



# Power Points

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## We need your recipes!

Diverse Power is in the process of producing a cookbook, and we need recipes from our members. That means you!

To be published in 2016, the cookbook will combine history of Diverse Power and its new Pataula District with favorite recipes from our members. Our recipe categories include: breakfast; appetizers; breads; soups, salads and sandwiches; meats and casseroles; vegetables and sides; desserts; grilling and game; special occasions; preserves and canning.

For possible inclusion in the book, email your recipe to [jackiekennedy8899@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiekennedy8899@yahoo.com) or mail to Diverse Power Inc., ATTN: Cookbook, P.O. Box 160, LaGrange, GA 30241, by March 1, 2015.

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## Pitching in at our Pataula District

**D**iverse Power Incorporated set up shop at the Randolph Crossroads Festival on Oct. 18, joining 50 vendors at the annual autumn event.

Held at the town square in Cuthbert, the one-day festival is named for the fact that it's situated at the crossroads of two major highways—U.S. Highways 27 and 82, according to Patricia Goodman, president of the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event. The festival was started in 2010 to attract business for local retailers and provide fall fun for families.

More than 1,000 people visited the first festival, and attendance has doubled since then, according to Goodman. Local organizations that participate include civic and garden clubs, church and community groups, local colleges and area businesses.

"It's an opportunity for fellowship as well as economic development for our county," says Goodman.

New to the community, Diverse Power embraced the festival this year



PATRICIA GOODMAN

Pataula District Office Manager Teresa Callaway, left, and Engineering/Operation Information Coordinator Kakeya Gilbert distribute goody bags at the festival.

by distributing 1,000 bags stuffed with a Diverse Power-logo coffee cup and pencil and giving away activity books with electric safety information for elementary school students.

"Commitment to the community is part of what the Diverse Power family does, not only by providing reliable service to our consumers but also by being involved in the betterment of the community," says Pataula District Office Manager Teresa Callaway. "We look forward to next year's festival."

KEN POPE



The fifth annual Randolph Crossroads Festival brought about 2,000 visitors to downtown Cuthbert.

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Diverse Power Incorporated provides electric-  
ity and related services to almost 35,000  
meters on 5,500 miles of power lines in  
Troup, Harris, Meriwether, Heard, Muscogee,  
Coweta, Calhoun, Clay, Quitman, Randolph,  
Early, Stewart and Terrell counties in Georgia  
and Chambers County, Ala.

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## A Word from Wayne

### Wrapping up a big year

It's been a big year for Diverse Power Incorporated, perhaps the most monu-  
mental since we were chartered in 1936.

On Jan. 1, 2014, we welcomed the  
former Pataula EMC into the fold of  
Diverse Power, increasing our member-  
ship by almost 20 percent in one day.  
Since then, we've been getting to know  
our new Pataula District members while  
improving the electric distribution system  
that serves them in Randolph,  
Quitman, Calhoun and Clay  
counties and portions of  
Early, Stewart and Terrell  
counties.

To better equip farms  
and irrigation systems with  
reliable electric service, our  
construction crews have  
converted single-phase  
power lines to three-phase  
and energized a new sub-  
station. Our right-of-way  
crews have cleared trees and limbs. Our  
Pataula members have told us they've  
experienced fewer outages and faster  
response times in the past year. That,  
quite frankly, is music to our ears.

Another sound we've tuned into this  
year is that of improved radio communi-  
cations throughout our service territory.  
This year, we brought together our exten-  
sive fiber network, radio channels, new  
radio towers and the state-of-the-art  
TETRA radio system to enhance commu-  
nications with increased coverage area  
and improved sound quality.

We've partnered with Harris County

government to pro-  
vide comprehensive  
radio communica-  
tions throughout  
the county, en-  
abling government  
officials, law en-  
forcement and emergency responders to  
communicate more effectively. It's a win-  
win for our employees, members, and all  
communities within our serv-  
ice area.

Also of major impact to  
Diverse Power this year, and  
for years to come, is con-  
struction at Vogtle Electric  
Generating Plant where the  
nation's newest nuclear reac-  
tors are going up on the  
Savannah River near  
Waynesboro. This is good  
news to Georgia's electric  
industry, which recognizes

nuclear energy as a proven technology  
that's clean and safe. At a time of uncer-  
tainty caused by increased regulations on  
coal and rising prices of natural gas, the  
promise of more nuclear-generated electric-  
ity in the not-so-distant future is a relief.

Diverse Power, along with 37 other  
Georgia electric cooperatives, is a joint  
owner of Oglethorpe Power Corporation,  
which owns 30 percent of Plant Vogtle. As  
partial owner of one of the nation's newest  
and most advanced nuclear plants, Diverse  
Power positions itself to provide safe,  
affordable, reliable and environmentally  
responsible electricity for years to come.



Wayne Livingston  
*President/CEO*

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## This Month

### Holiday office closings

Diverse Power offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, and  
Friday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas, and on Thursday, Jan. 1,  
for New Year's Day. In the event of a power outage or related problems,  
standby personnel will be on duty throughout the day and night to handle  
emergency outages. In case of emergency, call (706) 845-2000 or (800) 845-8362.



## Our Kid's Korner web pages are packed with tons of fun

Are you wondering how to keep the kids occupied while they're home for the holidays? Is your elementary school student already scheming on what to enter in the spring science fair? Are you trying to teach your children to switch off lights when they leave the room? Our **Kid's Korner** pages can help.

Our website, at [diversepower.com](http://diversepower.com), is packed with information not only geared to adult members but to kids curious about electricity as well. To review our children's education section, visit our website and, under Energy Info, open the Home Energy Suite link where you'll find the **Kid's Korner**, filled with loads of info on energy in our world. The site includes teacher lessons and handouts, safety protocol to take around electricity, quizzes, a glossary and experiments. You'll learn about:

**Electricity:** The most widely used form of energy, electricity is used to run everything from the miniature

batteries that operate your wrist-watch to huge motors that power trains and ships.

**Electrical fires:** Never put water on an electrical fire. Keep a chemical fire extinguisher on each floor of your home; know how to use it.

**Safety tips:** Never use a radio, TV or hair dryer at the sink or bathtub. Don't touch anything that's electric when your hands are wet. If you're on a wet floor, don't touch a switch or plug in an electric appliance.

The Energy Fun Factory section features hands-on activities, including pages to color using crayons or your computer.

While you're home for the holidays, you might want to tackle an experiment or two featured in the **Kid's Korner**. Experiments include material lists and detailed instructions; just make sure there's an adult to supervise. Below is a fun experiment using items you'll find around the house during the holidays.

### Complete a Circuit

#### Materials

- 1 D-cell battery
- Old string of Christmas lights
- Strong scissors or wire cutters

Using scissors or wire cutters, cut off a section on the string of lights so that there's one light with an even length of wire on either side of it. Carefully remove wire insulation from each of the ends so that you have about a quarter inch of exposed wires on either side.

Hold one side of the exposed wire to the positive (+) end of the battery and the other side of wire to the negative (-) end of the battery; if the bulb lights up, you have completed a circuit.



### A Glossary of Electric Terms

**alternating current:** An electric current, usually found in homes, that reverses direction at regular intervals, typically 60 times per second; abbreviated "AC."

**charge:** Electricity produced by a surplus (positive) or shortage (negative) of electrons in an object.

**circuit:** A complete or partial path followed by a flow of electric current.

**conductor:** A substance or material that allows electrons, or electrical current, to flow through it.

**current:** The flow of electricity through a conductor.

**generator:** A machine that produces electrical current when rotated by an external driver like a turbine.

**load:** The power output of a generator or power plant.

**static electricity:** An electrical charge that builds up due to friction between two dissimilar materials. Friction removes some electrons from one object and deposits them on the other.

**transformer:** A device that raises or lowers the voltage or force of AC electricity.

**volt:** A unit for measuring the force used to produce an electric current; the push or force that moves electric current through a conductor.

**watt:** A unit for measuring electric power; one kilowatt equals 1,000 watts.



# LaGrange native returns home to film movie

BY JACKIE KENNEDY

A local movie-making first occurred in November when a LaGrange native started filming his self-penned movie about another LaGrange man at the exact locations where the true story unfolded. Seldom do the stars align in this order, according to Tamlin Hall, a 1997 LaGrange High School graduate, now writer, director and producer.

Hall lives in Los Angeles, Calif., where he earned a Masters of Fine Arts degree at UCLA and helped teach screenwriting for the UCLA School of Theatre, Film and Television. He won the 2012 Humanitas Prize for television writing, an award honoring writing that promotes human dignity and meaning—exactly what he hopes to accomplish with his film, “Holden On.”

The movie tells the story of Holden Layfield, a fellow LaGrange

High student, whose undiagnosed mental disorder led to substance abuse. Holden died at age 19 in 1995, but his life still resonates with Hall—so much that, through his film, Hall hopes to launch a movement to foster awareness of the problems his friend battled then and countless others battle now. He hopes that sharing Holden’s story will empower others who suffer with mental disorders, substance abuse or both.

Hall started work on the film project in 2008 after receiving the blessing of Bob and Brenda Layfield, Holden’s parents, and moved back to LaGrange to research the story. After interviewing Holden’s family, friends and mental health professionals, Hall returned to L.A. to finish school and his script.

In 2014, Hall has spent almost as



JACKIE KENNEDY

Downtown LaGrange was the site for an October fundraiser for “Holden On,” the movie and the movement. Celebrating the successful event are, from left, James Cooney, producer; Matthew Fahey, actor who will portray Holden Layfield (Ricky Schwartz on MTV’s “Awkward”); Bob and Brenda Layfield, Holden’s parents; and Tamlin Hall, writer/director/producer.

## Remembering T-Hall

If the name Tamlin Hall sounds familiar to Diverse Power members, it’s because Hall is the namesake of our former employee, Tamlin Hall, who started work at Troup EMC (our former name) in 1946 and retired as right-of-way foreman in 1987. More recently, T-Hall, as coworkers called him, was instrumental in sharing history of the co-op for production of a 2011 book celebrating our 75th anniversary. He and his wife, Mary Nell, shown here at Diverse Power’s Annual Meeting in May 2012, lived in Troup County’s Big Springs community where their grandson, Tamlin, was raised. The elder Hall died June 17, at

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the age of 89, and Mrs. Hall, 88, died Aug. 5.

“Granddaddy worked for Troup EMC his whole life and Grandmother worked for the school system,” says the “Holden On” director. “We’ll be shooting some scenes at their house in Big Springs. The fact that I’m using their house in the first feature film I’ve directed—they’d be so proud of that.”

much time in LaGrange as in L.A., scouting for locations in the spring; marrying his sweetheart, Esti, here last summer; and returning in the fall to start filming, which is expected to wrap just before Christmas.

“We’re shooting scenes inside LaGrange School, on the football field and at Granger Park, and we’ve done some local casting,” says Hall. “This is the first time our actors have shot a true story feature film and actually walked the halls where it happened.”

When the movie is complete, Hall plans to submit it to Sundance and other film festivals. In the meantime, he invites those interested in the film, or in mental illness and substance abuse, to visit [iamholdenon.org](http://iamholdenon.org).