



## CGEMC Foundation Celebrates Operation Round Up® Participants

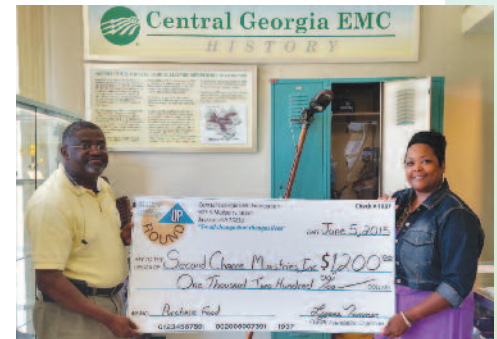


Central Georgia EMC would like to thank all our members who participate in Operation Round Up®. By choosing to round up their electric bill each month to the nearest dollar, they have allowed our Central Georgia EMC Foundation Board of Directors to grant more than \$163,000 in 2015 to improve the communities we serve.

For the average cost of one fast-food meal per year, our contributing members have helped put shoes on children's feet, healthy food on their plates, and smiles on their faces. Schools in your communities have received funds for technology, sporting equipment, dictionaries, and supply-filled book bags to start the school year right. Grants have been used to fund scholarships to camps for diabetic youth, children in foster care, and individuals with developmental disabilities.

The following are some of the organizations that received funds from Operation Round Up in 2015:

- Anchor of Hope Foundation Inc.
- Best Buddies International at Mary Persons High School
- Butts County Department of Leisure Services
- Calvin Center
- Camp Kudzu
- Fayette County Special Olympics
- Flint River Council, Boy Scouts of America



- Foster Siblings Reunited, DBA Camp to Belong Georgia
- Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too!
- Get Ahead House Inc.
- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- Griffin Fire-Rescue
- Habitat for Humanity Putnam Inc.
- Hands of Hope Clinic Inc.
- Haven House
- Healthy Life Community Garden
- Henderson Middle School boys soccer
- Henry County Parks & Recreation Special Olympics
- Jackson High School—HOSA
- Jasper County Mentor Program Inc.
- Jasper County Senior Center

- Jay's Hope Foundation
- Madison-Morgan County Boys and Girls Club
- Mary Persons High School—Access Program
- Meals on Wheels of Middle Georgia
- Middle Georgia MATHCOUNTS
- Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary
- Operation Appreciation Inc.
- Putnam Community Resources
- Rachel's Gift Inc.
- Shoes for God's Children
- Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse
- Spalding High School cross country team
- Steffen Thomas Museum and Archives

## CUSTOMERS DUE



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Alfadhel, Rashed  
Bigelow, Matthew  
Brown, Stephen  
Custer, Aubrey  
Dabney, Austin Christopher  
Dailey, Erica D.  
Haughton, Lyle  
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House, Sandra E.  
Johnson, David  
Nelson, Natalie  
Penn, Wylinda  
Smith, Bethany Kristen  
Thompson, Jerry Daniel Jr.  
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Willis, Shanerica Z.  
Wood, Justin Lee



Remember to close your fire-place damper (unless a fire is burning). Keeping the damper open is like leaving a window wide open during the winter, allowing warm air to escape through the chimney.

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

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

## 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 is collected and used to generate electricity. Green power is available in 150-kilowatt blocks for only \$4.50 per month.



## Marathon Water Heaters

Heating your water with an electric water heater is easy and efficient. A Marathon water heater will be the LAST water heater you ever have to buy! A Marathon water heater is guaranteed to be leak free for as long as you own your home.

## Security Lighting

A cost-effective way to bring peace of mind and security to your home and property is with security lighting from CGEMC. An overhead security light will cost you as little as \$9 a month.

## Surge Protection

Central Georgia EMC has a variety of surge protection devices available to help you protect your appliances and electronics from damage caused by lightning and other types of power surges.



## 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, energy efficiency tips in your home, and value-added services offered by Central Georgia EMC. To schedule a presentation for your school or organization, please call Central Georgia EMC's Member Services Department at 770-504-7831 or 1-800-222-4877, ext. 7831.

## Gas South

Gas South is pleased to offer CGEMC customers who have natural gas a 2 cent discount off their already great everyday low rates! Additional benefits include no deposit, 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

The power to control your energy bill is in your hands. With a free home energy audit, Central Georgia EMC's trained Energy Service Representative will schedule a visit to your home and give valuable insight into ways that you can maximize your home's energy efficiency. Please call 770-775-7857 to schedule your appointment and start saving.

## Home Energy Suite

CGEMC customers can get fast, accurate information about their home's energy use with the Home Energy Suite available at [www.cgemc.com](http://www.cgemc.com). In

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HomeEnergySuite™

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In addition to analyzing your total home usage, applications are also available to examine appliance, lighting, television, and space heater electric consumption.



## Home Plus Loan Program

Smart homeowners want to get the most value for their energy dollar. One way to increase the comfort of your home while potentially saving money

is to make energy efficiency improvements.

To make this process easier, 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 through the Home Plus Energy Improvement Loan program. 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

For homeowners with few options for Internet service or who live in rural areas, there is no better option than Exede Broadband. Exede Broadband can be up to 4 times faster than average DSL speeds. [www.cgemc.com/internet-services/](http://www.cgemc.com/internet-services/).

## The Switch: Load Management Control Program

Load management is your silent partner in holding down the cost of electricity. The Switch turns your water heater off for typically up to five hours and your central air conditioner off for 7½ minutes out of every half-hour. The peak demand periods occur only a few days each summer and last for a few hours. CGEMC offers up to a \$30-per-year credit on your power bill for participation in the load management program. [www.cgemc.com/load-management/](http://www.cgemc.com/load-management/)



## Recipe of the Month



## Jalapeno Cheese Grits

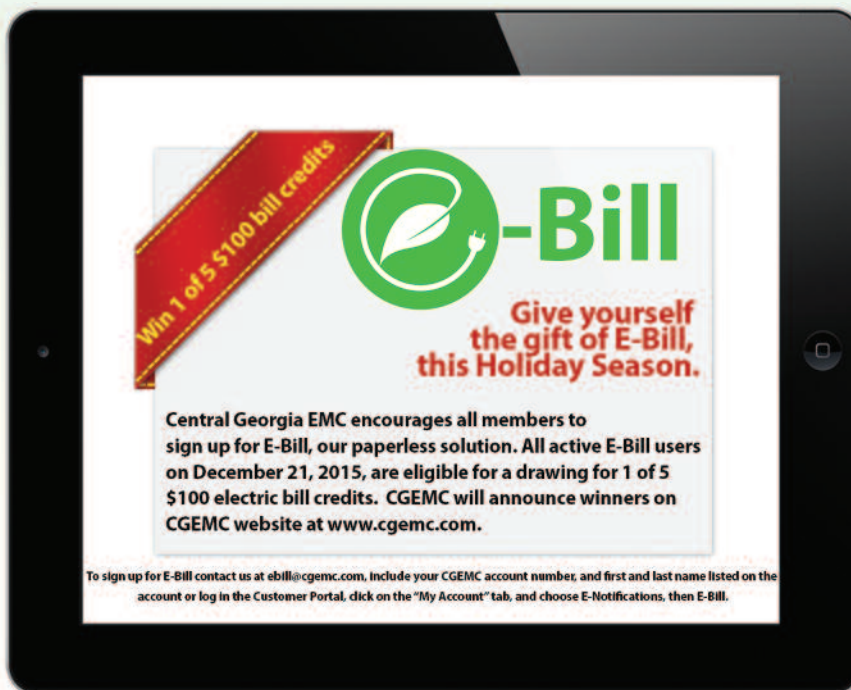
From the kitchen of *Sue Mills*

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked quick grits
- 4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese
- 4 ounces grated Monterey Jack cheese with peppers
- 4 ounces grated mozzarella cheese
- 1 stick of butter
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup sliced pickled jalapenos in juice (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook grits according to directions. Mix remaining ingredients in large mixing bowl. Add grits and stir well until blended. Bake in a buttered casserole dish for 30 minutes. Serve hot.



## Holiday Notice

The CGEMC office will close on Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25, 2015, for the Christmas holiday. The office will also close Friday, January 1, 2016, 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.



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## Local Student Could Earn a \$1,000 Scholarship



Central Georgia EMC is encouraging high school students and current college and technical school students to submit applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship, a program sponsored by Georgia's 41 electric cooperatives.

Ten scholarships will be awarded statewide in 2016. The \$1,000 scholarship may be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical institute in Georgia. Factors for consideration include grade-point average, SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, and financial need.

Scholarship applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program. They must also complete an application and write an autobiographical sketch that provides a preview of their plans. Students who live in a primary residence served by CGEMC are eligible to apply. Students interested in applying for the Walter Harrison Scholarship can review the qualifications and download an application at [www.cgemc.com/walter-g-harrison-scholarship/](http://www.cgemc.com/walter-g-harrison-scholarship/) or contact Central Georgia EMC's Member Services Department at 770-504-7831.

The scholarship, created in 1985 by the board of directors of Georgia EMC, pays tribute to the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electric movement and a leader at local, state, and national levels in the electric cooperative program.



## Washington Youth Tour

CGEMC is seeking two motivated and exceptional high school students for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June 2016!

Deadline for application is February 5, 2016. For more information and an application, visit [www.cgemc.com/washington-youth-tour](http://www.cgemc.com/washington-youth-tour).

## Year-end System Maintenance

Central Georgia EMC will be performing year-end computer maintenance beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2015. The customer information and payment system will not be available until 5 p.m. Friday, January 1, 2016. We apologize for any inconvenience.

