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CAREERS IN ENERGY

In this issue, you can read more about our second successful STEM Day, an event that brings together our linemen and other employees, as well as representatives from our industry, to educate high school students about the power of careers in energy. STEM Day is one of the many opportunities we have throughout the year to interact with young people and expand their perspectives on career possibilities.

We've taken part in many career fairs, energy expos and other school events throughout our service area this year. While many of the career events we participate in are geared toward children or teens, we also want to provide folks of all ages with resources about our career pathways.

Through engaging videos and graphics, our careers page on our website now offers a closer look at different co-op roles. Learn more about the experience and education required for various positions, from lineman to member services roles. We hope this resource will inspire those who are interested in getting into the energy industry. Check it out today at www.greystonepower.com/careers.

- Gary
Gary Miller,
President/CEO

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Find the hidden lightning bolt (⚡) in the following GreyStone pages and send us an email to MemberMatters@greystonepower.com with the subject line: Find the Bolt!

Include the following information in the email: the page you found the lightning bolt on, your full name, your phone number and your member account number. You will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card.

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GREYSTONE NEWS

Community IMPACT

GreyStone's core job is keeping the lights on, but the co-op's passion is serving its members. One of many ways GreyStone honors this passion is by visiting schools within the service area to teach students how to stay safe around electricity, provide live line demos and participate in school career days to discuss electric cooperative careers.

In addition to education, GreyStone has always been involved with promoting economic development with the communities we serve. The co-op is actively involved with its local chambers of commerce and is constantly working with the industrial building authorities to attract new industries and grow existing ones. This provides jobs for the members and communities GreyStone serves.

Serving the community isn't only done by the co-op, but also by its employees. In the summer of 2018, the co-op created GreyStone Gives, an employee community service initiative. The program allows GreyStone employees eight hours a year to volunteer with a 501(c)(3) charitable organization within its service area. Employees can volunteer on their own or through group coordinated events offered throughout the year. Over the years, GreyStone employees have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Warehouse of Hope and CAYA Reconciliation Ministries.

As a local cooperative, GreyStone is proud of its role in helping bring good things to the community and, more importantly, making life better for its members.

Save the date

Mark your calendars and save the date for the GreyStone Power Annual Meeting of Members, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11! The co-op plans to host the drive-thru meeting at the headquarters located at 3400 Hiram Douglasville Hwy., Hiram. Members will remain in their vehicles.

Those members who register at the Annual Meeting will receive a free gift. To simplify registration, bring your October *Georgia Magazine* cover with the QR Code on the label. Each member will also receive an email allowing them to show the QR Code digitally during registration. The member (whose name is on the bill) must be present to register.





When it comes to careers in energy, the first career that may come to mind is linework. While linework is immensely valuable, it is only one of many career options in the energy field. In an effort to educate students about different energy careers, GreyStone Power hosted its second annual STEM Day for high school students this past April.

The event featured a variety of hands-on activities from many different areas of energy, including welding simulations and live line demos; informative learning sessions on solar power and interactive linework activities; and information on educational and career opportunities.

"The event was held to increase awareness about the breadth of careers in energy and to build excitement over the hands-on nature of the industry," says Rita Wilson, human resources manager at GreyStone. "We wanted to expand awareness of the industry and careers beyond the Paulding College and Career Academy in an effort to diversify our applicant pool and employee population."

Exhibitors included Georgia Transmission, Oglethorpe Power, Green Power EMC, Xcel - A Mentoring Network, Paulding College and Career Academy and GreyStone.

Students had the opportunity to not only see the different career fields in action but also envision a possible future pursuing a career in energy.

For more information on careers in energy, visit getintoenergy.org or greystonepower.com/careers.





"I enjoyed STEM Day. I got to learn about all the different careers that you can do with GreyStone. They have internships and apprenticeships and they have ways for you to go to college and still get your degree as you are working with them. They also give you benefits. It was really amazing and insightful on what you could do here."

Nneka Onwumelu, Lithia Springs High School, 11th Grade

"I enjoyed STEM Day a lot. They came out here and taught us a lot about multiple opportunities. I learned multiple things and many career pathways I'd like to join later on. I'm really thankful for this experience."

Edgar Lopez, Lithia Springs High School, 9th Grade

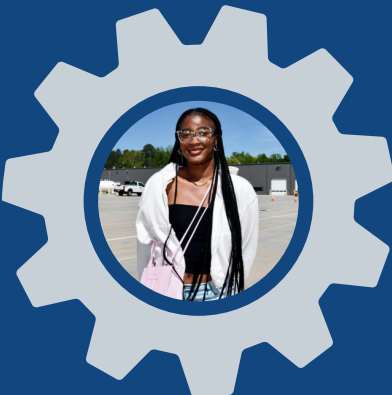


"[STEM Day] was important to me because last year when I attended, I got the motivation to get into welding. So now this year, I'm doing dual-enrollment for welding because of this event and it was great."

Kiley Dobbs, East Paulding High School, 10th Grade

"This experience was important to me because it kind of gave me an idea of what I might want to do in the future after high school or college. It helped me understand the different professions in electricity, welding and linemen work."

Payton Clough, East Paulding High School, 9th Grade



"[STEM Day] was important to me because there aren't a lot of women in these types of careers, so for me to get to experience and even try and learn what they do being hands-on was nice to learn."

Ariya Edmonson, Lithia Springs High School, 11th Grade

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.....AROUND GREYSTONE.....

BOARD ELECTIONS

Three seats on the GreyStone Board of Directors are up for election in 2025. The winners will be announced in October following the co-op's Annual Meeting.

HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE

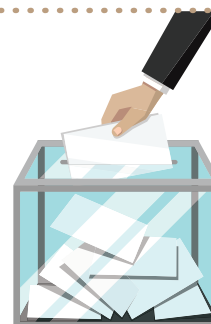
Eligible members may become a candidate by being selected by the GreyStone Nominating Committee, or by nomination by petition of members. Directors seeking reelection this year are Billy Mayhew in District 5 and Charisse Braxton in District 9. The board solicited candidates to apply to fill an upcoming vacancy in District 3. Director David Hagenow plans to retire from the board when his term ends in October.

The deadline has passed to be nominated by the Nominating Committee, but eligible members may still run by petition. An eligible member may be nominated by submitting a petition signed by 50 or more GreyStone members of record (the name must appear on the electric bill). The petition, along with a Candidate Affidavit, must be submitted by Thursday, July 3. Forms for petitions and the affidavit can be found at greystonepower.com/board-elections.

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS

All nominees are subject to a criminal and financial background check, must live within the geographic boundary of the district they seek to represent, have no more than three late payments in the last two years and must meet all other conditions of eligibility.

Candidates desiring to have their name and biographical information included in the Annual Meeting ballot edition of *Georgia Magazine* must submit information in the format and manner required by the Credentials and Elections Committee by Thursday, July 3. 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.



NOMINATED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Billy Mayhew in District 5 (Douglas and Carroll counties); and Charisse Braxton in District 9 (Cobb County). Visit greystonepower.com/board-elections to learn who was nominated for District 3 (Douglas and Paulding counties).

MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tony Wilson, District 1; Glenn Richardson, District 2; James S. Smith, District 3; Pat Skinner, District 4; Julie Moore, District 5; Jim Hancock, District 6; Ronald Wright, District 7; Andrew Pilgrim, District 8; and Kathy Boehm, District 9.

EFFICIENCY 101

Beat the summer PEAK

When we all work together to lower energy use during peak hours, we can lock in lower electricity rates, so everyone saves. Here are a few simple ways to save during peak summer hours (2-8 p.m., Monday-Friday):

- Set your thermostat a few degrees higher. If you have a smart or programmable thermostat, adjust the settings so your cooling system syncs with the off-peak hours.
- Operate ceiling or oscillating fans in occupied rooms to supplement your air conditioning. Be sure to raise the thermostat while fans are running for maximum energy savings.
- Plan energy-intensive activities like laundry and running the dishwasher for off-peak hours. Use automatic timers to run hot tubs, pool pumps and other appliances in the same way.
- Unplug electronics when they're not in use or use power strips to manage devices.
- Close drapes and blinds during the afternoon to block unnecessary heat from sunlight.



Cooperative Solar

Cooperative Solar is a program that will allow our residential members, who care about reducing their environmental impact, an affordable way to meet some of their electricity needs from a large solar facility in GreyStone's solar portfolio, including a site that GreyStone has built, manages and maintains in Paulding County. The program makes the benefits of clean, green solar power more widely available to GreyStone residential members at a reasonable price compared to the purchase of a home rooftop or yard solar system. Sign up today at greystonepower.com/cooperativesolar.

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FOR GREYSTONE MEMBERS

In those rare times your power goes out, you can now receive text updates from GreyStone. Members who opted out of texting but would like to re-enroll can text **ENROLL** to 81492. Be sure your cell phone number is on your account to take advantage of this tool.

Message and data rates may apply. For members who wish to report a power outage, text OUT to 81492. Giving you up-to-date outage information is another way GreyStone makes life better.

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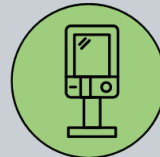
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Connecting the Fiber Family

FAST, RELIABLE INTERNET FROM YOUR LOCAL COOPERATIVE

In May 2023, GreyStone Connect announced their fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project to launch and deploy an approximately 400-mile fiber network. Since that time, the GreyStone Power subsidiary has grown to eight employees, more than 2,000 customers and more than 700 miles of fiber.

While starting a new company may seem daunting in any industry, one thing that has helped GreyStone is the cooperative difference.

"Working for [GreyStone] versus other experiences I've had in the past, it's so much better. It's more of a family," says GreyStone Connect Broadband Member Services Manager Austin Phillips. "Everybody is working toward the same objective and that's to make our members and customers happy."

What sets GreyStone Connect apart from other broadband services is the cooperative principle of concern for community. It's because of this principle that the subsidiary is dedicated to providing high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved members across GreyStone's service area.

"I've had 20 years working in the broadband industry, but this is the first time I've worked at a broadband deployment from a cooperative and one of the huge differences I've found is [GreyStone] is very, very customer and community focused," says Jason Gall, broadband project manager at GreyStone Connect. "The world I come from is all about the cost. Here it's what is the benefit to the members, customers and community."

GreyStone Connect customers benefit from having fiber internet in a multitude of ways. With a high-speed fiber internet connection, customers can consult with doctors remotely, access specialists without traveling long distances and even receive remote monitoring for chronic conditions. They can participate in virtual classrooms, access online learning materials and even take courses from universities around the world. Fiber internet makes it easier for small businesses to thrive, allows entrepreneurs to launch startups from anywhere and attracts remote workers looking for a change of scenery.

The expansion of reliable internet access is not just a matter of convenience for communities in GreyStone's service area — it's a matter of necessity.

Customers looking for ultra fast and reliable internet service from GreyStone Connect can not only expect free ⚡ installation and equipment, plus consistent, affordable pricing, but also concern and care for the community they serve. That's the cooperative difference.

Visit greystoneconnect.com to learn more about packages and availability.





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At GreyStone Power, our power isn't just ... power. It's our people. It's Vincent's eye for detail as he upgrades power lines to prevent outages. It's Kelcey's kind voice as she answers members' questions. It's Jeff as he shares new energy-saving tips. It's Amanda's joy as she plans an Annual Meeting that's more of a party. And it's members like you, enjoying some of the lowest rates in the nation. So here's to our people, and the pursuit of perfect power, right here in the community.



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