



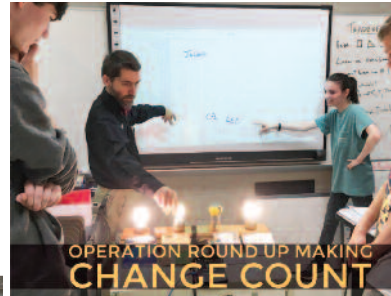
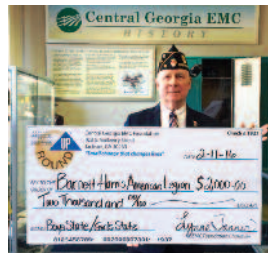
## Operation Round Up®: Making Change Count



Central Georgia EMC would like to thank all our customer-owners who participate in Operation Round Up®. By choosing to round up their electric bill each month to the nearest dollar, they put their pennies to work. Contributing customer-owners have allowed our CGEMC Foundation Board of Directors to grant more than \$150,750 in 2016 to enrich the communities we serve.

“Operation Round Up fits perfectly with the principles of our cooperative. By pooling our individual resources, we make a big difference for our communities as a whole,” says Christy Chewing, Manager of Marketing Services. “While individual contributions will average only 50 cents a month, when added together with my contribution and those of many other CGEMC customer-owners, we can make a big impact in the communities we serve.”

For the average cost of one cup of specialty coffee per year (\$6), our contributing customers have helped fill community food pantries. Their combined pennies have provided hope, shelter, and comfort for children and families in need and crisis. Schools in your communities have received funds to support technology, sporting, and literacy programs. With your continued support, Operation Round Up® will continue to grow and enrich the communities in which we live and work.



These are some of the organizations that received funds from Operation Round Up® in 2016:

- A Friend's House**
- Butts County Life Enrichment**
- Ferst Foundation**
- Griffin Fire Rescue**
- Haven House**
- Jasper County Food Bank**
- Jasper County High School**
- Jay's Hope**
- Kennedy Road Middle School**

- MM Hope House**
- Mount Carmel Elementary**
- Oakland Elementary**
- Ola High School**
- Project Linus**
- Rising Star Food Pantry**
- Rock Springs Clinic**
- Women on Mission Food Pantry**

## CUSTOMERS DUE



**Brown, Laura C.**  
**Clayton, Trya L.**  
**Century Comm of GA, LLC**  
**Evans, Katrina Elaine**  
**Honeycutt, Joshua**  
**Hutchinson, Tammy Elaine**  
**Ison, Bobby Est.**  
**Jouet Toys, LLC**  
**Manso, Efrain**  
**Marcoux, Malachi**  
**Shelley, Eric K.**  
**Story, Jonathan**  
**Tabert, LLC**  
**Webb, Loretta**  
**Wilks, Joann**



### Use LED Holiday Lights

Light-emitting diode (LED) holiday lights are more efficient than traditional incandescent lights. LED light strings are higher in cost but last for up to forty holiday seasons. LED lights also use far less energy than incandescent bulbs.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

# Central Georgia EMC's Value-Added Products and Services

## Cooperative Solar

Enjoy the benefits of solar energy without the costs and complications of rooftop solar panels. CGEMC's Cooperative Solar program will allow you to choose just the right amount of solar energy from our off-site energy facility. Our Cooperative Solar subscribers will receive affordable, renewable solar energy directly from our portfolio of solar energy resources. Our off-site shared facility covers 942 acres in Hazlehurst, GA. One-kilowatt solar blocks are available for \$19 per month. For more information, visit [www.cgemc.com/cooperative-solar.com](http://www.cgemc.com/cooperative-solar.com).



## Green Power

As a member of Green Power EMC, Central Georgia EMC utilizes electricity generated from biomass, specifically methane gas reclaimed from the Taylor County landfill.

The methane gas, which would normally be burned off as waste, is collected and used to generate electricity. Green power is available in blocks of 150 kilowatt hours for only \$4.50 per month.

## Outdoor Lighting

Need a little outdoor lighting at your home or business? Our outdoor lighting service will illuminate your yard, sidewalks, and parking lots with dusk-to-dawn lighting. Our LED bulbs provide crisp, clean lighting effects for your environment. [www.cgemc.com/outdoor-lighting/](http://www.cgemc.com/outdoor-lighting/)

## Surge Protection

CGEMC recommends the TES 240 MSA Surge Arrestor installed at the wattmeter location to protect your valuable appliances and electronics from damage caused by lightning and other types of power surges. The TES 240 MSA Surge Arrestor can be leased for \$5.75 per month plus tax. For more information on meter-based surge protection, visit [www.cgemc.com/surge-protection](http://www.cgemc.com/surge-protection).



## Electric Education and Safety Programs

Central Georgia EMC will provide a program for your school group, civic club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other community organizations. We offer programs on electrical safety, solar power, and energy efficiency. To schedule a presentation for your school or organization, please call Central Georgia EMC's Member Services Department at 770-504-7831.

## EMC Security

EMC Security offers home monitoring services that put your interests first with comprehensive, customized protection. EMC Security offers service with no strings attached and no hidden surprises. There are no contracts to sign, and once installed, you own the system. Each system is designed for your individual needs, so you get precisely the level of protection you expect. EMC Security offers security and fire protection, along with other technologies, like video monitoring and system control from your smartphone; home theater system, and medical alert systems. [www.cgemc.com/emc-security/](http://www.cgemc.com/emc-security/)

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## Gas South

Gas South is pleased to offer CGEMC customers who have natural gas a discount off their already great everyday low rates! Additional benefits include no deposit (up to \$150 value), and no connection fee (\$60 instant savings). Please visit [gas-south.com/central](http://gas-south.com/central) to sign up today!



## Home Energy Audit

Find the hidden savings in your home with a free in-home energy audit. Central Georgia EMC's Energy Service Representative will schedule a visit to your home and provide valuable insight about how you can maximize your home's energy efficiency. Please call 770-775-7857 to schedule your appointment and start saving.



HomeEnergySuite™

## HomeEnergySuite

Curious about how your home uses energy or ways to save? Visit the HomeEnergySuite link on [www.cgemc.com](http://www.cgemc.com), a free benefit for our customer-owners. In addition to analyzing your total home usage, applications are also available to examine specific appliances, lighting, television, and space heater electric consumption.

## Home Plus Loan Program

Thinking of making some energy-efficient home improvements? Consider financing with the Home Plus energy improvement loan program. Central Georgia EMC has collaborated with GEMC Federal Credit Union to offer you a fast and economical way to finance your energy-efficient home improvements. The program allows on-bill financing of your recommended improvement. Please visit [www.cgemc.com/homeplus/](http://www.cgemc.com/homeplus/) for more information.



## High-Speed Internet Services

Exede Broadband internet is available for homeowners with few options in rural areas. Exede Broadband can be up to four times faster than average DSL speeds. [www.cgemc.com/internet-services/](http://www.cgemc.com/internet-services/).



## Recipe of the Month



## Green Rice Casserole

From the kitchen of  
Wendy Sherlock



### Ingredients:

3 eggs, beaten  
1-2/3 cups evaporated milk  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
2/3 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup onion, minced  
One clove garlic, minced  
1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
One 8-oz. package processed cheese product—cubed  
2 cups snipped parsley  
4-1/2 cups rice, cooked  
Paprika, to taste

### Directions:

Combine eggs, evaporated milk, cream, and oil. Beat mixture well. Add remaining ingredients except for paprika. Mix thoroughly and pour into greased shallow three-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with paprika and bake at 300 degrees for one hour. Remove from oven and allow to stand 5 minutes before serving.

*We are in search of your favorite seasonal recipes. If you have one to submit, please send to 923 S. Mulberry St, Jackson, GA. 30233, Attn: Vicki Jolley. Alternatively, email [vjolley@cgemc.com](mailto:vjolley@cgemc.com). Please include your account number. You will receive a \$20 credit on your next electric bill for published recipes.*



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## Students Could Earn a \$1,000 Scholarship

Central Georgia EMC is now accepting student applications for the \$1,000 Walter G. Harrison Scholarship.

Eligible students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program at a Georgia college or technical school, complete a two-page application, and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with references to plans and goals. Only students who live in a primary residence served by Central Georgia EMC are eligible. Ten students statewide are selected for the scholarships.



Applications are available on our website at [www.cgemc.com/walter-g-harrison-scholarship](http://www.cgemc.com/walter-g-harrison-scholarship) or by contacting Vicki Jolley at 770-504-7861. Completed application packets are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday, January 27, 2017.

## Power Shutoff Scam Alert

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we are beginning to hear reports of payment scams targeting utility customers. In this widespread scam, a telephone caller poses as an electric utility company employee and threatens to cut off a customer's power unless an immediate payment is made.

Central Georgia EMC values the safety and security of our customer-owners. CGEMC attempts to communicate when an account is in danger of disconnection by using various methods including, but not limited to, the disconnection date being printed on the bill, and automated telephone calls. If you receive an account communication that concerns you, please contact our office at 770-775-7857, and we will be glad to assist you.

## Year-end System Maintenance

Central Georgia EMC will be performing year-end computer maintenance beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2016. The customer information and payment system will not be available until 5 p.m. Sunday, January 1, 2017. We apologize for any inconvenience.



## Holiday Notice

The Central Georgia EMC office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, 2016, for the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed Monday, January 2, 2017, for the New Year's Day holiday. In case of a power outage, call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System Operators will be on duty to assist you.