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MILLER'S MINUTE

FIBER OF THE FUTURE

With the launch of our fiber subsidiary, GreyStone Connect, we will provide access to high-speed internet to unserved and underserved locations within our GreyStone Power service area. You may be wondering why fiber is our chosen delivery method. Considered future-proof, fiber is the gold standard when it comes to communications transmission.

In the context of internet technology, fiber refers to fiber-optic cables that are used to transmit data at very high speeds over long distances. These cables consist of thin strands of glass or plastic that use light signals to carry data, allowing for faster and more reliable internet connections. Fiber-to-the-home projects use an electric cooperative's grid to overlay with fiber-optic cable. This will allow GreyStone Connect to offer lightning-fast speeds and reliability in an efficient way, while keeping prices affordable.

Building this fiber-to-the-home network is a multiyear, intensive project encompassing numerous steps. We will keep members updated on our progress, and I encourage you to visit greystoneconnect.com to express interest in GreyStone Connect.

- Gary

Gary Miller,
President/CEO

The GreyStone Connection, which wraps Georgia Magazine, is a quarterly newsletter published by GreyStone Power to keep you informed about the cooperative you own.

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Maribeth Wansley, District 6, Fulton, Fayette and Coweta counties

Milton Jones, District 7, Fulton County

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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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From left: Ty Merritt, Anthony Tucker, Edwin Balderas and Madison Brooks. Not pictured: Julia Cagasan

Scholarship WINNERS

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 Edwin Balderas, Madison Brooks, Julia Cagasan, Ty Merritt and Anthony Tucker.

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.

Edwin Balderas graduated from Douglas County High School and will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study mechanical engineering, chemistry or

materials science. Madison Brooks graduated from Paulding County High School and will attend the University of West Georgia to study speech-language pathology. Julia Cagasan currently attends Liberty University and studies aviation maintenance. Ty Merritt graduated from Hearts Academy/ Trinity Center and will attend Kennesaw State University to study nursing. Anthony Tucker graduated from Westlake High School and will attend Howard University to study computer science and engineering.

“We are so grateful to our 28,000 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.

GreyStone Connect Update

GreyStone Connect, the fiber subsidiary of GreyStone Power, is launching a pilot fiber-to-the-home project that will span hundreds of miles of aerial and underground fiber, bringing fiber-to-the-home coverage to unserved and underserved members in parts of southern Fulton County, southern Douglas County, portions of eastern Carroll County and a small section of southern Paulding County. Construction commences this fall, and a full buildout of the area will last through the first half of 2024. Your patience and support are valued as we embark on this journey.



Stay tuned for more information, and visit [GreyStoneConnect.com](https://www.GreyStoneConnect.com) to learn more!





Capital credits: Your check is in the mail!

GreyStone's philosophy as a cooperative means you reap the benefits for which the cooperative was formed. Instead of assigning money at the end of each year to nonmember shareholders, we return it to those who own and use GreyStone Power – you, the member. And we do this in the form of capital credits checks.

These capital credits are GreyStone's way of returning a portion of your investment in the cooperative to you. You have helped the cooperative to be the success that it is today.

We are happy to report that due to GreyStone's strong financial condition, we are returning \$12 million to current and former members! This capital retirement represents margins earned by GreyStone during 2003, 2004 and 2022. The amount of your check is based on how much electricity you purchased during those years. Over the past 87 years that we've been in business, a total of \$182.2 million has been returned to our members.

GreyStone members also enjoy some of the lowest electricity prices in the state among 94 utilities, according to the Georgia Public Service Commission's rate surveys, as reported at psc.ga.gov.

At GreyStone, we are focused on making life better in the communities we serve.

BOARD CANDIDATES

Each year, members elect three of the nine directors who serve on the GreyStone Power Board of Directors. Each member may vote for a candidate from each district. Incumbents seeking re-election this year include John Walton, Maribeth Wansley and Milton Jones. Because no members were nominated by petition, there will be no contested election this year. Therefore, the election will be conducted by voice vote at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 14.



John Walton
District 2
Paulding County

John Walton has served on GreyStone Power's Board of Directors since 2001, formerly as vice chair. A University of West Georgia graduate, Walton is retired from Builder Specialties and owns John Walton Builders and Rental in Paulding County.

A member of the Civil Service Board for Paulding County, he served as a Paulding County commissioner from 1987 to 1990. Walton has also served as vice president of the Board of Directors for the Paulding County Builders Association, as well as a member on the Paulding County Planning and Zoning Board, Paulding County Hospital Board, the Advisory Board for Georgia State Bank and the Board of Directors of Westside Bank. He also served on the Advisory Board for Oglethorpe Power Corporation/Georgia Transmission Corporation/Georgia System Operations Corporation – companies that provide and manage a significant portion of GreyStone's wholesale power.

Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Walton has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification and the Board Leadership Certificate. As a GreyStone Power board member, his goal is "to provide reliable and excellent service at reasonable rates."



Maribeth Wansley
District 6
Fulton, Fayette and Coweta counties

Maribeth Wansley has served on the Board of Directors since 2005 and is a former vice chair. An Atlanta native, who has lived in Palmetto since 1987, she holds a bachelor's degree in advertising from the University of Georgia. Wansley

worked in the Atlanta radio and television market as a broadcast producer before moving to the environmental/nonprofit industry, from which she retired in 2012.

For seven years, Wansley has represented GreyStone Power on the Board of Directors of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, the statewide trade association, and GEMC's Services Committee for the past year. GEMC provides leadership and unity to the state's electric cooperatives through advocacy, education and communications.

Wansley has earned her Credentialed Cooperative Director certification and the Board Leadership Certificate through NRECA. In February of this year, she was elected chair of the board of GreyStone Connect, GreyStone Power's broadband subsidiary. About her role as a GreyStone Power director, Wansley says she enjoys "serving for the common good of our members, while working to provide the most reliable service at the best rate."



Milton Jones
District 7
Fulton County

Milton Jones was first elected to the board in 2005 and formerly served as chair. He was also recently elected secretary-treasurer of GreyStone Connect, our broadband subsidiary.

Jones earned his Master of Business Administration degree in 1992, graduating from Georgia State University's Executive MBA Program. He then taught for nine years as part-time instructor of management in GSU's Robinson College of Business. A senior systems engineer at IBM Corporation, Jones retired in 2001 after nearly 33 years in information technology and training assignments. Subsequent IT and training engagements included eight years with Greenway Health, a health care IT leader then based in Carrollton. As a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran, Jones has a passion for serving veterans.

Through NRECA, he has earned certifications for Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership Certificate and the Director Gold Credential (GOLD), a member of the inaugural GOLD class. Jones says he is honored to serve GreyStone Power's members in helping "to provide reliable, resilient and sustainable electric service at a reasonable cost."

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF GREYSTONE POWER CORPORATION'S ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2023

The Annual Meeting of Members of GreyStone Power Corporation will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at the GreyStone Power Corporation headquarters facility at 3400 Hiram Douglasville Highway, Hiram. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

The business portion of the meeting will be conducted in the following order:

1. Reports of Officers, Directors and President/CEO;
2. Results of the election of Directors to serve three-year terms from Districts 2, 6 and 7;
3. Any and all other business which may properly come before the membership at this meeting.

Your cooperative exists solely to serve its members, and we hope you will take an active role through your participation in the Annual Meeting. Please come and bring your family.

This Official Notice is hereby issued in accordance with your Bylaws this 28th day of August, 2023, by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hagenow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Hagenow, Secretary/Treasurer

EFFICIENCY 101

LED light SAVINGS

LED lights last up to 30 times longer than incandescents, reducing the need to replace bulbs in high or hard-to-reach places. Below are LED lighting suggestions for your home.

Living Room Lamps

Table or floor three-way lamps using LED bulbs provide 620, 1,600 or 2,150 lumens of soft white light and deliver up to 25,000 hours of light.

Kitchen

Dimmable recessed LED conversion lights add a warm glow of up to 1,200 lumens for kitchen workspaces and add far less heat to your kitchen. Each bulb could last 10 years.

Bedrooms and Hallways

Long-life LEDs are ideal for ceiling fixtures. A 9-watt LED produces the same 800 lumens of light as a 60-watt incandescent, and uses about 80% less energy.

Bathrooms

Omnidirectional LED globe bulbs are designed to provide a warm glow ideal for bathrooms. A 6-watt bulb produces 450 lumens and lasts up to 15,000 hours.

Outdoors

A 6-watt, 500 lumen LED bulb can replace a 40-watt incandescent bulb. Designed to last up to 30,000 hours, it could be a one-time switch.



Smart thermostat offers and rebate

Home 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 Sensi Lite, pictured at left. The Sensi Touch and Sensi Lite are some of the newest models of smart thermostats to hit the GreyStone Marketplace. Visit greystonepowermarketplace.com to get more information on these smart thermostats.

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FOR GREYSTONE MEMBERS



Shop and pay your bill!

Members have a real-time, cash-only payment option. It's a fast and convenient way to pay your GreyStone bill through the checkout lane at participating retailers near you. That means you can pay where you shop!

Using a CheckOut by PayGo bar code, you can make cash payments at stores such as Dollar General, Family Dollar, CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, 7-Eleven and more. There are more than 50,000 locations across the country that accept these payments. A convenience fee of \$1.50 is automatically added at checkout.

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**Join us for the 86th
Annual Meeting!**

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL MEETING!

GreyStone Power invites its members to the 86th Annual Meeting of Members for fun activities, musical entertainment, information about electric vehicles and broadband, a health fair and more! Join us on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The free event, located at 3400 Hiram Douglasville Highway in Hiram, will feature a Lineman's Square. The attraction will allow members to see a live wire demonstration and a Lineman's Rodeo demonstration. Plus, members will be able to ask linemen questions and see a bucket truck up close. The Paulding College & Career Academy, along with West Georgia Technical College, will be available to those interested in a lineman career.

In addition, health fair vendors will be on hand to offer information as well as flu shots and blood pressure checks. Members of all ages can enjoy inflatables, carnival games, free Chick-fil-A biscuits (8-10 a.m.) and concessions (popcorn, bagged cotton candy, canned soft drinks).

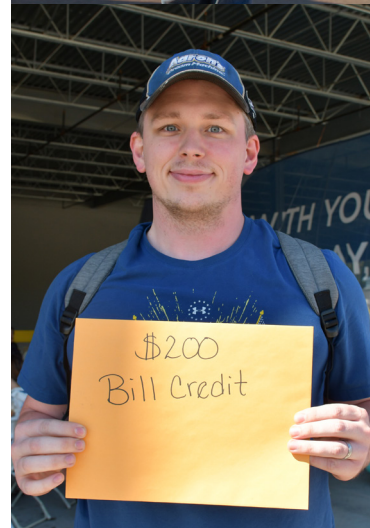
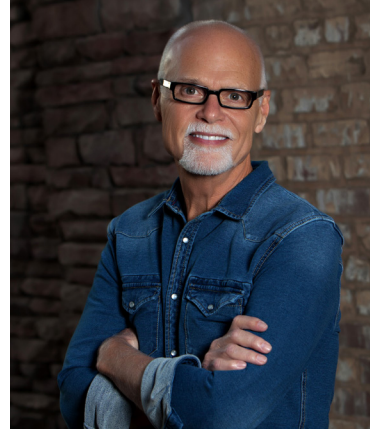
Enjoy the melody and sounds of Lenny LeBlanc (pictured top right), who topped the charts in the '70s with his hit "Falling," as he entertains members at 9:45 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 11 a.m. to update members on their cooperative. Door prizes and the grand-prize giveaway, a 2010 Ford F150 truck, will follow.

An election by voice vote will take place for three uncontested board directors who will continue their service to members. Those members who register at the Annual Meeting will receive a free gift. To simplify registration, members will need to bring their September or October *Georgia Magazine* cover with the QR Code in the label. The member also received an email in the September eConnect that will allow them to show the QR Code digitally during registration. The member (whose name is on the bill) must be present to register.

Members attending the event can enter GreyStone's headquarters at Ridge Road or Highway 92 and can begin arriving between 7:30-8 a.m.

Visit greystonepower.com to learn more!

Member Robert I. Tolbert, left, was the winner of 2022's grand-prize giveaway, a truck retired from the GreyStone fleet.





Do your *happy dance!*

GreyStone Power has some really good news:

\$12 million

back to the people it serves!

So, do your happy dance, because GreyStone Power also has a
99.9% reliability rating and low rates ... almost
25% lower* than Georgia Power!

Real money. Really good news!



* According to the 2023 Summer Residential Rate Survey by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC). Based on the residential use of 1,500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month. GreyStone Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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