get their cooperative news outside the annual meeting and vote online or by mail. Taking the survey results into account, the 2016 annual meeting will be held on a weekday afternoon in October.

Drawing Winner:

All members that completed a survey were entered to win a \$100 bill credit. Congratulations to James Benson, winner of the survey drawing.

**Did you find your
account number?**

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 29 - August 1 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/couplesconference.cms.

All applications are due to Tri-County EMC by June 15, 2016. (59929001)

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 30** in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen **Tuesday, May 31** at 8:00 AM.

Recipe Box

Lemon Peach Salad

Thanks to Fannie Batchelor of Baldwin County for submitting 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.

Ingredients:

- 1 (3oz.) box of lemon Jello™
- 1 (16oz.) can peaches, cut into small pieces
- 1 cups CoolWhip™
- 1 (12 oz.) carton of small curd cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup of finely chopped pecans (optional)

Directions:

Drain the juice from peaches and heat the juice to boiling. In a large bowl, add the juice to the Jello™ and stir until the Jello™ is dissolved. Cool until it is slightly congealed. Add the cottage cheese and peaches. Fold in CoolWhip™. Grease a salad mold lightly with mayonnaise and then pour mixture in. Refrigerate for two to three hours before serving.



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