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ONLINE NOW

All members can view CHELCO outages and storm tips on our website.



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Sign up for bank draft for a chance to win a kayak

If you would like a chance to win a kayak, with a built in seat, a paddle and valued over \$300, sign up for CHELCO's bank draft payment plan. All participants in the program as of Aug. 31 will be eligible to win.

With bank draft, your payment is automatically deducted from your checking account. You save postage, and your bill gets paid on time. You receive your billing information, including the date of the deduction, either by mail or email.

For the ultimate in convenience, add paperless billing. You will receive an email when your bill is ready. If you are on bank draft, the bill will automatically be paid on the due date. If not, simply click on the link in the electronic bill and pay online. If you enter your checking account routing and account information to pay the bill, there is no charge. You can save this information so you do not have to enter it every month. If you use a debit or credit card, there is a \$3 fee.

BANK DRAFT SET IT & FORGET IT



So you have more time for the important things

No lines

No cost

No late fees

No worries

To sign up for either program, call (850) 892-2111. Forms are also available at CHELCO.com by searching bank draft or paperless billing. If you have a CHELCO online account, log on and select Draft Payment Options for autopay. For paperless, select Account Management and then the Paperless Billing tab.

IN BRIEF

Make sure CHELCO can contact you

It is important that we have your current contact information. Check your bill to see if the phone number we have associated with your account is correct. You can change the phone number by accessing your account from our website, or you can call (850) 892-2111 to update information.

If you do not have a land line and your primary number is a cell phone, we would like to make sure it is labeled as a mobile number and not a home number.

Call 811 before you dig

Whether it's a simple deck addition or a landscaping masterpiece, summer weather is great for outdoor improvements. But if your projects include digging, like planting a tree, it's important to call 811 at least three days in advance to find where utility lines run. The service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having services interrupted and may help avoid serious injury and avoid potential repair cost.

CHELCO selects three \$1,000 scholarship winners

CHELCO has chosen three \$1,000 scholarship recipients.

The winners are Katelyn Burdett, Niceville; Kelsea Roberts, Freeport High School; and Sydney Schermerhorn, Collegiate High School.

Katelyn Burdett is majoring in interior design at the University of Florida with a minor in sustainability. She also hopes to earn a masters in interior design or architecture. She is in the honors program at UF and is a member of the University of Florida American Society of Interior Designers student chapter. Burdett graduated summa cum laude from Niceville High School in 2017, where she received many academic awards and honors.



Katelyn Burdett



Kelsea Roberts



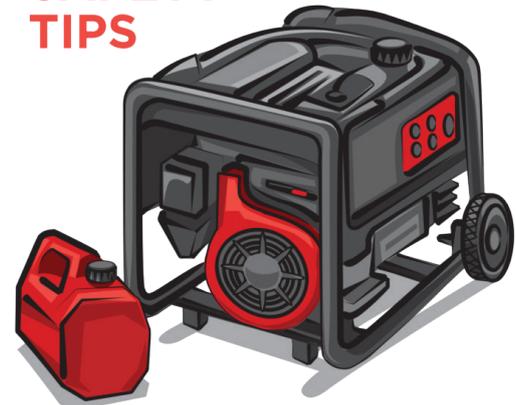
Sydney Schermerhorn

Kelsea Roberts graduated summa cum laude from Freeport High School and has already earned her associates of arts degree. She plans to attend the University of West Florida in the fall to become a registered nurse. Roberts has been the recipient of many awards and honors, such as the Woodman of the World Award, UWF Kugelman Honors, Walton County Sunshine State representative, Achievement Award for 4.0 and over GPA, National Honors Society and many others.

Sydney Schermerhorn graduated magna cum laude from the Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College and has already earned her associates of arts degree. She plans to attend the University of West Florida to major in English to become a librarian. She has completed an internship at the Learning Resources Center at Northwest Florida State College. Schermerhorn has been the recipient of many awards and honors to include the NWFSC President's List, the Enhanced Membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Excellence in Capstone award, National Honor Society and academic excellence for high honors.

CHELCO introduced the scholarship program in 2015 to help members or their dependents attend college. Applicants must be a CHELCO member, spouse of a member or the dependent of a member and live on CHELCO lines.

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS



Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment.

Stationary Generator:

An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric utility, should be installed by a professional.

Portable Generator:

Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it's out and away from your garage, doors, windows and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is **deadly**.

Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

Start the generator first **before** connecting appliances.

Source: SafeElectricity.org

TIP OF THE MONTH

Here's a cool tip for your fridge! Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in your refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder.

Source: energy.gov



Co-op Connections: Beyond the Card

At CHELCO, our employees live the cooperative difference every day and work tirelessly to keep your lights on. But as a co-op member, you receive more than just electricity from us. We make a difference in the communities we serve. Our employees are non-profit volunteers and board members, coaches of youth baseball teams and education advocates.

We believe in going the extra mile for our members. You have the ability to request an energy audit to help you save money, your children have the opportunity to participate in the Washington Youth Tour, and you have the ability to receive prescription and local deal discounts by participating in the Co-op Connections® Card Program.

CHELCO has participated in Co-op Connections through Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives for eight years and saved members more than \$50,500. This program allows you to get more out of your cooperative membership.

You can use your card at 60,000+ pharmacies nationwide to get discounts on your prescription medicine when there is no insurance available. We have also set up money savings discounts at 80 local businesses throughout CHELCO's service area.

Technology is always advancing and we have seen many changes over the last 77 years of providing electricity. Today, we know our members are always plugged in to their cell phones and tablets. That's why Co-op Connections has grown beyond the card.

Take some time to check out the new & improved www.connections.coop/CHELCO and download the

Co-op Connections app to your smart phones. Simply search Co-op Connections in the Google Play or Apple App stores and download it for free. After you login, you will receive a quick tutorial of how to use the app and see the new deals at your fingertips.

The revamped program allows you to review participating local and national businesses through the

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GO BEYOND THE CARD.

My Co-op Card

Digital Card in the App

CHELCO
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Download the new Co-op Connections® app today!

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

CHELCO is asking members to send in their photos so we can showcase our beautiful community in our publications. Photos can be historical, landscapes, nature or easily identifiable places within our area. We will not be able to use photos of people unless they are part of a public event. Please email your photo entries to newsletter@chelco.com.

CHELCO is governed by a nine-member board of trustees: Pat Carlyle, District 1; Terry Pilcher, District 1; Jim Bishop, Vice President, District 3; Brady Bearden, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, District 4; Ronald Jones, District 5; Gerald Edmondson, President, District 6; Bert Prutzman, Secretary/Treasurer, District 7; Gayle Hughes, District 8; Burt Cosson, District 9.

CONNECTIONS CORNER

The Co-op Connections discount program is another benefit of being a CHELCO member. Dozens of local businesses, plus thousands nationally, offer discounts to co-op members. There are also discounts available on prescriptions at participating pharmacies. This month, we highlight and thank the following businesses.

Mack Brooks Barber Shop
(850) 689-1959
Crestview
10% off haircut

Joyce's Puppy Love
(850) 267-1643
DeFuniak Springs
10% off self-service dog wash

Techplanet
www.
guaranteedcomputerservice.com
(850) 892-0977
DeFuniak Springs
15% off total service-related charges (parts excluded)

For more information, or, if you own a business and want to sign-up to offer CHELCO's 50,000+ member accounts a discount, email marketingservices@chelco.com or call CHELCO's marketing department at (850) 307-1122. You can find all the local and national deals by searching co-op connections at CHELCO.com.



IS \$25 YOURS?

If the account number below matches yours, sign this page and mail it with your bill to CHELCO or drop it off at any office. You'll win a \$25 credit on your next bill.

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CHELCO's Relay for Life of Walton team in front of their "Everybody was Kung Fu Fighting... Cancer" campsite at Freeport Middle School.

CHELCO raises more than \$14,000 for Relay for Life

CHELCO employees do much more than keep the lights on; they relay!

CHELCO participated in three American Cancer Society Relay for Life events this year: Crestview, Niceville and Walton County. More than 35 CHELCO employees volunteered time to raise money and awareness to fight back against cancer.

CHELCO's third annual charity golf tournament March 31 at Blackstone Golf Course raised more than \$8,500. Those funds were split between

Relay for Life and the American Heart Association Heart Walk event, which will be held Sept. 29.

The remaining funds were raised through CHELCO's sponsorship, internal fundraising and Relay for Life event fundraising.

One of the seven cooperative principals is concern for community, and our employees take that to heart. At CHELCO, we relay for those we lost, those who survived and those who are still fighting cancer.

Co-op Connections: Beyond the Card

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mobile app, use coupons straight from your phone or computer and receive deals from businesses such as McDonald's, Dominos and Sherwin Williams. We now also have national deals at theme parks, shows & events and movie theaters.

Did you forget your card and wish you had it to snag a deal at a participating restaurant? Now you can simply use the upgraded Co-op Connections app. You may still use your plastic card at local businesses and pharmacies, but everything you need is on your mobile device. If you turn on location services in the app, you will see discounts available in different areas as you travel.

Here at CHELCO we are always coming up with ways to better serve our members. Offering Co-op Connections is just one of the many ways that we bring you the cooperative difference. Go beyond the card and find all the ways to save!

For more information regarding the program or to become a participating business, visit CHELCO.com or contact the marketing department by calling (850) 307-1122 or email marketingservices@chelco.com. Visit www.connections.coop/CHELCO for an up-to-date listing of local and national deals.