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Go Beyond the Card with the Co-op Connections Program!

At Central Georgia EMC, we are committed to helping you save. Using the Co-op Connections Card, our customer-owners have received discounts at more than 60 local businesses, saved hundreds of dollars on prescription medications, and received special offers, both statewide and across the nation.

Now, the Co-op Connections program that you know and love is better than ever. We are going beyond the card with a new and improved program, focusing on a redesigned website and mobile app, putting even more savings right at your fingertips.

Savings are always within your reach through the free Co-op Connections mobile app, which is available in the Google Play and Apple app stores. Simply download the new Co-op Connections app to your phone and create an account to access thousands of deals instantly. If you are already using the Co-op Connections app, be sure to download the new app for access to all the discounts you already use, plus the new deals.

Visit *connections.coop/cgemc* to check out the improvements to the website.

Many new deals have been added, including discounts on entertainment, hotels, restaurants, and many more. From automotive to dining, clothes to home improvement—there are so many ways to save. Be sure to check out the new deals from featured partners such as *coupons.com*, Uber, and more!

New app features allow you to track how much you are saving, or recommend a local business that you would like to see on the program. Staff from Central Georgia EMC



- DISCOUNTED MOVIE & EVENT TICKETS
- 2-FOR-1 COUPONS

will reach out to the business to see if they are interested in offering a discount.

We are excited to go the extra mile for our members and help you save money, every day!

Co-op Connections is a free discount program just for electric cooperative members. For questions regarding the program, visit *www.cgemc.com*, or contact Christy Chewning, Member Engagement Coordinator, at 770-504-7917.

Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.

LOW-COST TIPS



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Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.

Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

Beverage

Beat the Summer Heat!

Summer is on the way, bringing with it longer days and warmer weather. However, as the temperatures rise, so does your energy usage. Use CGEMC's Energy Resource Center to help you beat the heat.

Available online at *www.cgemc.com* under Energy Solutions, our Energy Resource Center provides you with specific ways to save based on information you provide about your home. The Energy Advisor Calculator provides you with a bill analysis to help you understand where your dollars are going.

This self-guided tool is simple to use and available 24/7. Following the energy recommendations can add up to big savings.



Save the Date 81st Annual Meeting of Members

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:00 a.m. At the Central Georgia EMC Annex 1083 South Mulberry Street, Jackson, GA 30233















Attention, Load Management Participants

In July, Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) will begin a project to upgrade existing load management switches on air-conditioning units and water heaters. We estimate that this project will take approximately two years to complete. CGEMC will utilize contractors to complete the bulk of the project.

Contract employees will have identification and drive vehicles clearly identifying them as contractors for Central Georgia EMC.

In some cases, it may be necessary to enter your home to replace the load management switch. In these situations, a representative will contact you ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

Holiday Notice – July 4th

The Central Georgia EMC office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. In the event of a power outage, please call our 24-hour automated system at 770-775-7857 or 1-800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System operators are on duty to assist you.

Notice of 2017 Capital Credit Assignments

Central Georgia EMC announces that the capital credit assignment for 2017 is 4.22 percent. In an electric cooperative structure such as CGEMC, each dollar paid in excess of the cost of providing service is an investment in CGEMC by its customer-owners.

At the end of the year, after all expenses are paid, any remaining funds are assigned to customer-owners' accounts. CGEMC's margins are used as capital until they can be returned through a general refund without impairing the cooperative's financial condition.

Your capital credit assignment is calculated by multiplying your total electric bill for the year, minus the sales tax and any miscellaneous charges, times the 4.22 percent.

Example:	
Your assignment is:	
\$ 6.33	
\$ 12.66	
\$ 21.10	
\$ 42.20	

Co-op Connections Deals

Affordable Events, LLC

One free hors d'oeuvre from our Level 1 menu with a signed contract and paid deposit. 2153 Highway 155 N., McDonough, 404-909-5251

Ageless Adventures

First-time registrants receive 10% discount on day trips with code COOP10. **770-851-5563**

Meeks Heating & Air

\$49 service call special (includes trip and diagnostic charges). 770-227-5753

Seven 5 Promotions

10% off first order of signs, banners, and stickers.
\$50 off business marketing or event. Free screen printing setup on shirt printing.
478-315-9944

Southern Cross Guest Ranch

\$10 off 2-hour trail ride.
10% discount on overnight stays of 2 or more nights.
1670 Bethany Church Road,
Madison,
706-342-8027

Spalding Gas, Inc.

HVAC preseason service (fall or spring) for \$75; a savings of \$20. HVAC diagnostic on equipment for \$59; a savings of \$10. Propane for first-time user 30 cents per gallon off regular rate.

*Inspection for first-time user with Spalding Gas, Inc. is required at an additional fee. 770-228-8484

A complete list of local deals can be found under the Co-op Connections tab at *www.cgemc.com*.

If you own a local business and would like to participate in the Co-op Connections program, visit our website at *www.cgemc.com* to sign up or call our Marketing Department at 770-504-7831.



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

—Source: energy.gov



Tomato Pie From the kitchen of **Cherry Butterworth**



Ingredients:

One deep-dish premade pie shell

- 2 large, ripe tomatoes, sliced and peeled
- 3 tablespoons fresh basil, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

Prebake the pie shell at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Slice and peel 2 large tomatoes; salt to taste, and place in a colander until most of the liquid is drained from the tomatoes.

Mix together:

- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Arrange tomato slices in pie shell to cover bottom of shell, spread chopped basil over tomatoes and then cover with the mayonnaise-cheese mixture. Cook 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees until cheese bubbles or crust is brown.