

Congratulations, High School Graduates!



Miles Johnson



Abram Miller



Brook Patton



Abigail O'Neal

Tri-State EMC would like to congratulate Miles Johnson, Abram Miller, Brook Patton and Abigail O'Neal, who will be graduating in 2020.

- **Miles Johnson** is the son of Leslie Jabaley Mann and Tri-State EMC Equipment Operator Joel Mann and the son of Earl and Lori Johnson.
- **Abram Miller** is the son of Tri-State EMC Board Vice President Jesse Miller and his wife, Kim.
- **Brook Patton** is the daughter of Tri-State EMC Member Services Representative Melissa Patton and her husband, Randy.
- **Abigail O'Neal** is the daughter of Tri-State EMC Line Technician Dewayne O'Neal and his wife, Tiffany.

These high school seniors have experienced something no other high school senior in their lifetime has endured. When COVID-19 struck the country, high school proms, college days, spring sports seasons, awards days, scholarship days, senior trips and many other activities were canceled or postponed because of this unprecedented pandemic.


Tri-State EMC would like to acknowledge the hardships these seniors have faced and encourage these talented and gift young adults to stay strong and continue to pursue your dreams.

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure! Remember, anything is possible—all you have to do is believe in yourself.



Office Closing for
Memorial Day

Tri-State EMC's office will be closed Monday, May 25, 2020, in observance of Memorial Day. This is a day of remembrance for those who died in our nation's service.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When the weather is nice, put your grill to use. During summer months, cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat from cooking indoors.

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A Chance to Show Some Love to Your Co-op

Attention, members: We need your help. *Georgia Magazine* is doing a series of stories as part of a feature titled “I love my co-op” for the October issue. We’d love for Tri-State EMC (TSEMC) to be mentioned in the article.

We encourage you to write a short story about why you appreciate TSEMC or a photo that shows your appreciation, or your child or grandchild can create a picture showing what you love about Tri-State EMC. *Georgia Magazine* will choose what will be printed from among those submitted.

Please send your entries to Attn: I Love My Co-op, *Georgia Magazine*, P.O. Box 1707, Tucker GA 30085, or email magazine@georgiaemc.com. Participants should include their name, mailing address, phone number, email address and the name of their electric co-op. The deadline is July 31, 2020.



Stories should be 150 words or less, photos (300 dpi) or children’s art (pencil or crayon drawings or paintings, no larger than 10 by 12 inches).

Nothing Says Love Like Pitching in Around the House

A new Gallup Poll says women still take most of the responsibility for household chores, especially cleaning, cooking, laundry and grocery shopping.

This Mother’s Day, get the family together and give Mom the day off while the rest of you dust, vacuum, scrub and straighten up the house.

Double the benefit of a clean house by focusing on a few chores that can also improve the home’s energy efficiency. For example:

- Wash the windows, inside and out. Clean windows let in unfiltered sunlight, which can warm a room on a cool day and let enough light in that Mom might be able to turn off a few lamps.
- Change the air-conditioning filter. It’s almost A/C season. The unit will work more efficiently if it doesn’t have to fight with last year’s clogged filter as it tries to circulate cool air.
- Snake the clothes dryer vent. A clean passageway for exhaust not only helps the appliance operate more efficiently, but it also lowers the risk of fire.
- Clean out the refrigerator. Wipe up spills



and trash expired food. Then organize the remaining items so they’re easy to find. That will cut down on the time Mom has to keep the refrigerator door open each time she needs to find something.

- Clean the appliances that are designed for cleaning. Dishwashers and washing machines can harbor bacteria and germs, especially if Mom doesn’t use bleach. Simply add a cup of bleach to an empty washer and run it with hot water. And take a bleach-soaked rag to the interior of the dishwasher to stave off mold and fungi.