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Windows	11%
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Miller's Minute

Plans are already underway for the 2015 Annual Meeting. Some of those plans involve preparing for board elections.

On Oct. 10, two board members will retire. Calvin Earwood and Burnell Redding have spent decades keeping your electricity reliable and competitively priced; and secondly, incorporating services and products to improve your quality of life. Under their watch, your benefits have grown to include credit union services; home and business security; discounts on natural gas, pharmaceuticals and other products and services; surge protection and Operation Round Up®, giving you the choice to help others.

It is with sadness and great appreciation that we congratulate them on their retirements.

Calvin has served our members for 38 years; Burnell for 45.

The two little words "Thank you" seem so inadequate for lives spent serving others. But for men of their caliber, a simple thank you, I'm sure they would say, is all they desire.

Thank you!

- Gary

Gary Miller, President/CEO



A little action goes a long way

By AMANDA BUSBY, Editor

With each passing season, energy efficiency is the topic of numerous conversations, but how many times do you really pay attention to what's being said? "Do this" or "try that" statements seem to be the primary focus in making a home or business more energy efficient, thereby reducing the electric bill.

The truth is, by putting the tips into action, real results can be seen and measured. The improvements your home needs and how many of them you are willing to make will determine your results.

These enhancements can be as minuscule as changing the type of lightbulbs you use within your home, to a more significant upgrade of mul-

iple appliances or the home itself.

There's one way to know for sure if you could be one of the many who can begin saving money each month, and that's to perform your own energy audit. Complete a checklist and see how your home or business measures up. At GreyStone Power, we are here to help. You can download a do-it-yourself audit form from our website, greystonepower.com/membership-benefits and start checking projects off the list.

There are four big areas that you will want to look at—your heating and cooling system, water heater, your thermal envelope (attic insulation, weather stripping around the windows and doors), and your electric appli-



ances. If you get overwhelmed easily, it's best to start with just one area.

Let's take your heating and cooling system for example—you have probably heard over and over the importance of replacing your air filters on a regular basis. If you haven't done it yet, there's probably a reason why—no time; not sure how to change it; or what type of filter to use. There's a simple solution to each of these thoughts. If you don't have time, be sure to let your heating and air dealer handle it with your regularly scheduled maintenance each spring and fall. It would be best to change the filter monthly. If all you need are instructions on how to change the filter, feel free to visit youtube.com/greystonepower for an instructional video.

What about those pesky hot and cold spots in your house? Perhaps it's just a matter of applying new weather stripping to your windows and doors, sealing up any leaks that can affect the temperature of your house. The mate-

rials needed are relatively inexpensive and video instructions can also be found online at togetherwesave.com.

Then comes the question... you have tried numerous things but are still not seeing a difference in your electric bill, and you don't know where to look next. What do you do? That's where we can help even more!

Our Residential Energy Services Representatives are available by appointment to provide free home energy audits to help determine your phantom users. They will ask a number of questions and use several different types of tools to help identify the problem areas prior to completing their report.

If you knew that by completing these tasks you could save hundreds of dollars over a period of time, wouldn't you want to save? Why not start now? There's no time like the present to put your energy efficiency plan into action. If you don't have a plan yet, take a moment to make one. Perform your



own energy audit. Purchase energy-efficient items such as lights, weather stripping, insulation or filters.

If the job seems too big, give our Residential Energy Services department a call at 770-370-2070, or businesses may call our Commercial department at 770-370-2296. They will be more than happy to answer your questions or schedule an appointment.

GreyStone board seeks new directors

Three seats on the GreyStone Board of Directors are up for election in 2015. Winners will be announced Oct. 10 at the Annual Meeting of Members. Director positions up for election this year are District 1, located in portions of Paulding and Bartow Counties; District 4, located in portions of Carroll and Douglas Counties; and District 8, located in a portion of Douglas County.

Directors currently serving and retiring this year are Calvin Earwood, District 1, Paulding, Bartow; and Burnell Redding, District 4, Carroll, Douglas Counties. Jim Johns, Director, District 8, Douglas, is currently serving and seeking re-election this year.

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 the application forms and

instructions. The deadline to submit the completed forms to the Nominating Committee is Friday, April 17.

An eligible member may also be nominated 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 greystonepower.com. The deadline to submit the completed petition and required candidate affidavit, also available on the website, is Thursday, July 2.

All nominees are subject to a criminal background check, must live within the geographic boundary of the district they seek to represent 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 10. 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.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Dennis E. Lester, District 1; Beatrice McClung, District 2; James S. Smith, District 3; Pat Skinner, District 4; Kathy Patman, District 5; Laurie Searle, District 6; Harold Reid, District 7; Ed McCray, District 8; and James R. Storey, District 9.

Do It Yourself

Ask the Expert

The cold winter months have passed and spring activities are at hand. We can look forward to a couple of months where the home heating or cooling system is not needed very much and our energy bills are among the lowest of the year. Now would be a good time to check your furnace filter, and if it is dirty due to winter heating, go ahead and replace it in preparation for the upcoming air-conditioning season. Replacing a dirty filter is one of the best low-cost strategies for saving energy dollars, while increasing home comfort.

It is also recommended that your heating and cooling system be serviced on a yearly basis to ensure that it is operating at peak efficiency. In an effort to surpass member needs and expectations, GreyStone is offering residential members a spring air-conditioning tune-up rebate. Members who schedule a central air/heat pump service call with a licensed HVAC contractor during the months of April, May and June of 2015 will be eligible to request and receive a \$50 rebate from GreyStone.

The tune-up will consist of a basic system servicing with emphasis placed on cleaning both the outdoor coil (condenser) and the indoor coil (evaporator). This program offers an opportunity for our members to save energy and increase home comfort by having their systems serviced. The \$50 rebate will be paid directly to the



Mark your calendar for our next EE101 on April 14, 2015! To register or for more information, call 770-370-2252.



Rudy Echols
Energy Services Manager

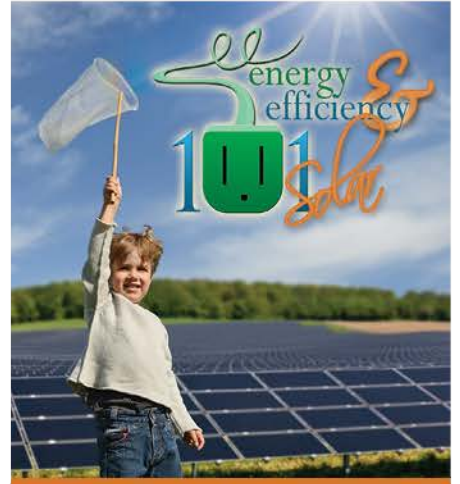
member (limit two systems per home). The member will be responsible for service call expenses provided by the HVAC contractor.

Members will simply complete the tune-up rebate request form that ensures that all program requirements are met and return to GreyStone. The rebate will then be mailed within two weeks to the member. Related forms and additional program information are available on the GreyStone website, greystonepower.com or by calling 770-370-2070. Service calls completed after June 30 will not be eligible for the rebate. When allotted funds are depleted rebates will end, so act quickly.

Consider attending our spring Energy Efficiency 101 seminar scheduled for April 14 in Douglasville at GreyStone's main office. These seminars are always successful, averaging about 50 attendees who learn ways to better manage their home's energy use. For more information on all GreyStone programs, call 770-370-2070 or visit greystonepower.com.

DIY top three

1. Get ready for air-conditioning season by changing your filter.
2. Take advantage of the spring A/C tune-up rebate by scheduling a service call for your units.
3. Schedule an in-home energy audit and sign up for the EE101 Seminar on April 14, 2015.



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DO-IT-YOURSELF
SKILLS AND LOWER
YOUR ENERGY BILL**

UPCOMING SEMINARS

EE101:
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
and
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015
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, call 770-370-2070 or visit greystonepower.com.



Member Savings

Co-op Connections® Card



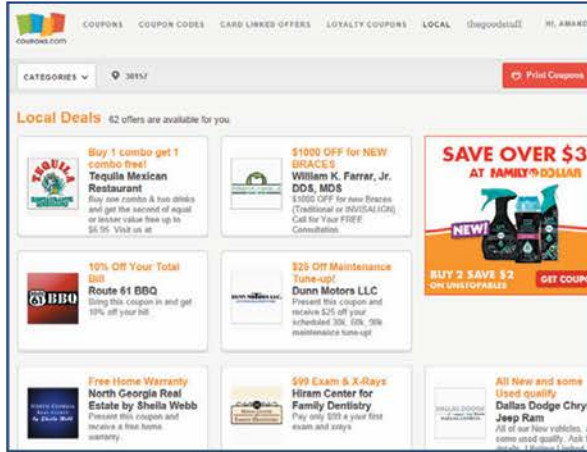
Clip here, save there—coupons, coupons, coupons. Would you consider yourself a couponer or someone that aspires to be? Either way, GreyStone has just the thing for you!

Thanks to a partnership agreement with *coupons.com*, Co-op Connections® Card (CCC) holders can save big on trips to the grocery store and while shopping online with name brand stores. You can find discounts for top brands at over 160 supermarket chains and over 30,000 stores.

When you log in to the site, *connections.coop*, click on the *coupons.com* link at the top of the page and let the savings begin! The customized site gives you access to hundreds of coupons that you can print to use for groceries, household, personal products and even pet care. By browsing through all of the coupons, or searching by category, you are sure to find the items you need.

In addition to printable coupons, there is also a gallery of promotional codes from popular retailers such as

Old Navy, American Eagle, Macy's and more; recipes for the family; and even local deals. Be sure to check back regularly as new coupons are added daily!



In addition to *coupons.com*, the CCC program offers you even more benefits! As a GreyStone member, you are connected to valuable discounts from hundreds of local and national retailers including dining, shopping, automotive, professional services, travel and more!

The Healthy Savings program can

also provide discounts on dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic, lab and imaging. Let this all-in-one card help you save money on your needed prescriptions and more!

Take advantage of the savings today. Join in on the savings and call 770-370-2273 to request your card! To learn more about the various CCC programs and get the most up-to-date business discount listing, visit online at *connections.coop/greystonepower*.

Look who updated their offers!

EarQ Family Hearing Plan
Atlanta 866-432-7500
35% off MSRP with a 4-year warranty and free annual hearing checkups.

Legal Shield
Douglasville 770-912-9193
\$10 off membership fee for first-time members.

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Georgia Renaissance Festival

Fairburn.....770-964-8575
\$4 off adult ticket (reg. \$22); \$3 off child ticket (reg. \$10). Use *garenfest.com/promo* and enter promo code *greystone*. Not to be combined with other offers.

Anchor Heating & Air

Douglasville.....770-942-2873
10% off repairs for new customers (excludes diagnostic fee). Free in-home evaluation for system replacement.

Dickerson Heating & Air, LLC

Powder Springs.....770-445-2700
\$250 off complete system replacement. Not to be combined with other discounts. One discount per system.

Cartridge World

Douglasville.....770-949-4465
\$5 off first Cartridge World toner cartridge purchase (min. \$50 purchase) and \$2 off first Cartridge World ink cartridge purchase (min. \$20 purchase).

Casey Corporate Transportation

Chattahoochee Hills.....404-688-5720
10% off all transportation services. Certain dates and events excluded. Use promo code COOP at time of reservation.

Organize with Heather

Dallas.....678-383-0694
10% off Clever Container products; 10% off organizing packages of six hours or more.

Hardy Family Ford

Dallas.....770-445-8891
Purchase any new Ford at X-Plan employee pricing (savings up to \$11,000 on selected vehicles). Contact Jon Hansen or Jeff Short for details. Offer valid for Greystone employees and members only.

Zaxby's

Powder Springs.....678-384-1005
10% off entire purchase.

Dependable Services

Douglasville.....770-577-5770
Free service call with repair (on appliance and HVAC); free duct cleaning with new system purchase; free estimates on replacement systems.

Pil Sung Do Martial Arts & After School Program

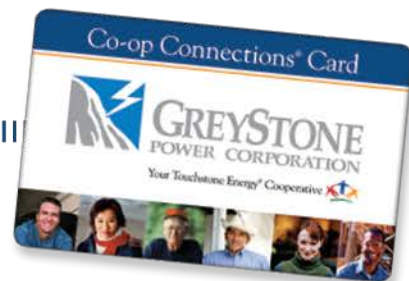
Dallas.....770-443-6460
Two free intro classes and two months for just \$79 (includes uniform belt and unlimited training).

Greatscapes Landscaping Inc.

Powder Springs.....770-527-6520
First month free with a 12-month lawn maintenance contract and 10% off all hardscapes. Get 100 bales of pine straw for \$4.90 per bale.

Trowers Dream Academy

Douglasville.....770-693-8892
10% discount on tutoring service.



Hardy Chevrolet Pontiac Buick GMC Inc.

Dallas.....770-445-9411
Free 21-point safety inspection and \$10 off any oil change. \$250 off any new or used vehicle purchase.

Into Arts Inc. Family Martial Arts Centers

Villa Rica.....770-851-5452
Receive one month of training for \$119, which includes a free uniform.

Avon/Tammy Ellis

Powder Springs.....770-222-1763
Free gift with first order.

InfoQuest

Douglasville.....770-235-1664
20% discount on training manual or on-site program when purchased online, using code 219534413 at time of purchase.

To print a complete listing of participating businesses, visit the CCC page of *greystonepower.com*. If you don't see your favorite business listed, refer them to the program! They will simply need to complete and return the participation agreement. For additional questions about participation, call 770-370-2436.

Ready to get your card? Call us today at 770-370-2273 to request yours.

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Find out what your FREE Co-op Connections® Member Benefits Card can do for you!



Employees making a difference

Since joining GreyStone in 1990, Dawn Lovingood has given of herself, not only to GreyStone employees and members, but also to the community. Having a desire to make a difference, Dawn joined the GreyStone Relay For Life (R4L) team in 1997. She quickly fell in love with the organization, the cause and how working together as a team could make an impact on others. It wasn't long before Dawn was asked to become the team captain.

Since becoming captain, the GreyStone team has raised \$118,000 (thru 2014) for the American Cancer Society/Relay For Life. In addition, employees can purchase dress-down days

to support the cause, which has already raised \$839 for the 2015 team.

In addition to R4L, Dawn has been involved with fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes and another cancer focused charity, Gabe's Chemo Duck. A total of \$183,796 has been raised for all three charities during her participation by having dress-down days, soup and chili cook-offs, flea markets, various raffles, Beanie Babies sales and chocolate sales. In addition, she organizes the barbeque booth at the R4L event, selling plates to event participants.

"People always ask me why I continue to do this year after year. I 'Relay' to be a part of changing lives, so others



Dawn Lovingood has coordinated Relay For Life for over 18 years now.

don't have to hear the words, 'You have cancer.' I want to help make a difference any way I can," explains Dawn.

"I am so very grateful for GreyStone's support, and together, we can make a difference!"

Pinterest Pick

WHITE CHOCOLATE POPCORN

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup popcorn kernels, unpopped
- 4 ounce white chocolate baking bar (Ghirardelli works well)
- 6 ounces of white chocolate chips
- 1 drop pink food coloring, optional

Step 1: In a paper lunch bag, place popcorn kernels and fold top of the bag twice.

Step 2: Place it in the microwave and set to high for 3 to 3 1/2 minutes. Listen carefully for when kernels stop popping. As soon as the popping

stops, take the bag out of the microwave. (May take about 3 minutes 15 seconds, if microwave is not too powerful).

Step 3: Place popcorn on a baking sheet and lay flat to cool.

Step 4: In a double boiler, melt chocolate. When the chocolate is melted, add 1 drop of food coloring and mix thoroughly. Pour chocolate over the popcorn, and with clean hands, mix chocolate thoroughly.

Step 5: Set aside until chocolate sets and serve. Enjoy!



Source: eatgood4life.com

For more fabulous recipes, visit us at pinterest.com/greystonepower.

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*Thank you
for all you do!*



April 13, 2015
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They're the ones braving the ice, wind and treacherous conditions, while we're safe and sound inside.

These dedicated professionals work around the clock to ensure we have reliable electricity – sometimes leaving their own families at home, regardless of whether it's a holiday, the weekend or the middle of the night.

So, on this day – and every day – let's celebrate the linemen who help keep GreyStone's power flowing.



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