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On The Ballot Your Cooperative's 2017 Election

Each year, Tri-County EMC holds a membership meeting along with an election. This year's Annual Meeting is Thursday, October 19 at 2:00 PM. This year, directors in Post 1 of Districts 1, 2 & 3 are up for re-election. Because cooperatives are owned by the members they serve, it is crucial for members to take part in the election each year to ensure the cooperative is run in a way that best serves its members.

POST 1 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

CAST YOUR VOTE

DISTRICT 1
Jones, Bibb & Twigg



Dan Greene is co-cowner of D.C. Greene's Construction and the manager of Cheehaw Creek Quail Plantation. He has also worked in the dairy business throughout his life and was the co-owner of Greene Brother's Dairy, which he purchased from his father, from 1977-2006. Dan is a graduate of Jones County High School and graduated from the University of Georgia. He and his wife, Beth, attend Bradley Baptist Church.

Tri-County EMC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19 at 2:00 PM**. You do not have to attend the annual meeting in order to vote. If you enrolled in online voting before August 30, your voting information will be emailed to you on September 19. If you did not enroll to vote online, you will receive a ballot in the mail by the first week of October. Your paper ballot can be returned via mail to the address provided on the ballot, dropped off at either office by 11:00 AM on October 19 or at the Annual Meeting if you plan to attend. All members that cast a vote will be entered to win a \$500 cash prize.

DISTRICT 2
Jasper, Morgan & Putnam



Brenda P. Green owned and managed her electrical construction contracting firm for 23 years. Prior to that, she began her career in the EMC world working for Pataula EMC and Oglethorpe Power Corporation. She is a Credentialed Cooperative Director – a certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). She currently serves as Chairman of Tri-County EMC and has served on the boards of Central Georgia Technical College and Central Georgia Christian Food Bank. She and her husband, James, attend Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church.

Cast your
vote for a
chance to
win \$500!

DISTRICT 3
Baldwin & Wilkinson



Sammy Hall is a retired educator of 31 years with the Baldwin County School System. He is a member of the Baldwin County Association of Educators, Baldwin County Board of Commissioners and the Milledgeville Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hall graduated from Georgia Military College, Georgia College, and earned Specialist and Master's degrees from the University of Georgia. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). He and his wife, Linda, attend First Baptist Church in Milledgeville.

Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2:00 PM
Find More Election Information at
www.tri-countyemc.com/election.cms
or call us at 1.866.254.8100

Evaluate Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Getting the most for your energy dollar is important. You want a comfortable home with good indoor air quality and reasonable energy bills. By using information and guidelines from our online Energy Efficiency Center, you can do simple things to cut down your energy usage. For homes with greater challenges, it might be time to call in the experts.

ONLINE ENERGY TOOLS

In the online Energy Efficiency Center, you will find 7 different tools designed specifically to help you lower your energy usage. From calculators to interactive energy use diagrams, these tools can help you save money on your electric bill.

Billing Insights:

This calculator will break down your energy usage using your bills and will allow you to perform energy saving scenarios to pinpoint your opportunities for savings.

Appliance Calculator:

This calculator gives you an estimate of what your home's appliances cost to operate.



Lighting Calculator:

This calculator compares the cost to operate incandescent lamps to halogen, fluorescent and LED bulbs.



Home Energy Library:

This tool will explain different energy terms and answer other energy related questions.



Interactive Energy Home:

This interactive home tells you how and where energy is used in the home and how to use energy wisely.

Space Heater Calculator:

This will detail the monthly cost of running space heaters in your home.

Television Calculator:

This calculator will compare energy usage and cost of LCD, DLP, Plasma and traditional tube TVs.



www.tri-countyemc.com/energy-calculator.cms

IN-HOME ENERGY AUDIT

Tri-County EMC offers free No Sweat Energy Audits, a comprehensive analysis of your home, to all customers. An Energy Audit will examine your HVAC units, duct systems, insulation, ventilation, water heating and appliance usage. After the audit, you will receive a written report detailing recommended upgrades and suggestions for lowering your energy bill. Homeowners experiencing unreasonably low comfort and high bills will benefit from an in-home audit. Visit www.tri-countyemc.com/efficiency-energy-audits.cms or call 1.866.254.8100 to learn more.



ENERGY TIPS

Did you know setting your thermostat to 78°F instead of 72°F in the summer can save 6-18% on your cooling bill? This, along with many other energy tips, are included on our website. This list includes simple things you can do around the house to lower your energy use. For more in-depth explanations of the tips, look for links to our Energy Audit Man Videos on Facebook and Twitter and at tri-countyemc.com/energy-saving-tips.cms



What's Your Bright Idea?

Teacher's Grant Applications Due December 7



The Bright Ideas grant program, sponsored by Tri-County EMC, provides grants for teachers to improve education in local classrooms through innovative projects in grades Pre-K through 12 that would not otherwise be funded. Georgia certified public or private school teachers in grades Pre-K through 12 in Baldwin, Jones, Putnam, Twiggs and Wilkinson counties qualify.



Since 2008, Tri-County EMC has provided more than \$180,000 in grants to local schools. Funds for the Bright Ideas grants come from unclaimed capital credits that otherwise would have been surrendered to the state. The grants are open to all subjects. Projects will be judged based on innovation, goals, learning objectives, student involvement and budget.

Individual projects can be funded up to \$1,500. Teachers are limited to one grant proposal per year. Grants will be awarded based on merit and must be used within 18 months of the issue date. Applicants may be asked to provide a follow up report about the funded project.



All applications must be completed online at www.tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms by midnight on Thursday, December 7 to be considered for funding. For questions about the program or application process, please contact Kim Broun at 478.986.8126 or kimb@tri-countyemc.com. (67163001)

Energy Usage Monitors Available

The Kill AWatt™ energy usage monitor allows you to reduce your energy costs by identifying the appliances or electric devices that use the most energy. By plugging an appliance into the Kill A Watt™, it will assess how costly or efficient the unit really is. The LCD screen will tell you exactly how many kWhs of electricity are being used.

Tri-County members can borrow a Kill A Watt™ Energy Usage Monitor from the cooperative for 30 days at no charge. If at the end of those 30 days the unit is not returned, the member will be charged \$19.95 + tax for the cost of the device. Members can also purchase the device for that same price. For more information, please contact us at 1.866.254.8100 or visit either office location. (82737001)



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Scholarship Applications Due October 15

Earn Funds for College Through Operation Roundup!

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. (66028001)

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**.

To learn more about the Operation Roundup scholarship and other opportunities for students, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms. For more information, contact Kim Broun at 478.986.8126 or kimb@tri-countyemc.com.



Recipe Box

Cutie Quiches with Ham, Cheese & Spinach

Thanks to Karen Powers of Jones 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:

- Cooking spray
- 2 tbsps. diced ham
- 2 tbsps. shredded Swiss cheese
- 2 tbsps. thawed frozen spinach, drained well
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup whole milk

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 12 cup mini-muffin pan with cooking spray. In a small bowl, combine ham, swiss cheese and spinach. Divide the mixture among muffin cups. Then, in a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Divide the egg mixture evenly among muffin cups. Bake until golden brown and cooked throughout - about 20 minutes. This recipe makes 12 mini quiches.



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