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EMC

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MAY 2022

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## MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

*Play it safe around electricity.*

### **PREVENT ELECTRICAL OVERLOADS**

Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Warning signs of overloaded circuits include flickering, brightening or dimming lights, warm or discolored wall plates, frequently tripped circuit breakers or a mild shock from appliances, receptacles or switches. To prevent this, never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances. All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, and never plug more than one heat-producing appliance into the same wall plug at the same time.

### **STAY AWAY FROM ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**

Stay away from underground transformers, substation fences and any other electrical equipment. If for some reason a pet, ball, toy or anything else of yours ends up inside a substation, do not attempt to climb the fence to retrieve it. Contact the owner of the substation using the information listed on the gate for assistance. (22165001)

### **KIDS AND ELECTRICITY**

Keep children away from 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. 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.

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# WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Tri-County EMC is proud to present James Major Stanford of Putnam County with a 2022 Walter Harrison Scholarship. James Major is one of 14 winners selected from applicants across the state for one of this year's \$1,000 scholarships. This year, 77 applicants applied for one of these 14 scholarships.



The scholarship is merit-based, with applicants being evaluated on criteria such as GPA, SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, community involvement and financial need. The scholarship is eligible to be used at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in the state, including a vocational-technical institution. Applicants and their families must be members of Tri-County EMC and reside within the service area.

The scholarship is named in tribute to Mr. Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement and leader at the local, state and national levels in the electric cooperative program.

Since 1987, the Walter Harrison Scholarship has awarded over \$250,000 to 260 Georgia students, helping to ensure that students across the state have the opportunity to further their education.

Congratulations! We wish you the best of luck at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College!



**JAMES MAJOR STANFORD,  
WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

**NEED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION?**

[www.tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms)

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

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### **LABEL YOUR CIRCUITS**

When was the last time you checked that your circuit box was labeled correctly? Knowing which areas of your home are serviced by which circuit breakers is crucial in case of an emergency. You never know when you might need to shut off the power. Take a few minutes to correctly label the circuit breakers in your home so that you can be prepared if you experience an electrical short circuit.



### **EXTENSION CORD SAFETY**

When not used correctly, extension cords can overheat and cause fires. Be sure to thoroughly inspect the extension cord for any damage before using it. If your cord is not quite long enough for your project, do not attempt to plug extensions cords into one another to add length. Buying a longer cord is the safer option. Running cords through doorways, floors and under rugs will block heat from escaping the cord, posing a fire risk. We recommend relocating outlets when necessary rather than using extension cords. And when using cords outdoors, be sure to keep them away from water, and use a GFCI outlet.

### **BE AWARE WHEN WORKING OUTSIDE**

When working outside, be aware that there may be power lines above you and beneath you. If you are planning a project that requires digging, call 811 to get utility lines marked on your property so you know what areas to avoid. If you are working on your roof or trimming trees, be sure to stay at least 20 feet away from overhead power lines. Getting too close to a power line can be just as dangerous as touching a power line, as electricity can arc from the power line to a close object. (49437001)

### **CALL THE EXPERTS**

Doing at-home projects yourself instead of calling a professional can sometimes save you money. But with electricity, we recommend you call the professional. Important safety measures must be taken when working with electricity and even the slightest mistake can end in damage to your home or electrical shock. While it might not be the most cost-effective option, it may be the safer way to complete your project. (51407002)

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2022 ELECTION

*The Nominating Committee plays the important role of naming qualified candidates for election to expiring or open director seats*

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to nominate qualified director candidates residing in the post seat with an expiring term. In addition to nominating members themselves, they can also accept nominations from members outside the committee that would like to run for a director position. The 2022 Nominating Committee include the members below. Those interested in running for a director seat should contact one of the members below or Tri-County EMC at 478.986.8100 by June 1, 2022.

**DISTRICT 1:**  
Jones & Bibb

Emory Crumbley  
Brent Miller  
Laura Hardwick

**DISTRICT 2:**  
Putnam, Jasper & Morgan

Ken Farr  
Carol Guthrie  
Joe Swift

**DISTRICT 3:**  
Baldwin, Wilkinson & Twiggs

Chauncey Keaton  
Jack Brock  
Kevin Pope

## HOW TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

*Ever wonder how the Board of Directors election process works for your co-op? Here's an overview of director qualifications and steps taken to be on the ballot.*

### QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE ON THE TRI-COUNTY EMC BOARD:

(Reference: Bylaws Section 4.02 Qualifications)

- Member cannot be a “close relative” of an incumbent director or an employee of the cooperative. As used in these bylaws, “close relative” means a person who is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, or niece, by blood or in law, of the principal.
- Member must have a permanent residence served by Tri-County EMC
- Candidate must be a member for at least 2 years prior to the election
- Member must have the legal capacity to enter into contracts in the State of Georgia
- Former Tri-County EMC employees must wait two years before being eligible to serve on the board
- Member cannot be employed by or have any financial interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative

### HOW TO GET ON THE BALLOT:

(Reference: Bylaws Section 4.06 Nominations)

To meet the qualifications to have your name placed on the ballot you must satisfy one of the options below by:

- Being nominated by the Nominating Committee to be included on the ballot for the election. The Nominating Committee will meet no less than 120 days prior to the annual meeting. A list of Nominating Committee members can be found above.
- Submitting a petition signed by 50 fellow members. No electronic signatures accepted. Petitions must be submitted to the Nominating Committee no less than 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting on October 20.

## ACCOUNT NUMBER

Did you find your account number? 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

## PECAN COBBLER

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 Tablespoons butter
- 2 cup pecans
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, split
- 1 ½ cup self-rising flour
- 1 ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 ½ cup hot water

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Add butter to a 9×13 in. cake pan or casserole dish and melt in oven. Once butter is melted, sprinkle pecans over butter. In a bowl, mix flour, granulated sugar, ½ tsp. cinnamon, milk and vanilla. Stir to combine. Pour batter over butter and pecans, do not mix. Combine brown sugar with ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle brown sugar over batter, do not stir. Pour the hot water over the mixture, do not stir. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Cobbler will not be firm. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.



*This recipe is courtesy of Georgia Grown. 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 Tri-County EMC at P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.*

## 3 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER



**1** Cook outside to reduce indoor heat



**2** Use solar lights to illuminate pathways and other outdoor spaces



**3** Maintain pool and spa pumps and clean filters regularly

## OFFICES CLOSED

Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.



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**Ray Grinberg, CEO**

### Board of Directors

**Brenda P. Green, Chairman**  
**Sammy Hall, Vice-Chairman**  
**Thomas Noles, Secretary/Treasurer**  
**George "Buck" Comer, Dan Greene,**  
**Chap Nelson, Marion Nelson,**  
**Cecil Patterson, Mike Rainey**

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