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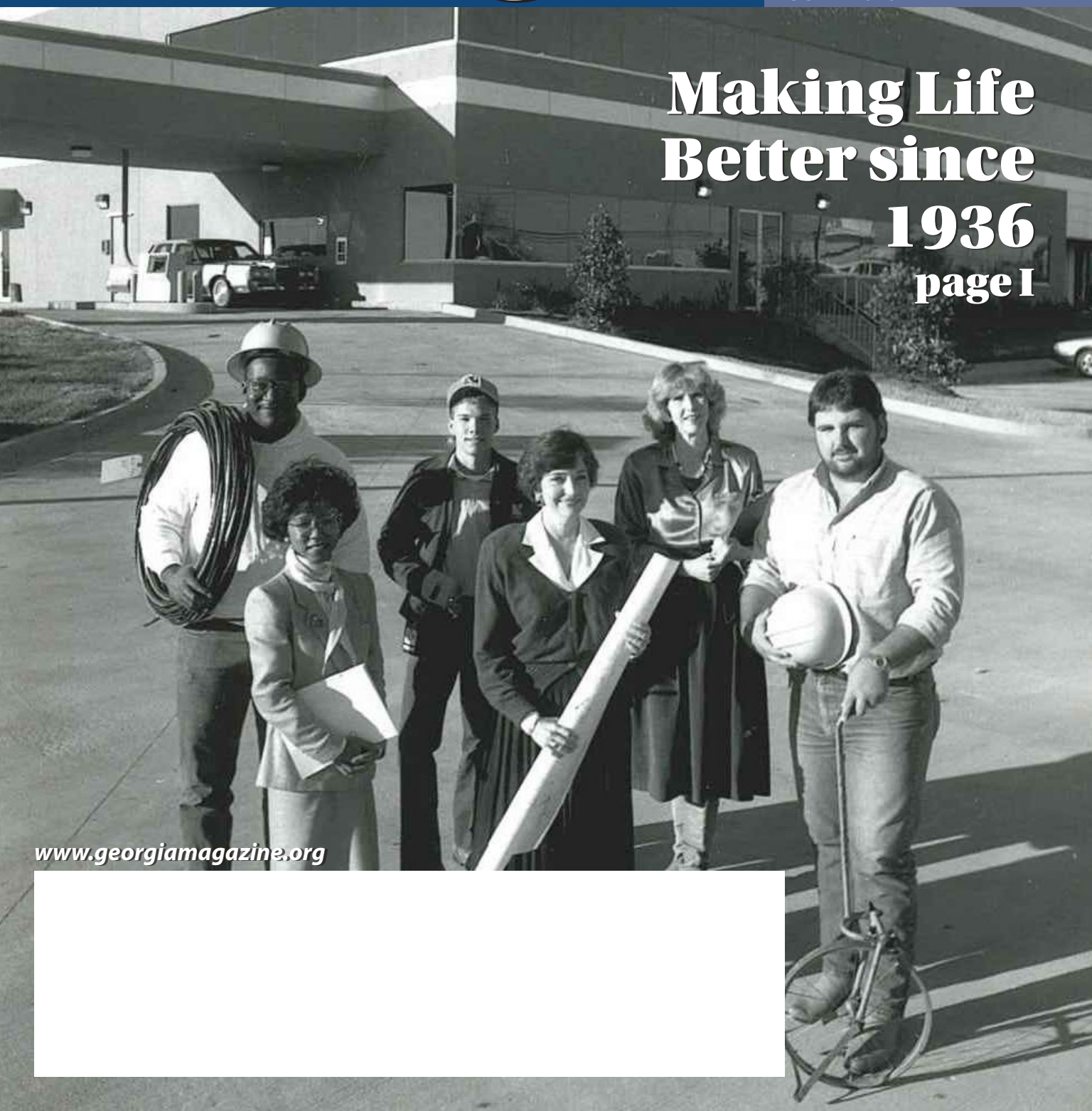




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MILLER'S MINUTE

90 YEARS OF MAKING LIFE BETTER

Can you believe it's been 90 years since your co-op was formed? What started as a grassroots movement by Douglas County farmers evolved into a successful electric cooperative that today serves more than 136,000 members in eight counties.

Much of west Georgia had no electric service back in 1936, and investor-owned power companies avoided rural areas that did not ensure immediate profits. On Aug. 24 of that year, five men formed the Farmers Electrical Association and faced an uphill battle to sign up new members for the co-op. They traveled down rough roads to get the required three homes per mile needed for the co-op's loan to be approved. The \$5 membership fee was a deal-breaker for some.

But from the time the first switches were thrown to power those communities in our service area, the co-op was a success and experienced rapid growth. Today in that same spirit of bringing service to the unserved, we continue to expand our high-speed fiber broadband service, GreyStone Connect, to serve more members. We look forward to the next 90 years!

- 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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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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Subasakti Chandrasekaran, above, and Kendall Dalton, below, are 2026 recipients of the Walter Harrison Scholarship



GREYSTONE NEWS

Scholarship WINNERS

Subasakti Chandrasekaran of Douglasville and Kendall Dalton of Dallas are two of the 2026 recipients of the Walter Harrison Scholarship awarded by electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia, including GreyStone Power.

Chandrasekaran and Dalton competed against 85 other students from across Georgia for the scholarship, which provides \$1,000 to help offset the rising costs associated with obtaining a college degree. Nineteen scholarships were awarded to students statewide. Winners were chosen based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities and service to the community.

Applicants were asked to submit a short essay detailing why they would be strong candidates for the scholarship, while also sharing their educational and career aspirations, along with any unique circumstances. This was an opportunity for students to emphasize their community involvement or passion for serving others. The selection committee considered school performance, GPA, academic honors, extracurricular activities and financial need in their decision-making process.

The scholarship is named in honor of Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electricity movement and a leader at the local, state and national levels among EMCs. Since 1987, more than \$290,000 has been awarded to approximately 309 students through the Walter Harrison Scholarship, created in 1985 by the board of directors of Georgia EMC.

Save the date

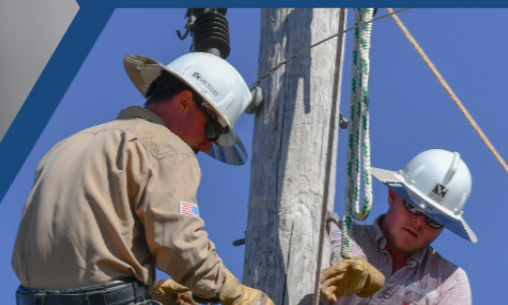
Mark your calendars and save the date for the GreyStone Power Annual Meeting of Members, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10! The co-op plans to host the drive-thru meeting at the headquarters located at 3400 Hiram Douglasville Hwy., Hiram. Members will remain in their vehicles.

The first 1,500 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.



STEM DAY

2026



GreyStone Power hosted the third 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 roofing demos; a tour through GreyStone's SCADA department; informative learning sessions on solar power 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, Go Energy Credit Union and GreyStone.

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

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.



"All the amazing opportunities and good activities that they offer here are very educational and very fun."

**Isay Guardado,
Alexander High
School**

"My experience [at STEM Day] was very awesome. I got to enjoy lots of fun stuff and learn about new careers."

**Alexionna Roberts,
East Paulding High
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BOARD ELECTIONS

Three seats on the GreyStone Board of Directors are up for election in 2026. The winners will be announced in October following the co-op's Annual Meeting.

HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE

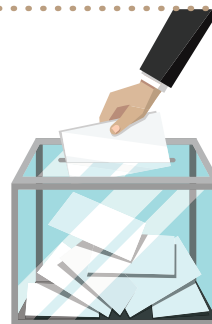
Eligible members may become a candidate by being selected by the GreyStone Nominating Committee, or by nomination by petition of members. Directors seeking reelection this year are John Walton in District 2 (Paulding County); Maribeth Wansley in District 6 (Fulton, Fayette and Coweta counties); and Milton Jones in District 7 (Fulton 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 2. Forms for petitions and the affidavit can be found at greystonepower.com/board-elections.

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS

All nominees are subject to a criminal 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 2. 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

John Walton in District 2 (Paulding County); Maribeth Wansley in District 6 (Fulton, Fayette and Coweta counties); and Milton Jones in District 7 (Fulton 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

Maintaining your HVAC SYSTEM

Your heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system is essential to keeping your home comfortable during summer months, and if it breaks down, it's also the most expensive equipment to repair or replace. Luckily, there are simple steps you can take to lengthen the life of your HVAC system.

- Change or clean filters. Dirty filters block airflow, which can greatly decrease the efficiency of your system. The Department of Energy recommends changing or cleaning filters every month or two during the cooling season.
- Clean the HVAC unit. Outdoor condenser coils can become clogged with pollen, dirt and small debris. Use a hose to spray the HVAC unit once each season to ensure maximum airflow. (Warning: Do not use a pressure washer to do this, as it can damage the equipment.)
- Clear space around the HVAC unit. Dryer vents, falling leaves and grass left behind from the lawnmower can create buildup. Remove any debris around the HVAC unit. If you have foliage near the unit, trim it back at least 2 feet around the condenser to increase airflow.



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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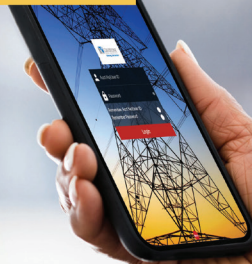
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90 years of GreyStone Power

MAKING LIFE BETTER SINCE 1936

The use of electricity is so commonplace, that we don't think twice about turning on a light or charging our phones. However, the history of GreyStone Power dates back to an era when nearly 90% of rural people lived and worked without electricity.

While large metropolitan cities like Atlanta were being powered by investor-owned power companies, those same companies didn't believe it would be profitable to run power lines in rural areas.

Hope for rural electrification became a reality through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935. The creation of the REA set the wheels in motion that led to the founding of GreyStone Power Corporation.

On Aug. 24, 1936, five men met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Douglasville and formed the Farmers Electrical Association, a not-for-profit cooperative. Later that month, they established Bylaws, chose officers and applied for an REA loan to build 83 miles of power lines.

The co-op faced many challenges in its inception. The membership fee was \$5, which was hard to come by during the Great Depression. The rural area had almost no paved roads, making it hard to reach people. In addition, people feared that they would lose their farms if the co-op went bankrupt.

In spite of these hurdles, the co-op, now officially named Douglas County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), energized the first rural line on Sept. 29, 1937. The rest, as they say, is history.

In the past 90 years, the co-op has had many changes and continuous growth. Most notably, the changing of the cooperative name from Douglas County EMC to GreyStone Power Corporation in 1988. In 2021, the co-op moved its headquarters from Douglasville to Paulding County to better serve its members and the community.

In May 2023, GreyStone launched GreyStone Connect, a broadband subsidiary now bringing high-speed internet to more than 4,300 unserved and underserved locations within its service area. Since connecting its first customer in early 2024, the subsidiary has proven to be life-changing. Much like turning the lights on for the first time for rural members in 1936, providing high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved members is helping to bridge the digital divide.

Currently, GreyStone Power serves portions of eight metropolitan Atlanta counties including Douglas, Paulding, Cobb, Fulton, Coweta, Fayette, Carroll and Bartow, serving more than 136,000 members.

While many things have changed over the past 90 years, one thing remains the same: GreyStone Power continues to make life better for the communities it serves.

Editor's Note: These historical linemen photos predate GreyStone's modern safety guidelines.



A woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a red sweater, is shown from the chest up. She is holding a white smartphone in her hands and looking at it with a smile. The background is a solid blue color.

LOOK AT YOU, OWNER OF A PRETTY AMAZING POWER COMPANY

You probably didn't wake up this morning thinking, look at me, owner in an amazing power co-op. Congratulations! Now for the obvious next question. What's a co-op again? As a co-op, GreyStone Power is owned by our members, and proudly rated 99.98% reliable. Being a co-op means we can focus on what a power company should focus on: reliable power. You'll see us out in the community, making things better every day. So say hi! And enjoy owning your very own power company.



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