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Our History, Our Future



As Sawnee EMC celebrates its 80th Anniversary on July 16, 2018, it is a great time to pause and take a look back.

Sawnee EMC was founded when neighbors, from many different communities, came together to bring electricity to the most rural parts of our area. The reason they had to take on this challenge is because existing power companies thought they could not generate enough profit, so they bypassed rural areas. Back then, there were frequent meetings among neighbors to discuss the formation of a cooperative. Once established, annual meetings were the “must attend” event of the year. The co-op, on behalf of the member-owners, committed to provide the community with electricity and improve the quality of rural life.

Fast forward to today – and tomorrow.

Sawnee EMC currently serves over 153,900 members. Since 2014, we have also returned over \$49 million in

Patronage
Capital back to our members.

We understand the spirit that helped create this great co-op must be continually nurtured. While times and technology will continue to change, our commitment to you, our members, will not.

Although we started out simply to provide electricity, our impact (with your support) in the community has grown.

As we continue to look toward the future, you can be confident that Sawnee EMC will commit to explore new ways to help our members and their communities succeed.

Over these eight (8) decades, as we have listened to our member-owners, we know that we have to keep pace as technology and our members energy needs evolve. As always, we welcome your participation as we plan for the future and we thank you for being a member of Sawnee EMC.

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“ QUOTABLE QUOTE

Go confidently in the
direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have
imagined.”

— Henry David Thoreau

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2018 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR



Anish Bikmal

Sawnee EMC is proud to announce the two (2) students chosen to represent the cooperative on the 2018 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Washington Youth Tour. This an annual youth leadership event that is sponsored by participating electric cooperatives, like Sawnee EMC, from across the United States.

Mr. Anish Bikmal and Mr. Jonathan Pittman were selected to represent Sawnee EMC as delegates for this event. These two (2) outstanding students were selected from numerous applicants across Sawnee's seven (7) county service territory.

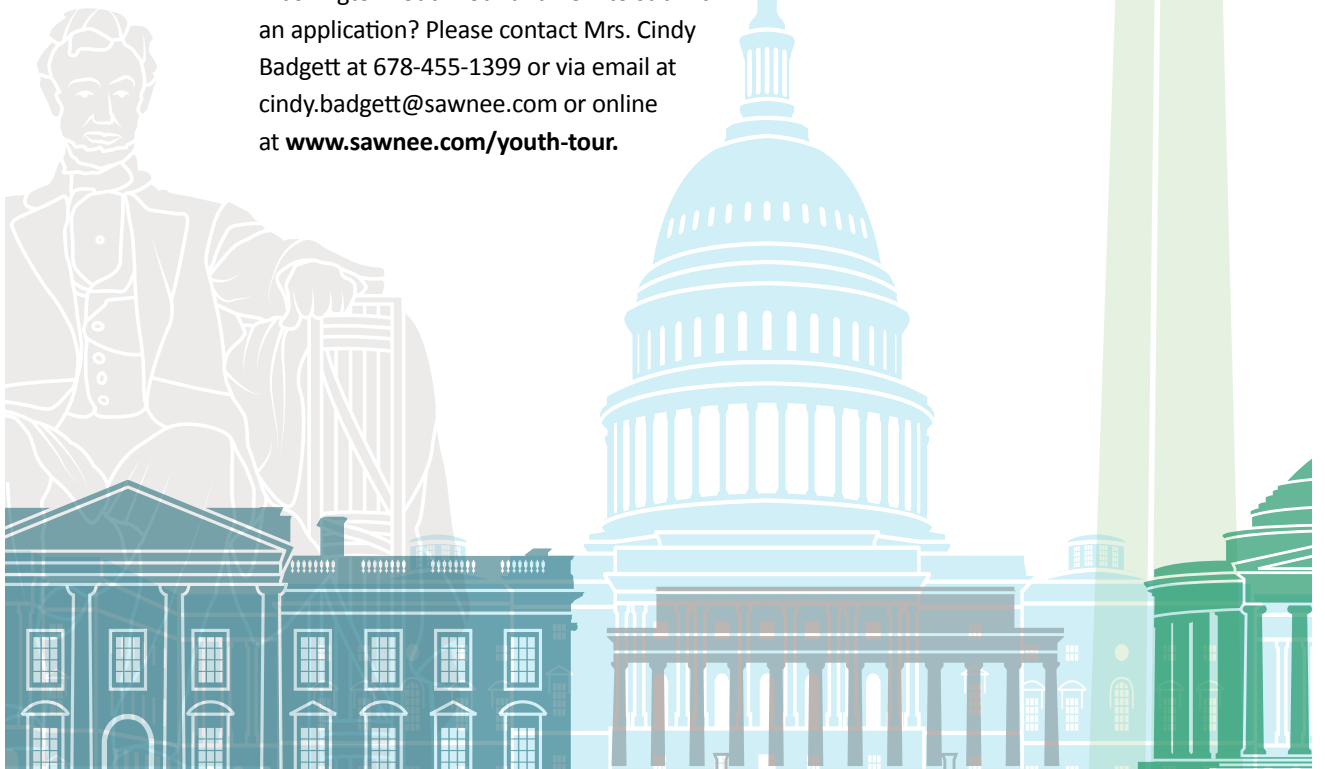
The Washington Youth Tour took place from June 7th through the 14th. While in Washington DC, students took part in a number of activities such as meeting state and national leaders, leadership training seminars, as well as touring national monuments, museums and historic sites.

The Washington Youth Tour was inspired by President Lyndon B. Johnson during his attendance at the NRECA Annual Meeting in 1957. Because of this innovative program, students from all across the U.S., representing their local electric cooperatives, have the opportunity to learn about the industry, American history, and the inner workings of our nation's capital. Sawnee EMC is proud to take part in this cooperative inspired program.



Jonathan Pittman

Interested in learning more about the 2019 Washington Youth Tour and how to submit an application? Please contact Mrs. Cindy Badgett at 678-455-1399 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com or online at www.sawnee.com/youth-tour.



Easy Steps to Greater Energy Efficiency

Do you want to save money and electricity? According to the Department of Energy (DOE), the average family spends nearly \$2,000 per year on their home energy bills. However, much of that money is wasted through leaky ducts, old appliances, inefficient HVAC systems, and bad energy use habits.

Luckily, there are ways to save energy without a substantial commitment of time and money.

WHERE TO START

Improving your home's "envelope" is a good place to start. Sunlight, seasonal temperature changes and wind vibrations can loosen up even a tight home, increasing air leakage. Doors and windows may not close tightly, and ductwork can leak, wasting good conditioned air. By placing weather stripping and caulk around windows and doors, you can keep cool air inside during warm months and prevent chilly air from penetrating the indoors during colder months. Sealing gaps around piping, dryer vents, fans and outlets also helps to seal the envelope and creates greater efficiency. Apply weather stripping around overlooked spaces like your attic hatch or pull-down stairs.

QUICK SAVINGS

Since a large portion of your monthly energy bill goes toward heating and cooling, it only makes sense to ensure your home's HVAC system is always performing at an optimal level. Checking, changing or cleaning your filter extends the life of your HVAC system and saves you money. A simple task like changing the air filter makes your unit run more efficiently, keeping your house cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ENERGY SAVINGS

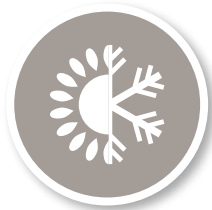
Take a look at your programmable thermostat. When was the last time you checked to make sure it was programmed for the current season and family schedule? This is one of the best energy-saving tools at your fingertips. It enables you to regulate the temperature during particular hours of the day, especially when the home is empty. Many models allow you to differentiate between weekday and weekend schedules, and internet-connected thermostats can learn your schedule and make adjustments for you.

Remember, there are easy steps you can take now to improve the energy efficiency of your home. To learn about additional ways to save, contact our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or marketing@sawnee.com.



EASY TIP!

Replacing your incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs will make a difference in your home's energy efficiency. According to the DOE, by switching to Energy Star LEDs on your five most frequently used light fixtures, you can save up to \$75/year.



Switch and Save with True Natural Gas

Since 2007, Sawnee EMC has been telling its members about the superior natural gas service of True Natural Gas. Through this unique relationship, True Natural Gas has provided service to over 53,400 of Sawnee's members with some of the lowest natural gas prices in history.



If you do not receive your natural gas from True, we strongly urge you to switch to True Natural Gas. You will enjoy honest, dependable service at a low rate. That is an unbeatable combination.

Don't just take our word for it – you can review the current natural gas rates at the Georgia Public Service Commission's (PSC) website located at www.psc.state.ga.us. There you will see that True Natural Gas consistently offers some of the lowest natural gas rates in Georgia.

If you have been with your natural gas marketer for several years, and you have not shopped around... there is a good chance that you are paying too much for your natural gas service. We encourage our members to try True Natural Gas, and discover the True difference.

Call Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, via email at customerservice@sawnee.com or "chat" with us at www.sawnee.com to learn about True's current rates and how to switch to True Natural Gas. If you are ready to make the switch online, please visit www.truenaturalgas.com.

Note: Sawnee EMC is not a certified natural gas marketer in the state of Georgia, but actively promotes the superior natural gas services of True Natural Gas as a value-added service to its members.

Here's WATTS Cookin'

Baked Spaghetti

Ingredients:

16 oz. package spaghetti	2 eggs
1 lb. ground beef	1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1 medium onion, chopped	5 tbsp. Butter, melted
1 (26 oz.) jar meatless spaghetti sauce	2 cups small curd cottage cheese
½ tsp. seasoned salt	4 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded

Instructions:

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain. Return to skillet and stir in spaghetti sauce and seasoned salt. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, Parmesan cheese and butter. Drain spaghetti and add to egg mixture, toss to coat. Place half of the spaghetti mixture in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Top with half of the cottage cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 30 minutes until cheese is melted.



👉 Thanks to Paige Edwards 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.