



The GreyStone Connection

THE POWER OF MEMBER CONNECTIONS



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Miller's Minute

On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day. That's something your co-op does every day.

In 2001, GreyStone and 15 other electric cooperatives created Green Power EMC, dedicated to bringing renewable, environmentally friendlier power to our members. Since then, 23 additional Georgia co-ops have joined.

A new alliance with Advanced Disposal and Energy Systems Group will add 4.8 megawatts (MW), raising Green Power EMC's renewable energy portfolio to 32 MW. The Valdosta plant converts landfill gas into energy, a win for the environment, energy users and the landfill.

Utility energy efficiency programs have helped members and customers save 1,171 billion kWh of electricity nationally, enough to power 102 million U.S. homes for one year. Billions have been spent to reduce coal plant emissions, resulting in 70 percent reductions in sulfur dioxides and nitrogen oxides over the past 30 years.

On April 22, let's celebrate our progress!

- Gary

Gary Miller, President/CEO



Preparation vs. reaction: Do you have a game plan?

by AMANDA BUSBY, Editor

Spring brings April showers and May flowers. Then, just around the corner is our friend, summer. It's the time kids adore and parents have to prepare for. Yes, prepare for!

Think about it for a second—we have to plan our vacations, who's going to keep the kids while school is out, summer chores and fun activities for the family. Without the preparation, summer would be no fun and many household chores would not get done.

One thing we often forget about during this preparation is how costly the summer months can be when the kids are out of school.

Lights are left on in every room, all the TVs in the house are on, the microwave is used about 10 times a day and loads of clothes are constantly circulating through the laundry room, not to mention the fact that the air conditioner has to run full force all day. That boils down to a lot of energy use.

Now is the time to start thinking about your energy game plan. By performing your own personal energy audit and teaching your family good energy-saving tips, you

can prepare for the summer season.

GreyStone's summer rate schedule will go into effect June 1 and run through Oct. 31. The higher rates help recover higher costs that are caused by increased demand for electricity during the hotter months and the need to generate more power using additional facilities. The less you use, the more you save!

When compared with other EMCs across the state, GreyStone ranks fifth lowest in the 2012 summer residential rate survey, and seventh in the 2013

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Big ideas can lead to big savings. Do your research and see how GreyStone's rates compare to others around the state at www.psc.state.ga.us.

Game plan

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winter survey of EMCs, according to the Georgia Public Service Commission. The survey ratings are based on use of 1,000 kWh monthly and compares 42 EMCs.

To help you with your game plan, we have provided numerous resources to help you save on your energy bill. A free energy-savings guide is viewable online at www.greystonepower.com. You can also access hundreds of energy efficiency tips and how-to videos at www.togetherwesave.com.

If you have tried these tips and are still not seeing a difference on your bill, give us a call. Let one of our qualified Energy Services representatives perform a free energy audit on your home. To schedule an appointment, call 770-370-2070.

Qualified members seeking an additional game plan can level out their monthly electric costs over a 12-month period with GreyStone's Levelized Billing Plan. For more information, visit www.greystonepower.com.



Pre-thanks for Prepaid

Are you currently signed up for our prepaid service? You are? Well, we want to say thanks! We have heard from many of you and love the wonderful stories about how our prepaid service has allowed you to better manage your energy use. We are happy that you are enjoying the convenience of paying for service as you go without having to worry about a deposit.

We want you to know we are proud of your efforts to become more energy efficient. We are thankful that we can help you manage your bill in a more efficient way with the use of myusage.com, which allows you to get your up-to-the-minute account balance any time you want. By monitoring your energy consumption on a regular basis, we hope you have noticed patterns, such as a houseguest, or a vacation where less energy is being used. Monitoring and controlling your daily usage can help keep your electricity use down, lowering your costs.

GreyStone board gears up for election

Three seats on the GreyStone Board of Directors are up for election in 2013. Winners will be announced Oct. 12 at the Annual Meeting of Members.

Eligible members may become a candidate by being nominated by the Nominating Committee, or by nomination by petition of members. To be considered by the Nominating Committee, call 770-370-2066 for a nomination form, or print the online application at www.greystonepower.com. Return completed form to GreyStone by Friday, April 12. Mail completed applications to Nancy Lewis, GreyStone Power, P.O. Box 897, Douglasville, GA 30133.

A member may also be placed on the ballot by submitting a petition signed by 50 or more GreyStone

members of record (the name must appear on the electric bill). Call 770-370-2066 to request a petition or print the online petition at www.greystonepower.com. The deadline to submit the completed petition to GreyStone is Thursday, July 4, by 5 p.m.

All nominees are subject to a criminal background check, must live within the geographic boundary of the district they seek and meet all other conditions of eligibility.

Candidates desiring to have their name and biographical information included in the Annual Meeting ballot edition must submit information in the format and manner required by the Credentials and Elections Committee by Friday, July 5. If you are unable to determine the district



in which you reside, or need additional information, call GreyStone's independent legal counsel, Steve Minor, at 770-214-5108.

Directors currently seeking reelection this year are Jennifer DeNyse, District 5, Carroll, Douglas; Ed Garrard, District 9, Cobb; and Charles Rutland, District 3, Douglas, Paulding counties.

Do It Yourself

Ask the Expert

The power to know you can accomplish a task set before you is a wonderful feeling; especially when you or your significant other can use the opportunity to brag about the work you've done.

You now feel empowered, invincible and unstoppable! Since you are on a roll, let's keep it going. With the HomePlus Loan program, brought to you by GreyStone Power and GEMC Federal Credit Union, you can now finance certain energy-efficient home improvements for as little as 2.9 percent APR* (Annual Percentage Rate)!



Home improvements that are eligible for financing through the program include improvements to central heat pump and air conditioners, heat pump water heaters, solar water heating systems with electric backup and replacement windows. These items must be ENERGY STAR-rated for energy savings. Improvements may also be made to ductwork, insulation and other weatherization products.

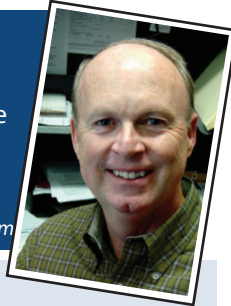
Getting started

If you're not quite sure where you should start, how about with a home energy audit! Perform a home energy audit to see if there are any problems within your home and what improvements need to be made. You can download a do-it-yourself form or request an in-home audit at www.greystonepower.com or schedule an appointment to have one of our Residential Energy Services representatives perform the audit for you by calling 770-370-2070.

Once you've decided on the improvements, you can begin the loan process for a HomePlus Loan by contacting GEMC Federal Credit Union to

Mark your calendar for our next EE101 on April 9! For more info, or to register, call 770-370-2252.

www.greystonepower.com



Rudy Echols
Energy Services Manager

start your application at 770-949-3557.

Completion of work

If you are equipped, you can do the work yourself or you can hire a contractor. GreyStone will verify the completion of the improvements. You will then sign your loan documents and the check will be made payable to both you and the contractor.

**The 2.9 percent APR option is limited to GreyStone Power members only and will continue until funds are depleted.*

DIY top three

1. Check your home's insulation and air tightness in the attic. An insulation contractor may be required to assist. Weather stripping may need to be added or replaced to access and wall doors.
2. Replace old inefficient windows and doors with ones that are insulated. Make sure they are properly caulked and weather stripped.
3. Replace dirty air filters on a regular basis. Dirty or stopped-up filters will cause the heating and cooling system to use more energy and even damage your equipment.



GET EQUIPPED WITH DO-IT-YOURSELF SKILLS AND LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILL

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013,
6:30-8:30 p.m.
GreyStone Power Auditorium
4040 Bankhead Hwy.,
Douglasville**

Seats are limited so reserve yours now! Seminar is for adults only. No children, please, as they may disturb someone else trying to learn.

For more information about EE101, call 770-370-2252.



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Lineman delivers baby

Have you ever wondered what you would do in an emergency situation? Would you freak out, pass out or be cool, calm and collected? For Apprentice Lineman IV Shane Copeland, he remained calm as he got the call from his wife, Jennifer, at 1:30 p.m. that she was in labor and her contractions were just five minutes apart.

Shane finished his lunch and wrapped things up at work so he could head home to check on Jennifer. By the time he walked

in the door at 3:50 p.m., everything began moving at a much faster pace. With a quick call to 911, Shane went into emergency mode. By 4:10 p.m., their second daughter Palin Grace was born. Using a shoestring from a nearby sneaker, Shane was able to tie off the umbilical cord, allowing Palin to begin breathing on her own.

Shane credits the successful delivery to his safety training at GreyStone which taught him to remain cool, calm and collected during emergency situations.



Shane Copeland, Apprentice Lineman IV, delivers his second born, Palin Grace.

Pinterest Pick

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE PARFAIT

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of strawberries
- 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 12 ounces of cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 2 teaspoons Amaretto
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Mint sprigs, for garnish

Instructions:

Slice the strawberries into a bowl and

sprinkle with one tablespoon of sugar. Toss and set aside.

Mix the graham cracker crumbs with the melted butter and one tablespoon of sugar.

Beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth. Add the sour cream, confectioners' sugar and Amaretto and beat until combined.

In another bowl, whip the cream until stiff peaks form. Fold into the cream cheese mixture.

Assemble Parfaits:

Place about a tablespoon of the graham cracker mixture in the bottom of your



glasses. Layer some of the cheesecake filling in the glasses, then some of the strawberry topping and sprinkle some more of the graham cracker mixture on top. (Amounts will vary according to how many you make.) Repeat layers and top with mint. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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