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MILLER'S MINUTE

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

One of the seven cooperative principles that electric cooperatives embrace is education, training and information. This year has brought forth some great opportunities to put that principle into action. In April, we held two new community events at our Hiram campus to educate young people and first responders.

In an effort to promote energy careers, we hosted our first STEM Day event for high school students. There were hands-on activities, informational booths and climbing demos where students could see our linemen in action. We hope to inspire the next generation to consider STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers.

Our first responders training on electric vehicles (EVs) demonstrated another co-op principle that we value—concern for community. This event provided local first responders with instruction on how to handle EVs during different emergency situations. Learn more on page C.

GreyStone educates children and adults on electrical safety, while also empowering the next generation by exposing students to the many careers available in the electric utility industry. Please visit greystonepower.com/careers to learn about current job openings.

- 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

A day of STEM

GreyStone Power hosted its first 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 drone demos; informative learning sessions on solar power and electric vehicles (EVs); 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," said 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, UGA Extension Office, The STE(A)M Truck, Elite Lineman School, Paulding College and Career Academy, West Georgia Technical College (WGTC) and GreyStone. A representative from Georgia EMC was also on-site running the climbing demo.

Alexander High School, East Paulding High School, North Paulding High School, Paulding County High School, Paulding College and Career Academy and the Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy were among the schools that participated in the event.

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. 12! The co-op plans to host the drive-thru meeting at the headquarters located at 3400 Hiram Douglasville Hwy., Hiram. Members will not get out of 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 in 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.



First responders EV training



A fallen tree. Winter storm damage. The aftermath of a hurricane. All these incidents can require the help of both first responders and electric co-ops. GreyStone Power worked together with local first responders to provide a training session on electric vehicle safety.



Over the course of three days this past April, GreyStone held its first-ever first responder training on electric vehicles (EVs). Approximately 100 first responders in the GreyStone Power service area learned about EV history, how to deal with car fires and how to shut off the electricity in an EV. They also participated in demonstrations with EVs from the co-op's fleet. According to GreyStone's State Government Affairs Director Blake Doss, this training is necessary.

"As more of these cars enter the roadway, we wanted to make sure that our first responders had the knowledge and capability to protect themselves and our members," Doss said. "If successful, we hope to replicate this program moving forward with more public safety departments."

"Seeing this is helping us to keep people safe."

Tim Wilson, Paulding County Fire Department Battalion Chief

The idea for the training came about when GreyStone's Energy Services Manager Drew Hook heard about the training from a co-op in Minnesota and got in touch with the instructor Jack Volz, a former firefighter who now travels the country training first responders on EV safety. Volz started the EV training program in 2019 and saw the knowledge gap when it came to EV safety.

"The fire service just didn't know what to do with [EVs]," said Volz. "We started doing research, wrote the program and it's evolved since then."

In the first year, Volz conducted the training for almost 4,000 firefighters in the state of Minnesota. That number has tremendously grown with the addition of other states, including Georgia.

Paulding County Fire Department Battalion Chief Tim Wilson found the training beneficial and essential for safety.

"We're seeing more and more EVs come out and we're having to stay up on our training," Wilson said. "Seeing this is helping us to keep people safe."



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BOARD ELECTIONS

Three seats on the GreyStone Board of Directors are up for election in 2024. The winners will be announced in October following the co-op's Annual Meeting.

HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE

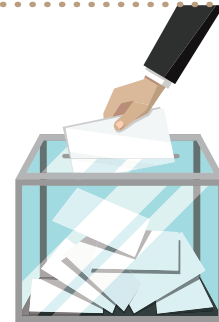
Eligible members may become a candidate by being selected by the GreyStone Nominating Committee or by nomination by petition of members. Directors seeking re-election this year are Genevieve Cole in District 1 (Paulding and Bartow counties); Neal Dettmering in District 4 (Douglas and Carroll counties); and Jim Johns in District 8 (Douglas County).

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 4. 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 Tuesday, July 9. 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

Genevieve Cole and Gary Gullledge in District 1 (Paulding and Bartow counties); Neal Dettmering in District 4 (Douglas and Carroll counties); and Jim Johns in District 8 (Douglas County).

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

Electric lawn EQUIPMENT

Considering electric equipment to maintain your outdoor space? Check out the benefits of going electric and considerations before making the switch.

Benefits of electric equipment:

- Battery-powered equipment produces zero emissions.
- No hassle and mess from gasoline and oil.
- Quieter and more reliable than gas-powered equipment.
- Requires less energy to do the same amount of work as gas-powered tools.

Considerations before going electric:

- Purchasing from a single brand can streamline charging.
- Consider the size of your property and battery run time.
- Backup batteries may be needed for larger properties.
- Electric equipment is pricier upfront.

Electric tools are quietly redefining the way we approach lawn care. While both gas and electric lawn tools can get the job done, electric equipment generally requires less maintenance, is less expensive to operate and is kinder to the environment.



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. To sign up, text **ENROLL** to 81492. Giving you up-to-date outage information is another way GreyStone makes life better.

Message and data rates may apply. For members who wish to report a power outage, text OUT to 81492.

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GREYSTONE CONNECTS BROADBAND CUSTOMERS



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FIBER INTERNET IS HERE!

GreyStone Connect, the fiber subsidiary of GreyStone Power Corporation, is pleased to announce the connection of its first customer to gigabit-speed internet.

John Martin's connection to the GreyStone Connect fiber broadband network means residents in Chattahoochee Hills now have access to up to 2 gigabits per second (Gbps) internet service that is among the fastest and most robust in the nation.

Martin stated that in the past, he never had the internet speed or consistency that he was looking for, but he looks forward to seeing that change with GreyStone Connect. "From day one when this project started, I've gotten nothing but superior responses and assistance from GreyStone. They did exactly what they said they were going to do," Martin says. "I think that I'll have consistently fast, reliable service at a great price, and that's all I can ask for."

GreyStone Connect Board Chair Maribeth Wansley feels that the project will be life-changing for those impacted. "This will close the digital divide for the citizens of Chattahoochee Hills. Many residents have no connectivity and most have poor connectivity. I look forward to seeing the positive impact that GreyStone Connect will have in the community," Wansley says.

In May 2023, GreyStone Connect announced their fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project to launch and deploy an approximately 400-mile fiber network. The first phase of deployment will provide high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved members across four west Georgia counties, including southern Fulton County, southern Douglas County, portions of eastern Carroll County and a small section of southern Paulding County.

"We are thrilled to mark this milestone as GreyStone takes a giant leap forward in bridging the digital divide," says Gary Miller, president/CEO of GreyStone Power. "Connecting our inaugural customer is a testament to our commitment to serving the unserved and underserved communities in our territory with top-tier broadband services."

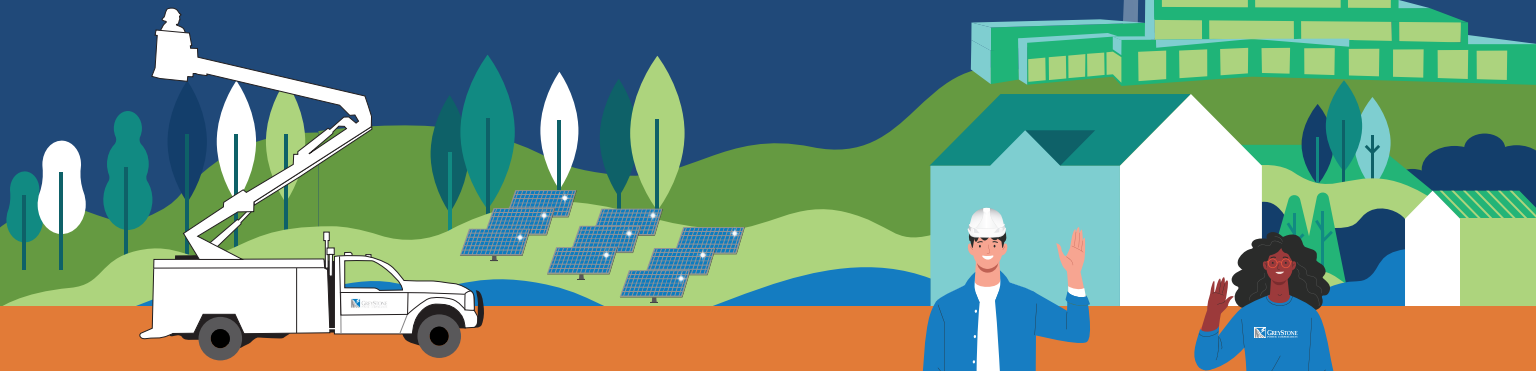
GreyStone Power VP of Broadband Services Eric Lannen emphasizes the community focus behind GreyStone Connect's mission. "We are focused on our members like they are family, unlike our competitors, where you are just another customer," Lannen says.

Lannen adds that the GreyStone Connect fiber buildout also stands apart from the competition. "We are building a more advanced service than our competition by building a redundant fiber backbone, which will provide another level of reliability."

As construction efforts continue, GreyStone Connect is poised to reach even more members in 2024. To check availability and sign up for service where available, visit www.GreyStoneConnect.com.

From left, GreyStone Power VP of Broadband Services Eric Lannen with first GreyStone Connect customer John Martin.

EMPOWERING YOUR COMMUNITY



When you live in GreyStone Power's service area, you'll catch the cooperative making life better for the community.

Its employees are the kind of neighbors you value. They volunteer to help others in a variety of ways.

GreyStone empowers the next generation through the Washington Youth Tour, as well as scholarships for local students.

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