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SAWNEE EMC TO CELEBRATE

80 YEARS

Sawnee EMC will celebrate its 80th anniversary on July 16, 2018. This is a historic milestone for Sawnee EMC and throughout 2018 we look forward to sharing with you key milestones in our heritage, and also highlighting our accomplishments from the past 80 years. To further reflect and celebrate, we have created a commemorative 80th anniversary video, which can be viewed at www.sawnee.com.



Sawnee EMC now has over 152,000 members, is the third largest electric co-op in Georgia and the ninth (9th) largest in the nation (out of approximately 900 electric co-ops), with over 11,000 miles of distribution lines. However, in 1939, approximately one year after Sawnee EMC was incorporated, we only served 750 homes with 163 miles of line. While much has changed over the past eight decades, Sawnee EMC has stayed true to its roots and the cooperative principles on which it was founded. Our staff strives each and every day to be your trusted energy partner, and provide you with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

Do you have a Sawnee EMC memory to share?

Perhaps a story of a loved one or family member that remembers when they first received electricity? Whether it was last year or when we were just getting started, you can email your story to marketing@sawnee.com or via mail at Sawnee EMC, Marketing Department, 543 Atlanta Highway, Cumming, GA 30040. We would love to hear from you and we thank you, in advance, for sharing your memories.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

We owe a lot to Thomas Edison - if it wasn't for him, we'd be watching television by candlelight."

— Milton Berle

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PAYMENT OPTIONS DESIGNED WITH **YOU** ➔ IN MIND ➔

Sawnee EMC offers convenient payment options to meet your every need. Each option is quick, easy, and free of charge; and most importantly, it is safe and secure. Whether it's electronic or paper, Sawnee is sure to have an option that is right for you.

e-CHECK

You can pay your bill via e-Check. This payment option allows you to pay online, over the phone, or at one of our self-serve kiosks. It is safe and secure and allows you to pay with the ease of a check, without the need to fill it out and mail it in.

AUTOMATIC BANK AND CREDIT CARD DRAFT

Simply contact Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 to sign up for an automated draft from your bank account, your credit or debit card. This is free of charge and drafts on the last possible day before the payment would be considered due.

ONLINE BILL PAY

Enjoy the convenience of paying your bill online with a debit card, credit card, or e-Check. Try it today at www.sawnee.com.

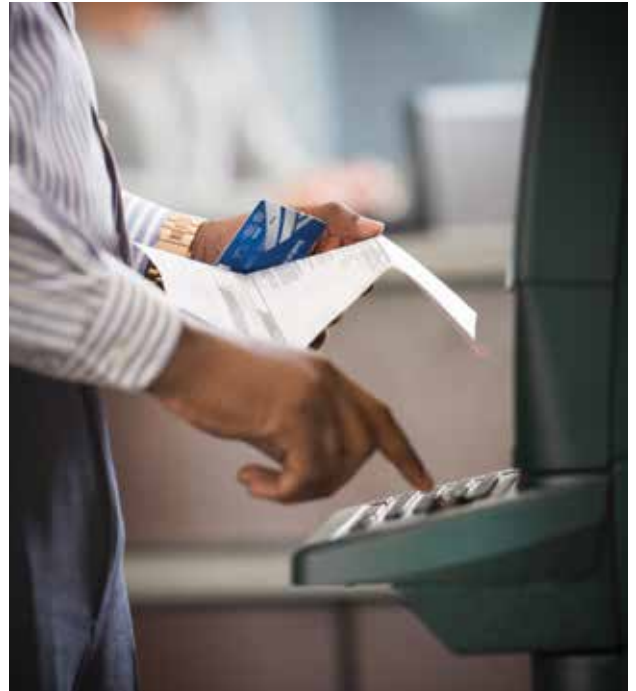
PAY BY PHONE, ON YOUR OWN

Sawnee payments may be made by calling 770-887-2363 and following the prompts via the automated system. The automated system allows you to make a payment at any time of the day or night when it is convenient for you.

ONSITE PAYMENTS

Sawnee EMC's headquarters location in Cumming, GA accepts payments at the inside counter, drive-thru window, night deposit box or self-serve kiosks.

Questions? Contact our Customer Call Center... our friendly representatives are here to help. The Customer Call Center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.



CHECK OUT THE "PAY NOW" PORTAL!

Want to make your online payment without creating an online account? You can, with Sawnee EMC's "Pay Now" portal. Visit www.sawnee.com and click the "Pay My Bill" button. The only items you will need are your account number and the last name of the member of record. Give it a try for your next payment!

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
APPENDIX A
STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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2018 Washington Youth Tour

Do you have a high school student in your home who is at least 16 years old? If so, then please check out the requirements for the Washington Youth Tour. Annually, Sawnee EMC sends two (2) high school students from our service area to represent the cooperative on this tour.

This educational experience brings together approximately 1,500 students from across the U.S. for an incredible week in our nation's capital to learn about electric co-ops, to help develop leadership and team building skills.

The 2018 Washington Youth Tour is an exciting opportunity for high school students of Sawnee EMC members to learn about electric co-ops.

This is a weeklong experience in our nation's capital that focuses on the creation and operation of electric cooperatives, American history and the inner workings of the U.S.

Government. Interested students must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, 2018.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2018. The event will be held June 7-14, 2018. You can find additional information, including an application form, at www.sawnee.com/washington.

For additional questions on either of these programs, please contact Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs, at 678-455-1399 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Cannoli Poke Cake

Ingredients:

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| <i>1 box white cake mix, including ingredients on box</i> | <i>1 tsp. vanilla</i> |
| <i>1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk</i> | <i>1 cup powdered sugar</i> |
| <i>1 ½ cup ricotta cheese</i> | <i>½ tsp. cinnamon, optional</i> |
| <i>1 ½ cup mascarpone cheese</i> | <i>½ cup mini chocolate chips</i> |
| | <i>2 waffle cones, crushed</i> |

Instructions:

Bake cake according to directions in a 9x13 pan. Let cake cool and poke holes over the top. Pour half of the sweetened condensed milk over top of cake. Refrigerate one hour. Combine ricotta, mascarpone and vanilla until smooth. Add remaining condensed milk and mix until smooth. Spread ricotta mixture over cooled cake. Top with mini chocolate chips, crushed waffle cone and dust with powdered sugar, if desired.



👉 Thanks to Brittany Croft 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.