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ANOTHER FIBER MILESTONE

It was February of 2024 when we celebrated connecting our first GreyStone member to gigabit-speed internet. Today, our fiber broadband subsidiary, GreyStone Connect, serves more than 5,500 subscribers with internet service that is among the fastest and most robust in the nation. Our goal this year was to hit 4,400 subscribers.

In areas that had little to no internet connectivity, GreyStone Connect has helped close the digital divide, offering members new educational opportunities and telehealth services. High-speed internet also makes it easier for small businesses to operate. We continue to expand GreyStone Connect services throughout our territory, including in parts of Bartow, Cobb, Carroll, Douglas, Paulding and Fulton counties.

Fiber to the home uses an electric cooperative's infrastructure to overlay with fiber-optic cable. The fiber network also benefits the co-op's electric side by improving power outage response times. GreyStone Connect is building a redundant fiber backbone that provides another level of reliability for the service. Learn more about some of our recent milestones on page C and see how fiber internet can benefit you at greystoneconnect.com.

- Gary
Gary Miller,
President/CEO

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The GreyStone Power app allows you to pay your bill, view billing history and electricity use, and verify payments. This secure app allows members to view an outage map and report an outage. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play on your mobile devices.

FIND THE BOLT AND ENTER TO WIN!

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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The GreyStone Power Foundation, Inc. Scholarship, which is funded by members who donate to Operation Round Up, was awarded recently to five students in the cooperative's service area. Winners of the \$3,000 scholarships included students (pictured above, from left): Emanuela Fonji, Christa Evans, Emelyse Jones, Adanna Ajoku and Areyu Newbold.

The scholarships are given based on academic performance as well as school and community activities and are made possible by GreyStone members who agree to round up their electric bills to the next dollar. The cost per month to assist worthy students like these, as well as charitable organizations throughout the service area, is no more than 99 cents per month for participating members.

Adanna Ajoku graduated from Chapel Hill High School and will attend Duke University to study biology/anesthesiology. Christa Evans currently attends Georgia

Highlands College and studies criminal justice. Emanuela Fonji graduated from North Paulding High School and will attend Kennesaw State University to study electrical engineering. Emelyse Jones currently attends Oglethorpe University and studies psychology. Areyu Newbold graduated from South Paulding High School and will attend Jacksonville State University to study music education.

"We are so grateful to our 30,000 members who contribute to Operation Round Up, the foundation's fundraising program, so that we can recognize worthy students such as these, as well as help those who need help in our community," says Marcus Carter, chairman of the foundation board.

Members who would like to sign up to participate in Operation Round Up can do so online at www.greystonepower.com/ORU.

Capital credits checks are arriving!

Capital credits are a unique feature of cooperatives. Margins above the cost of doing business are returned to members annually. The amount of your check is determined by your energy use. GreyStone has returned \$214.2 million in capital returns to members since 1936. It's the cooperative difference!

GreyStone is in the process of returning \$8.5 million to members and former members who had service in the years 2005 or 2025. Watch for your check in the mail. It is GreyStone's way of giving back to you for your continued support over the years. Members should wait until after Nov. 1 before contacting GreyStone if they have not received their check.





CONNECTING

Since the first GreyStone Connect customer was connected back in the winter of 2024, the fiber subsidiary of GreyStone Power Corporation has made no signs of slowing down.

GreyStone Connect connected its 5,000th customer in June. Ellen Winn, of Dallas, is one of more than 5,000 GreyStone Connect customers to now have access to up to 2 gigabits per second (Gbps) internet service that is among the fastest and most robust in the nation.

Winn first learned about the broadband subsidiary through a presentation at the Paulding Chamber of Commerce luncheon hosted by the co-op.

"When I heard the presentation about the pricing, value and coverage of the service I was excited to hear that it may be coming to my area," Winn says. "From sign-up to install, the service team has been great every step

of the way. The consistency of the speed and coverage throughout my home is a huge improvement from my previous service provider."

In addition to a rapidly growing customer base, GreyStone Connect has built hundreds of miles of fiber, implemented a new outage texting system and partnered with Xcel, a local mentoring network, to teach students at the Paulding College and Career Academy about careers in the fiber industry. Also, the fiber subsidiary launched broadband service to businesses.

Paulding Animal Clinic in Dallas is the first business to receive the benefits of a GreyStone Connect high-speed fiber internet business package. Businesses in the GreyStone Connect service area now have access to up to 2 Gbps internet service with first-class, local support whenever it's needed.



OUR COMMUNITY

GreyStone Connect offers safe and reliable Wi-Fi, advanced cybersecurity and simple network management. Utilizing cutting-edge technology and cloud-based software, this service ensures exceptional coverage for small businesses. GreyStone Connect broadband for businesses meets the needs of the small business with an all-in-one managed service that increases staff productivity, secures critical business systems and drives customer loyalty.

GreyStone Connect's business packages, which start at \$79.95 a month, offer four distinct networks for increased security. "We know security and usability are important to our subscribers and we want them to have a great experience, so we have an easy-to-use app that allows them to set up their networks," says Gary Stone Power

Executive Vice President of Broadband Operations Jason Gall.

"For the past 90 years, GreyStone Power has been committed to making life better in the communities we serve, and we are thrilled to be able to provide fast and reliable internet service for our members and local businesses," says Gary Miller, president and CEO of GreyStone Power/GreyStone Connect. "Paulding Animal Clinic has a long history of serving the Dallas community, and we are proud that our high-speed internet will help them to continue to serve."

GreyStone Connect is poised to reach even more members and businesses in 2026. To check availability and sign up for service where available, visit www.GreyStoneConnect.com.



THINGS TO KNOW



COME PARTICIPATE in the business of your cooperative during this year's drive-thru Annual Meeting of Members, on **Saturday, Oct. 10.**



Drive-thru registration hours are 8-10 a.m. The **first 1,500 REGISTERED members** will receive a gift.



Bring your QR code and ID for fast registration! Look for your customized code on the front of the October *Georgia Magazine* or in the September eConnect (email newsletter).



The GreyStone Power member (whose name is **ON THE BILL**) **must be present to register.** Members can begin arriving at 7:30 a.m., but to avoid traffic issues, please **do NOT arrive before 7:30 a.m.** Registration lanes will not open until 8 a.m.

Life is busy. We get it.

This year, we are excited to bring back our **drive-thru Annual Meeting**, allowing you to keep your commitments, without missing business updates and a chance to win the Grand Prize truck!

Join us Saturday, Oct. 10

FIRST 1,500 REGISTERED members receive a gift.

REGISTRATION
8 to 10 a.m.

**Don't forget
QR code!**



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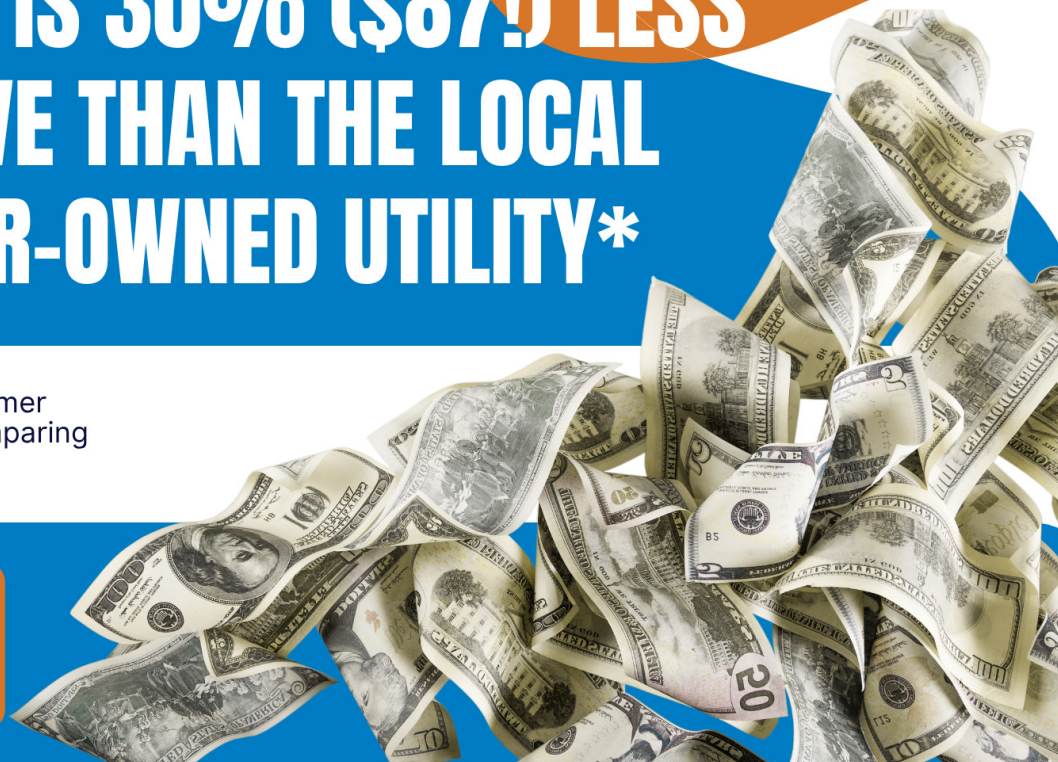
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EFFICIENCY 101

Home generator SAFETY

A standby generator is a good investment for one's home, but when generators are used incorrectly, they can be extremely hazardous. Here are a few things to keep in mind when using generators:

- Let us know if you purchase a generator that you plan to connect to an electric panel.
- Improperly installed generators can create backfeed onto power lines, which is dangerous to our crews and the community.
- Before using the generator, disconnect the normal source of power coming into your home/business.
- Never operate a generator indoors or in an enclosed space.

GreyStone Power and Gresco Utility Supply's Renewables Team is excited to now offer backup power coverage to our members with Generac home standby generators! These generators should power any home up to 2,500 sq. ft. Gresco's in-house team of field technicians offer a complimentary site survey to ensure our members receive the ideal generator size tailored specifically to their home's needs. Generac generators are versatile, operating on either LP propane or natural gas. Visit greystonepower.com/generators to learn more and see if Generac generators are right for your home.



Smart thermostat offers and rebate

Home heating and cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. A programmable smart thermostat can make it easy to set your temperature as well as be a good investment that can help you save energy and money. The GreyStone Power Marketplace is offering a \$100 rebate on the Honeywell Home Wi-Fi Smart Color 7 Day Programmable Thermostat, pictured at left. The smart thermostats have a customizable touch screen and the ability to change the temperature via a smartphone, making it simple to achieve and maintain indoor comfort. Visit greystonepowermarketplace.com to get more information on these smart thermostats.



improving service

FOR GREYSTONE MEMBERS



Meter changeouts complete

On June 25, 2026, GreyStone successfully completed its systemwide meter change project. This achievement was made possible entirely through the dedication and hard work of GreyStone's own employees.

We began this project prior to COVID-19 to upgrade our existing advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system in an effort to provide more reliable service for our members. Due to inventory challenges with acquiring meters during the pandemic, the project slowed down, but regained momentum. We have now completed this project and look forward to better serving our members with:

- Faster outage detection and restorations.
- More detailed energy use information.
- Better power quality and reliability.



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Join us for the 89th Annual Meeting!

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL MEETING!

On Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8-10 a.m., GreyStone Power invites members to the 89th Annual Meeting of Members! GreyStone will once again host a drive-thru meeting to allow members to participate in the event without disrupting many families' weekend schedules.

Our registration hours of 8-10 a.m. will allow members to stop by at their leisure on the way to their next event. To simplify registration, we encourage members to bring their personalized QR code, found in the label on the cover of the October *Georgia Magazine* or in the September *eConnect* (email) newsletter.

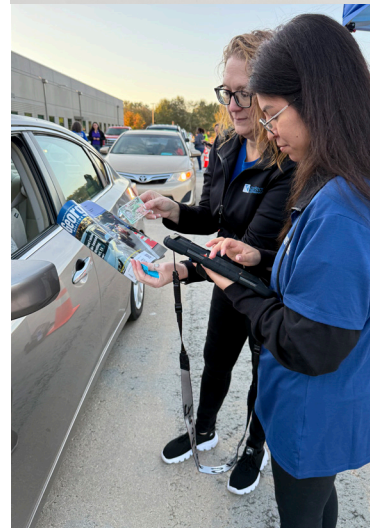
The first 1,500 registered members at the Annual Meeting will receive ⚡ a free gift. The member (whose name is on the bill) must be present to register and be prepared to show an ID. If members do not have their QR code, they can register using their electric bill, along with a photo ID. You cannot register for someone not in attendance or if you are not a member of GreyStone Power.

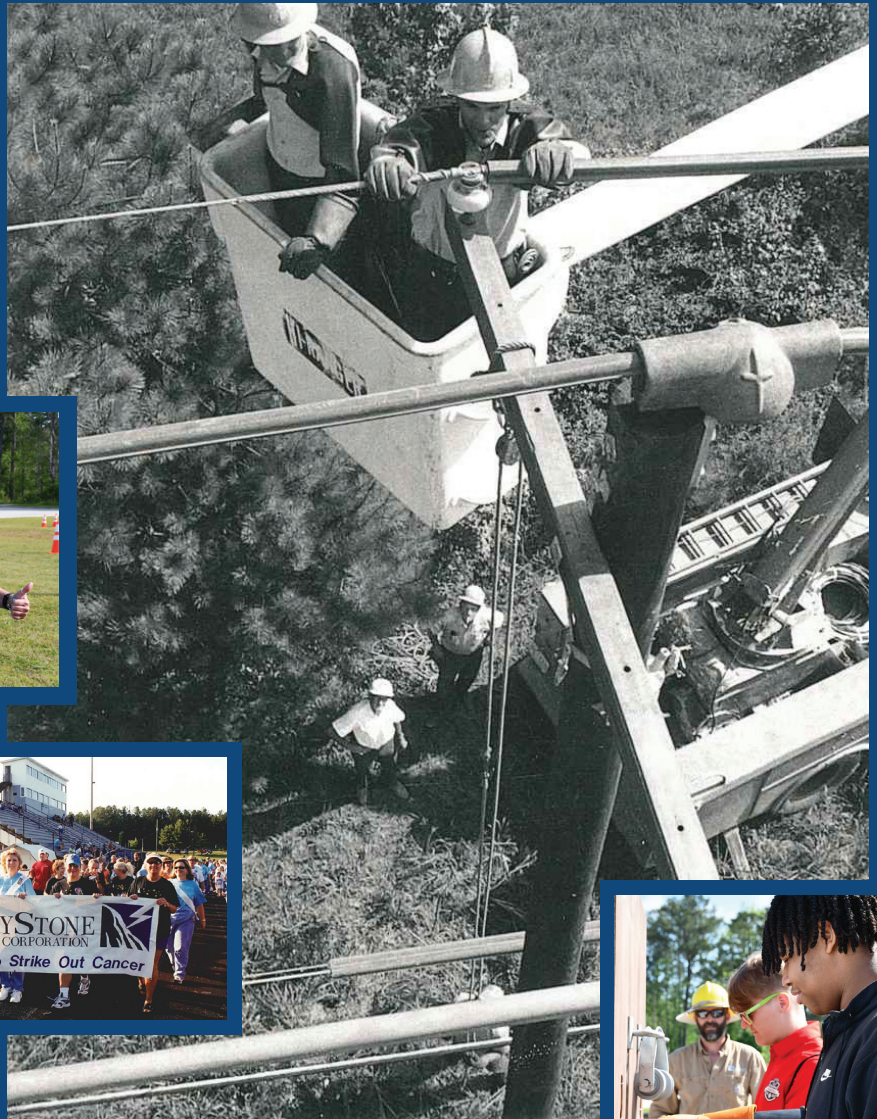
The event will take place at GreyStone's headquarters at 3400 Hiram Douglasville Highway in Hiram, with members entering from the designated Highway 92 or Ridge Road entrances. We ask that members not use the primary member entrance (at the intersection of Pine Valley Road), but leave that open for members wishing to access the kiosk. Gates will open at 8 a.m., and we ask that members not arrive any earlier than 7:30 a.m. to avoid traffic concerns. For your safety, members will remain in their vehicles at all times.

Members will have the opportunity to win door prizes and the grand prize, a 2014 Ford F150 4x4 regular cab truck retired from the co-op's fleet! There will be a prize drawing for members who are enrolled in our Operation Round Up program, plus another drawing for members who sign up for the program the weekend of Annual Meeting. Prize drawings will be held the following week from the list of registered members. The winners will be notified via phone and/or email. If you have moved, or any of your contact information has changed, please update your contact information through our self-service features or by calling 770-942-6576. If you win, we want to let you know so you can claim your prize.

Visit greystonepower.com to learn more!

Member Linda K. Hudson, left, was the winner of the 2025 grand-prize giveaway, a truck retired from the GreyStone fleet.





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90 YEARS OF MAKING LIFE BETTER, RIGHT HERE.

GreyStone Power started with a simple mission of bringing electricity to our community when no one else would. Over the years, the mission has grown. We're here to make life better. That's why you'll see us out in the community, supporting our youth, funding scholarships and delivering high-speed internet to unserved communities. So count on GreyStone Power to be there. In more ways than simply keeping the lights on.

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