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Save on your summer vacation



If you plan on taking a summer vacation, take the Co-op Connections® Card (CCC) with you. Father's Day is this month, so be sure to take the CCC along for dinner with dad. When you present your card at participating local and national retailers, you save money.

The CCC gives you great incentives for a summer getaway—like national discount offers on rental car companies and hotels. Because the CCC program is a national benefit for Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, you can show your card at any participating local business across the country for a discount. Participating businesses often have window or cash register stickers to let co-op members know that they offer CCC discounts.

To view local and national business discounts, visit www.connections.coop. Need a card? You may request a plastic card or

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Take action and lower your power bill this summer!

Summer temperatures often bring higher electric bills, but there are simple steps you can take around the house to save energy. By making your home more energy efficient, you can increase your comfort and save money. GreyStone encourages members to learn more about how their energy dollars are spent and then take action.

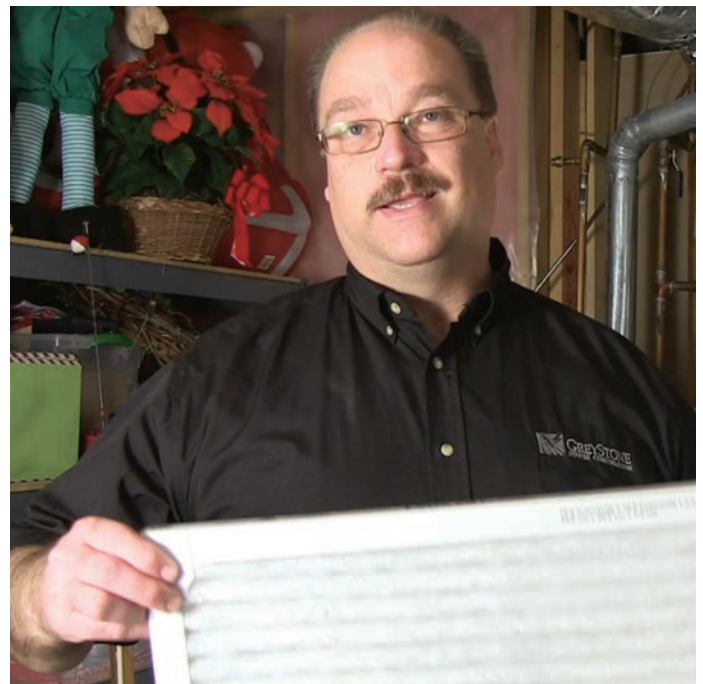
Checking your home's insulation levels is important in determining how much energy is wasted through your attic, windows, doors, floors, walls and fireplaces. Insulation is measured in R-value, and higher R-values mean more effective insulation. A minimum R-value of 38 is recommended for your attic. Typically, 40 percent or more of your home's energy is lost through the attic, so insulating this area should be a priority when making energy efficiency upgrades to your home. GreyStone recommends that you contact an insulation contractor to discuss your home's insulation needs.

Setting your ther-

mostat for 78 degrees or higher in the summer will also help you control your power bill. Each degree setting lower than 78 degrees in the summer can result in 3 to 5 percent more in energy costs. Programmable thermostats can help by automatically adjusting your temperature settings when you are asleep or away from home.

An important step in keeping your heating and cooling system running

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Changing your air filter regularly can save you energy dollars. Visit our YouTube page at www.youtube.com/greystonepower to watch a video about purchasing and installing air filters.



Take action

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efficiently is to change your air filter regularly. You can benefit from using a disposable pleated filter, which can trap very small particles. Filters should be checked every month and changed when dirty, or approximately every three months. Dirty or stopped-up filters will cause your heating and cooling system to use more energy. Need help changing your air filter? Check out our video, "Changing Your Furnace Filter (Air Filter)," at www.youtube.com/greystonepower.

Be sure to have a licensed heating and cooling contractor service your heating and cooling system annually.

The contractor should check your refrigerant levels, cleaning coils and duct system.

GreyStone's self-service options give you another way to save money by being more energy efficient. Instead of driving to GreyStone's office to pay your bill, save your gas money and pay online at our website, www.greystonepower.com, or pay over the phone through our interactive voice response system. Save time paying your bills by signing up on our website for free automatic draft payments.

GreyStone's WIN BIG contest rewarded members who used self-service options from December 2012 through April 2013. Members who used any combination of select self-service options for a minimum of three

months during the promotional period were eligible for a random drawing. Member Joy Ashby was the grand-prize winner, and she will receive a bill credit of \$400! Stay tuned for our next WIN BIG contest, which will run again from July 1 to Oct. 31.

GreyStone members benefit from lower rates all year, and you can see how our rates compare on the Georgia Public Service Commission's (PSC) Residential Rate Surveys. For the PSC's summer 2012 survey, GreyStone ranked 14th lowest in cost out of the 95 power providers in Georgia, while Georgia Power ranked 89th. This comparison was done at 1,000 kilowatt-hours of power, which is closest to what an average member uses each month.

Linemen place in statewide rodeo competition

GreyStone's linemen competed in the annual Georgia Lineman's Rodeo last month, and the journeyman team of linemen Derek Carruth, Tim Costner, Jack Rider and coach/alternate Matt Orr earned the fifth place spot overall. Two other teams also had success, winning individual events for the electric membership corporation (EMC) division.

The journeyman team of Sam Albright, Josh Kirby and Taylor Shadrix with coach/alternate Steve Jenkins earned first place in the 8-Foot Wooden Crossarm Change event. The same team also won second place for the Mystery Event.

The team of Tony Brown, Patrick LeCroy and Matt Williams, with coach Josh Jones, earned second place for the 8-Foot Wooden Crossarm Change. The same team also won second place in the EMC division for the Lightning Arrestor Change event and third place for the Hurtman Rescue event.

Other participating GreyStone linemen included Marcus Aldridge,



From left, GreyStone linemen Matt Orr, Tim Costner, Jack Rider and Derek Carruth won fifth place overall at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo competition. On right, Brandon Wylie presented the awards.

Charles Camp, Jared Childers, Shane Copeland, Shane Crider, Matt Gilbert, Matt Ingram, Adam McCurdy, Bryn Speck, Clint Robinson, Travis Turner and Terry Queen.

Lineman's rodeos are a chance for linemen not only to show their climbing skills, but also to reinforce safe work practices. The competition is stiff,

and teams often practice for weeks. Last year, three teams of GreyStone Power linemen swept the top spots at the Georgia Lineman's Rodeo, and one GreyStone team went on to win the top spot at the International Lineman's Rodeo. This year's International Rodeo is Saturday, Oct. 19, in Bonner Springs, Kan.

Board elections give members a voice in the business of their co-op

GreyStone Power's members are the backbone of the cooperative, and their voices are vital in the elections process. This fall, members will vote for three positions on GreyStone's board of directors. The ability to choose the co-op's leadership reflects one of the seven cooperative principles that guide GreyStone—democratic member control. As a member, you are empowered to have a say in the business of your co-op.

On April 16, GreyStone's Nominating Committee met to select nominees for director seats from Districts 3, 5 and 9 for full three-year terms. Selected nominees are Charles Rutland, District 3, Douglas, Paulding; Jennifer DeNyse, District 5, Carroll, Douglas; and Ed Garrard, District 9, Cobb.

Any member of GreyStone who would like to serve on the board and was not nominated by the Nominating Committee may submit a petition to be placed on the ballot. The petition must be signed

by 50 or more GreyStone members. Those who sign the petition must be the member of record whose name is on the electric bill.

Completed petitions must be submitted to GreyStone on or before Thursday, July 4, by 5 p.m. GreyStone's office will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day. Call 770-370-2066 to request a petition or print the online petition at www.greystonepower.com. 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 who wish 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. For additional information, call GreyStone's independent legal counsel, Steve Minor, at 770-214-5108.



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Your voice counts in the cooperative business! GreyStone members vote in contested elections with a mail-in ballot. For uncontested elections, a voice vote is held at the co-op's Annual Meeting in October.

FACTOID:

One 9-pound bag of charcoal:

\$7.74



Powering your home for one day:

\$4.14*



Membership value:
PRICELESS!

*Now, we're
cooking!*

*Based on 2011 average residential member use.



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GreyStone Power: Home of the World Champion Lineman Team

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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Summer vacation

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key fob by calling 770-370-2383. Business owners who wish to participate in the CCC program can call 770-370-2436 for more information.

Look who recently joined the CCC program!

Sandy's Home Cleaning

Dallas 770-365-0113
25% off first house cleaning.

Quiznos

Douglasville 770-577-7212
Free sub with the purchase of a sub at equal or greater value and a regular fountain drink. (Not to be combined with other offers.) Offer ends 7/31/13.

Cornerstone Chiropractic of Lithia Springs

Lithia Springs 770-439-7765
15% discount to all patients with no health insurance or individuals with a deductible larger than \$350.

Unique As Can Be, LLC

Hiram 770-744-2941
10% discount on party packages. Event planning company.

Irish Bred Pub & Restaurant

Carrollton 770-838-7774
10% off (excludes alcohol). Not valid on holidays.

Elegance of Beauty Salon & Spa

Powder Springs 770-222-5300
\$3 off haircut for first-time clients; \$5 off any chemical service.

Statement of nondiscrimination

GreyStone Power Corporation is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the

benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Secret Holland, vice president, Human Resources. Any individuals, or specific class of individuals, who feel that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, 1120 20th St NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Updated offers:

Highlanders Tavern and Grill

Douglasville 770-949-6900
10% off total bill (excludes alcohol).

Master Blinds & Shutters

Douglasville 770-314-9251
10% discount for orders of three blinds or more.

West Metro Driving School

Dallas 770-443-1644
Receive Joshua's Law 30-hour class, six hours behind the wheel and six hours of defensive driving for only \$399! (Regularly \$525.)

Six Flags White Water

Marietta 770-739-3400, ext. 3365

*Special online pricing for individual (\$29) and season pass (\$50) tickets. Visit www.sixflags.com/whitewater and enter promo code: *gspower13* to receive your discounted rate.*

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Hiram 770-445-1786
5% off any new construction project or \$100 off any window or door replacement when you purchase at least five windows or doors.

