



Operation Round Up Makes a Difference

As a Sawnee EMC member, you have a unique opportunity to support Operation Round Up, a program that provides financial support to charitable organizations, local teachers with classroom grants, and youth scholarships within the counties served by Sawnee EMC. All of this from members simply "rounding up" their Sawnee EMC power bill each month.

Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation's Operation Round Up Program is "voluntary" for Sawnee EMC members; and the average annual contribution per member is about \$6. For example, if your electric bill is \$98.76, your bill would be rounded up to \$99.00, and 24 cents would go directly to the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation and then be donated to local charities. Monthly donations can be as little as one penny or as much as \$1.

In the first quarter of 2022, the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation gifted \$14,240 to the following charitable organizations:

Did You Know?

Through the collective giving by thousands of Sawnee member-owners, more than \$3.8 Million has benefited area organizations and all contributions are tax deductible.

- Glory, Hope & Life, Inc.
- United Way of Forsyth County
- North Georgia Crappie Anglers

The Foundation also provided \$11,613 to local area teachers, through the Bright Ideas Program, to implement programs and projects that would not otherwise be funded in their classrooms. Lastly, the Foundation was able to provide \$30,000 to help fund scholarships at three (3) local colleges served by Sawnee EMC.

Participate in Operation Round Up and be part of making a difference in your community. Visit sawnee.com/oru to enroll to round up your bill each month or make a one-time donation.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

Quality is not an act, it is a habit.

— Aristotle

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Take Time to Thank a Lineworker on April 11th



You've likely noticed Sawnee EMC's line crews out and about, working on our power lines and other electrical equipment in your community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is often challenging - but it's a job that's essential and must sometimes be done in less than favorable conditions. This month, as we celebrate **Lineworker Appreciation Day** on April 11th, we want to share some interesting insight about lineworkers with you.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker utilizes while working on a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers nationwide sometimes need to work on poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career - because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. They often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. The path to becoming a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training. That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.

Despite the many challenges, Sawnee EMC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that can bring major power outages, our line crews are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave their home and families, and they don't return until the job is done.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. At Sawnee EMC, we have approximately 125 lineworkers that are responsible for keeping power flowing 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain approximately 11,855 miles of power lines across seven (7) counties. Being a lineworker is essential to the life of our communities. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of our hardworking employees we simply would not have the reliable electricity that is needed for everyday life.

The next time you see a Sawnee EMC lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing. Join us as we recognize them on April 11th and please thank them for their exceptional service.

***At Sawnee EMC, We're More Than Electricity...
We're Service.***

Is Your AC Ready for the Summer?

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

- 🔧 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.

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 our Energy Center at sawnee.com.



AC Tune Up Rebate

If you have your AC unit(s) professionally tuned up in 2022, send us the invoice! You may qualify for our rebate of up to \$20 per unit. Send invoice to 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.

Certain limitations apply, visit sawnee.com/rebates for full details.



Digging into an Outdoor Project?



Before you dig, dial 811 or visit call811.com to protect underground utilities. Digging without first requesting a locate poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Contact 811 first and help keep our community safe.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients:

1 cup butter (softened)
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour, sifted
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups uncooked oatmeal



Instructions:

Cream butter and sugars together and then add eggs. In separate bowl mix flour, salt and soda. Add to butter, sugar and egg mixture. Add vanilla and oatmeal. Drop onto baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Lightly flatten down the dough. Bake at 350 to 375 degrees for 12-14 minutes. Allow to slightly cool before transferring to serving plate.

👉 Thanks to Diane Green 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.