

# THE GREYSTONE REPORT

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## Treat mom or dad with your Co-op Card!



With Mother's Day this month and Father's Day in June, now may be a good time for you to take advantage of some Co-op Connections® Card (CCC) retail discounts. Saving money is so simple—just show your CCC at any one of the more than 340 participating retailers.

From florists and jewelry shops in Douglasville to car and motorcycle shops in Dallas, the CCC program offers a great variety of business discounts. You're sure to find something that mom or dad will love!

You can shop local or visit one of the national retailers available at [www.connections.coop/greystonepower](http://www.connections.coop/greystonepower). National deals include offers from Six Flags, ProFlowers, Lands' End and Omaha Steaks. Check out the latest local offers on page four!

Need a card? You may request a plastic card or key fob by calling 770-370-2383.

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## Ancillary services offer benefits beyond power

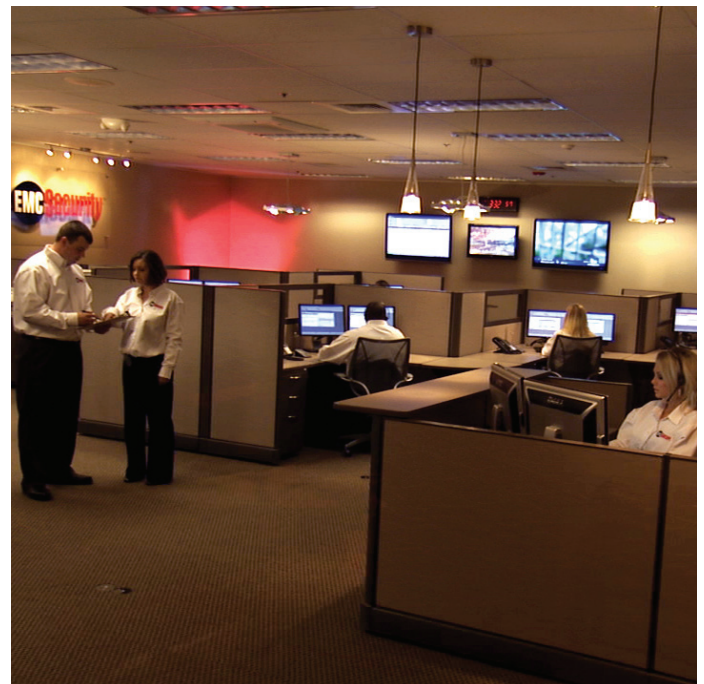
When you think of GreyStone Power, you may picture our world champion linemen working on power lines, or the friendly cashier who greets you at the office. They both play important roles in keeping your lights on. And since you're part of a cooperative, you can expect service that goes beyond keeping your lights on. Ancillary services such as GEMC Federal Credit Union (GEMC FCU), EMC Security and Gas South offer added value for GreyStone members and their families.

Anyone receiving electric power from GreyStone is eligible to be a member of GEMC FCU, and the member's family may also join. There is a one-time \$10 non-refundable membership fee to join the credit union. For a limited time, if you show your Co-op Connections® Card when you open a new checking and savings account, your \$10 membership fee will be waived, and you will receive a free gift!

If you plan to vacation this summer,

GEMC FCU offers a vacation loan with guaranteed low rates and easy repayment terms. A VISA platinum or classic credit card can also help you make your dream vacation a reality. If you want to put aside a little money each pay period for your vacation, the credit union offers a vacation savings account that can help you finance your trip. Make sure you're covered when you're gone with travel notes on debit and credit

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*With EMC Security's monitoring service, your home security system will be monitored by a local 24-hour, state-of-the-art facility for just \$16.95 a month with no contract.*

# Ancillary services

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accounts. For more information or to apply for any vacation products, visit [www.gemc.org](http://www.gemc.org) or call 770-949-3557.

EMC Security gives you peace of mind at home, or away from home. The company, which offers home security and alarm monitoring for homes and businesses, is owned in equal parts by GreyStone Power and two other electric cooperatives—Jackson EMC and Walton EMC.

Get 24-hour protection with no long-term contract for just \$16.95 a

month! EMC Security has the fastest response times in the industry and will help protect against burglary, fire and even power failure. The company also offers free on-site consultations to ensure you're quoted a home security system that's right for your home.

EMC Security can give you total control of your home's systems. With the company's unique Secure Path™ technology, you are connected to your home security, cameras, lighting and HVAC systems—with or without a phone line! Call 770-963-0305, or visit [www.emcsecurity.com](http://www.emcsecurity.com) to learn more.

Gas South is another ancillary service that benefits GreyStone members

with savings. Gas South is Georgia's fastest-growing natural gas provider since 2008, serving more than 250,000 residential, business and governmental customers throughout the state.

Switch to Gas South and receive a two-cent per therm discount off great everyday low rates, outstanding local customer service, easy-to-use online account management, and special perks and exclusive discounts to neighborhood businesses and local attractions. Visit [www.gas-south.com/greystone](http://www.gas-south.com/greystone) or call 1-866-563-8129 and mention promo code 510 to sign up, or enroll your current Gas South account and start saving today!

## Think green and support Green Power EMC

GreyStone and 38 other electric membership corporations (EMCs) in Georgia work together to produce cleaner, greener energy through Green Power EMC. Founded in 2001, Green Power EMC uses green resources such as biomass, solar, wind and water to generate electricity.

Members can contribute to the program by signing up to buy one or more green power blocks. Each 150 kilowatt-hour (kWh) block adds \$5 to the member's monthly power bill. An investment of an additional two blocks per month on your power bill buys enough green power to equal the environmental benefits of planting an acre of trees in Georgia. Sign up for green power at [www.greystonepower.com](http://www.greystonepower.com).

Renewable energy produced by Green Power EMC is added to the overall energy mix. This means that when you buy green power, it is not delivered directly to your home, but you are helping to invest in environmentally friendly ways to generate power. A portion of every renewable kWh purchased is allocated to the development of green power resources.

GreyStone receives green power from biomass, which includes landfill gas and agricultural wastes. The impact of 1 megawatt of electricity generated by a Green Power EMC landfill gas-fueled power station in one year is equivalent to taking 10,408 cars off the road or planting 14,831 acres of forest.

GreyStone's Green Power program is certified by Green-e Energy™. When you buy renewable energy that is Green-e Energy certified, you are supporting new renewable resources that were built since 1997. Visit [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org) to learn more.

PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL			
The product is sold in blocks of 150 kilowatt-hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.			
Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>3</sup> Renewables in GreyStone Power Green Power Program	Generation Location		
	2012 <sup>1</sup>	2013 <sup>2</sup>	
-Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
-Geothermal	0%	0%	
-Eligible hydroelectric <sup>4</sup>	0%	0%	
-Solar	0%	0%	
-Wind	0%	0%	
TOTAL	100%	100%	
<p>1. The 2012 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending Dec. 31, 2012.</p> <p>2. The 2013 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased during the preceding year.</p> <p>3. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after Jan. 1, 1997.</p> <p>4. Eligible hydroelectric facilities are defined in the Green-e Energy National Standard (<a href="http://www.green-e.org/getcert_re_stan.shtml">http://www.green-e.org/getcert_re_stan.shtml</a>) and include facilities certified by the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) (<a href="http://www.lowimpacthydro.org">www.lowimpacthydro.org</a>); facilities that are run-of-the-river hydropower facilities with a total rated nameplate capacity equal to or less than 5 MW; and facilities comprised of a turbine in a pipeline or a turbine in an irrigation canal.</p> <p>For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying GreyStone Power includes: Coal (39.4%), nuclear (12.6%), oil (0.1%), natural gas (43.7%), hydroelectric (0.1%), and other (4.1%).</p> <p>The average home in the United States uses 900 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EPA]</p> <p>For specific information about this electricity product, please contact GreyStone Power, 770-942-6576, <a href="http://www.greystonepower.com/Content/Green_Power_Mission.asp">www.greystonepower.com/Content/Green_Power_Mission.asp</a>.</p>			

*GreyStone's Green Power program is certified by Green-e Energy™, which means that the program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Green-e is the nation's leading voluntary certification program for renewable energy.*

## Local students win big leadership opportunity in Washington

Next month, five high school juniors will embark on the Washington Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid leadership trip sponsored by GreyStone and other electric membership corporations in Georgia.

Douglas County High School students Stephanie Pierre, Meaghan Shaughnessy and Maenishia Simmons, Hiram High School student Charmi Patel and Paulding County High School student Yee Aung were selected as winners of the trip. They will be among 106 high school students participating in the event set for June 13-20, with stops in Georgia and Washington, D.C. As Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to teach students about U.S. history, the role of government, and the importance of community and public service.

This year, 43 juniors from 13 schools in our area competed to secure a spot on the trip. Candi-

dates are student leaders chosen by counselors and staff from participating high schools. The winners earned the top scores on an exam that covered cooperatives, the history of rural electrification, electricity and U.S. government.

The trip will include historic attractions such as the Little White House in Warm Springs, and D.C. landmarks including the Smithsonian museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, Capitol, Washington Monument, and the FDR, Jefferson, World War II and Lincoln memorials.

The Washington Youth Tour was inspired by former president Lyndon Johnson who encouraged electric cooperatives "to send youngsters to the nation's capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

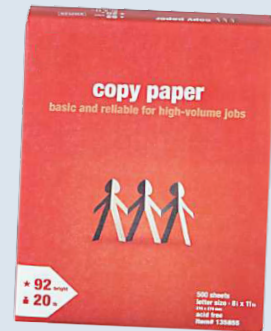
Learn more about youth opportunities, including scholarships, at [www.greystonepower.com](http://www.greystonepower.com).



Students Charmi Patel, Stephanie Pierre, Meaghan Shaughnessy, Maenishia Simmons and Yee Aung were congratulated by GreyStone President/CEO Gary Miller, at left, and Chairman of the Board of Directors Calvin Earwood.

## FACTOID:

One ream of paper:  
\$5.79



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Membership value:  
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\*Based on 2011 average residential member usage.



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The goal of this publication is to educate and keep you, our members, informed about the cooperative you own. Please send suggestions or ideas for articles to the editor.

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(To sign up)

**Green Power**

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# Treat mom or dad

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## Latest CCC offers:

**ElectraMedics Electrical Services**

Dallas . . . . . 770-439-7063  
*10% off any repair or installation up to \$300.*

**Georgia Renaissance Festival**

Fairburn. . . . . 770-964-8575  
*\$4 off adult ticket (reg. \$19.95) and \$2.95 off child ticket (reg. \$8.95). Use URL <http://garenfest.com/promo> and enter promo code GSPCC. Not to be combined with other offers.*

**Kreative Learning Resource Center, Inc.**

Marietta . . . . . 678-439-6136  
*Free registration (\$25 value).*

**Silverwood Recording Studios**

Douglasville . . . . . 678-653-1883  
*10% discount on all services offered.*

**E. Dennis A/C, Inc.**

Dallas . . . . . 770-941-3373  
*6% discount on any ENERGY STAR®-rated system; \$65 A/C service, which includes a one-inch pleated filter. (Additional charges apply for refrigerant, cleaning solutions or high efficiency filters.)*

**Casey Corporate Transportation**

Chattahoochee Hills . . . . . 404-688-5720  
*5% off all transportation services. Certain dates and events excluded. Use promo code COOP at time of reservation.*

**Tucker Davis Law, LLC**

Marietta . . . . . 770-618-3016  
*20% discount on all legal plans. (Addi-*

# Three board seats up for election

Three seats on the GreyStone Board of Directors are up for election this year. Eligible members may be nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition. The deadline to turn in an application for nomination by the Nominating Committee was April 12, but there is still time to be placed on the ballot by petition.

A member may submit a petition signed by 50 or more GreyStone members of record, meaning the member's name is listed on the electric bill. Call 770-370-2066 to request a petition or print it from [www.greystonepower.com](http://www.greystonepower.com).

The deadline to submit the

completed petition to GreyStone is Thursday, July 4, by 5 p.m. GreyStone's office will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day.

Candidates who wish to have their name and biographical information 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.

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

*tional cost for filing fees not included in quoted plan prices.)*

## Updated offers:

**Colbert/Ball Tax Services**

Atlanta . . . . . 404-629-1414  
*25% off tax preparation fees.*

**Emerald Pelican LLC (beachfront condo)**

Winston . . . . . 770-313-1994  
*10% off Florida beach condo rental.*

**Mary Kay Cosmetics: Dana Weeks**

Dallas . . . . . 404-863-2267  
*25% off first purchase; 25% off all additional purchases. Cannot be combined*

*with additional offers. Must mention card to receive discount.*

**Six Flags Over Georgia/White Water**

Atlanta/Marietta . . . . . 404-863-2267  
*Special online pricing for individual tickets for juniors (under 48") and adults at \$35.50. Season pass price with card is \$60. Purchase online at [www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia](http://www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia). Use promo code [gspower13](http://www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia).*

**GEMC Federal Credit Union**

Douglasville, Dallas . . . . . 770-949-3557  
*Show your card when you open a new checking and savings account to receive a free gift and have your \$10 membership fee waived.*