



## OPERATION ROUND UP Makes a Difference

As a Sawnee EMC member-owner, you have a unique opportunity to support the Sawnee Foundation's Operation Round Up, a program that provides financial support to various charitable organizations and local teachers with classroom grants within the seven counties served by Sawnee EMC. All of this is made possible by members simply allowing the "rounding up" of their Sawnee EMC power bill each month.

Participating in the Sawnee Foundation's Operation Round Up program is optional for Sawnee EMC members; and the average annual contribution per member is about \$6.00. For example, if your electric bill is \$98.76, your bill would be rounded up to \$99.00, and that "24 cents" would go into the Sawnee Foundation and 100% of the funds will be donated back to our communities. Monthly donations can be as little as \$0.01 or as much as \$0.99.

In the first quarter of 2021, the Sawnee Foundation gifted \$22,829 to the following charitable organizations:

- Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County
- KARE for Kids, Inc.
- For Her Glory
- Families of Children Under Stress, Inc.
- Mentor Me – North Georgia, Inc.

Additionally, the Sawnee Foundation provided \$4,288.03 to local area teachers to implement programs and projects that would not otherwise be funded in their classrooms.

Participate in Operation Round Up and be part of making a difference in your community. Scan the QR code above or visit [sawnee.com/oru](http://sawnee.com/oru).

### Did You Know?

Through the collective giving by thousands of Sawnee EMC member-owners, a significant amount can be raised each year. To date, more than **\$3.5 Million** has benefited area organizations and all contributions are tax deductible.

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**It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."**

— Theodore Roosevelt

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# Sign up for SAWNEE SMART SAVERS PROGRAM!

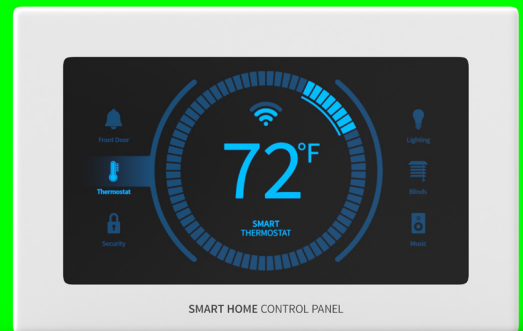
If you are one of the many thousands of Sawnee EMC members who have an internet (Wi-Fi) connected thermostat, you are eligible to earn \$36 or more in bill credits each summer by participating in our Smart Savers Program. Helping our members save energy and money is a priority at Sawnee EMC. The Smart Savers Program helps participants become more efficient and can provide you with a rebate.

By enrolling in the Sawnee Smart Savers Program, you allow Sawnee EMC to send a command to your thermostat during certain times when the demand for electricity is greatest and therefore most expensive. Our command, which will be accompanied by a message sent to your thermostat, will raise your thermostat setting by a few degrees for a limited period of time.

Calling on these thermostats will reduce our peak demand. Lowering energy usage across our entire distribution system during peak demand times helps keep future power costs lower. Plus, those savings are passed on to you.

If you have already made the choice to use a smart thermostat in your home, you can now take that a step further and make the choice that is good for your wallet. For even more information, to find out your eligibility or to sign up, visit [sawnee.com/smartsavers](http://sawnee.com/smartsavers).

Below are the details you need to know about Sawnee's Smart Savers Program:



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Participants must have a residential account with Sawnee EMC

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Must have, or purchase and install, at least one (1) Internet-connected HVAC thermostat which controls either a central air conditioner or heat pump

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Must enroll at least one (1) thermostat, from the approved thermostat list, into the Sawnee EMC Smart Savers Program



**Thank you for helping us rank Best in Residential Customer Satisfaction among Cooperatives, 2 out of 3 Years.**

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# Is Your AC Ready for Summer?

## AC Tune Up Rebate

If you have your AC tuned up in 2021, send us the invoice! You may qualify for our rebate of up to ½ of your cost, up to \$20, per unit. Send your invoice to [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com), fax to 770-454-0139 or mail to the attention of “Energy Services Department” at the address on the front page of the newsletter.



Do not wait until you come home to a house that isn't cool or you get a high summer electric bill...make sure now that your AC unit will be ready when you need it. Below are a few ways to keep your HVAC system running as efficiently as possible this summer:

- ☀️ Make sure you have a HVAC professional service your system regularly, and request that they clean the condensing coils.
- ☀️ Operate the cooling equipment wisely. To get the most out of your AC unit, operate it on a conservative temperature setting. We recommend keeping your thermostat on 78 degrees during the summer months. You should set it at an even higher temperature for the times you are away from home.
- ☀️ Allow for the airflow around the outdoor unit. Provide at least two feet of clearance on all sides and five feet at the top of the unit for proper ventilation.
- ☀️ Change the filters regularly; once per month during peak usage. Dirty filters can restrict the airflow through your system, reduce efficiency and lead to other problems.
- ☀️ Do not close off areas of your home unless there is a “return vent”; in that area. The system must be able to circulate air completely.
- ☀️ Make sure your cooling equipment is the right size. Units that are too large can cycle “on” and “off” and sometimes do not run long enough to remove moisture from the air, resulting in high humidity levels inside the home, which affects comfort as well.

By following these simple tips, you can help improve the overall efficiency of your AC system and lower your energy usage this summer. For additional information on how to make your home more energy efficient, visit Sawnee EMC's Energy Center at [sawnee.com](http://sawnee.com).

# Thank a SAWNEE EMC Employee



Regardless of the time of day, braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, sometimes working high in the air as the wind howls... lineworkers are the heartbeat of a power company. Being a lineworker takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment.

But for every lineworker who is out “on the front line”, there is a support person back at the cooperative who is just as important to our mission. Whether answering the phones 24 hours a day, entering service orders, dispatching crews, or developing a plan to restore power safely... It takes an “all hands on deck” approach when severe situations occur.

This dedication and sense of community service is truly what sets Sawnee EMC employees apart. Our team of professionals who work on the front lines as well as those behind the scenes are equally committed to service.

For this reason, Sawnee will set aside April 12th to celebrate and recognize those who work hard to keep the lights on, as well as our dedicated team of professionals working hard behind the scenes. This day will be **Sawnee EMC Employee Appreciation Day**.

So, on April 12th, and any time you see a member of our staff, please thank them for their exceptional service. At Sawnee EMC, We're More Than Electricity...We're Service.

## Here's WATTS Cookin' Perfectly Moist Pork Loin

### Ingredients:

4-5 pounds pork loin roast

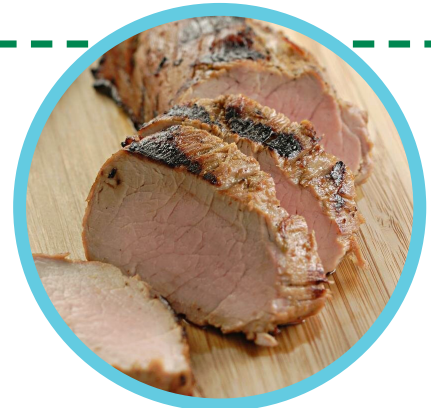
2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon salt

1 tablespoon pepper

1 tablespoon garlic powder

1 tablespoon onion powder



### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400° F. Rub entire pork roast with olive oil. Then rub with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and onion powders on all sides. Place pork in roasting pan fat side up. Cook for 10 minutes. Lower heat to 350° F and cook for 20 minutes per pound until the internal temperature reads 145° F. Remove pan from oven, and put a piece of foil loosely on top of the roast. Let meat rest for 10 minutes. Transfer roast to a cutting board to slice for serving.

👉 Thanks to Cynthia Trent for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).