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We are PREPARED for Summer Storms

Summer can bring the occasional severe afternoon storm, but in the event of an outage, you can trust Sawnee EMC is ready to respond.

The major cause of most power outages comes from damage to overhead power lines due to falling trees and branches. We work year-round, through a comprehensive right-of-way clearing program, to ensure power lines in our service territory stand a smaller risk of being damaged by trees, branches or other types of vegetation.

Despite our best efforts, during major storms, damage can occur to our facilities. When this happens, our first priority is to safely restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest amount of time. We start by mobilizing our crews and other critical staff. The biggest problems are handled first, such as damage to transmission lines, which serve thousands of people. These problems must be corrected before we can focus on other areas

where more localized damage may have occurred.

Sawnee EMC's crews inspect substations to determine if the problem starts there, or if there could be an issue down the line. Next, staff checks the service lines that deliver power into neighborhoods and communities and completes repairs to the damaged lines, restoring power to more people.

If you experience an outage at your home or business, chances are that your electric meter has already notified Sawnee EMC. You can always let us know about an outage at your location at sawnee.com, text to 678-999-8124 or by using our free app (available at sawnee.com).

We will do our best to avoid power outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans. During these times you can rest assured that the staff of Sawnee EMC is doing everything possible to restore your electricity as safely, and quickly, as possible.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

**A good laugh is sunshine
in the house."**

— William Makepeace Thackeray

*This institution is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.*

Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation

— *Announces* —

2020 Youth Scholarship Award Recipients



The Foundation's Board of Directors recently approved the 2020 Sawnee Foundation Youth Scholarship in honor and memory of Mr. Frank Coker, for his service to Sawnee EMC and its members.

Since 2006, the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation has awarded youth scholarships to local high school seniors seeking to further their education. The following 25 students were selected to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

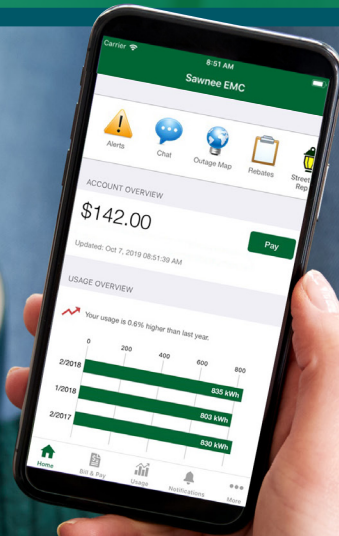
- **Ms. Ashlynn Anglin** - Dawson County High School
- **Mr. Micah Bettis** - Chattahoochee High School
- **Mr. Harly Devilla** - Dawson County High School
- **Ms. Catherine Edgmon** - Forsyth Central High School
- **Ms. Kimberly Fallas** - Forsyth Central High School
- **Ms. Sydney Gosdin** - The King's Academy
- **Ms. Cathryn Gray** - Centennial High School
- **Mr. Andrew Johnson** - North Forsyth High School
- **Mr. Aidan May** - Lumpkin County High School
- **Mr. Matthew McKenna** - Forsyth Central High School
- **Mr. Jack McConnell** - Providence Christian Academy
- **Ms. Haley Menees** - West Forsyth High School
- **Ms. Holley Murray** - North Forsyth High School
- **Mr. Andrew Pardo** - Cambridge High School
- **Mr. Matthew Park** - North Gwinnett High School
- **Ms. Grace Rivord** - North Gwinnett High School
- **Mr. Mackwan Sringam** - Forsyth Central High School
- **Ms. Kara Starr** - Dawson County High School
- **Ms. Jenna Lee Stevens** - Rosa Lee Academy
- **Ms. Odessa Stoelzel** - Lambert High School
- **Mr. Logan Swafford** - North Forsyth High School
- **Ms. Marlie Townley** - Dawson County High School
- **Mr. Henry Xuan** - Lambert High School
- **Ms. Shelby Yarbrough** - North Forsyth High School
- **Mr. Braxton Zeidler** - Dawson County High School

Congratulations to this year's Youth Scholarship recipients. Questions about this program or the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation can be directed to Mrs. Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs, at (678) 455-1399 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com.

Life is busy and during these recent uncertain times, the Sawnee EMC app can make managing your electric account a little easier. Pay your bill, track energy usage and report outages - all from the palm of your hand.

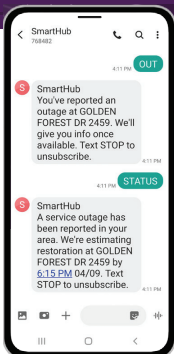


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- Use your registered SmartHub account to get started
- To report an outage, text **OUT** to 768482
- To get outage updates, text **STATUS** to 768482

Register for SmartHub to get started!



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- **Keep power lines clear of tree limbs;**
- **Restore power outages more quickly;**
- **Keep crews and members of our community safe; and**
- **Reduce unexpected costs for repairs**

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you – our members!

Learn more. See our tree trimming guide at <https://file.sawnee.com/web-docs/library/right-of-way-guide.pdf>.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Sugar Coated Peanuts

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar

½ cup water

2 cups raw peanuts, shelled

Instructions:

Dissolve sugar in water in heavy saucepan or cast iron skillet over medium heat. Add peanuts and continue to cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until peanuts are completely coated and there is not any syrup left in pan.

Pour onto ungreased cookie sheet and separate peanuts with a fork. Bake at 300 degrees for approximately 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.



👉 Thanks to Peggy Anderson 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.