



OPERATION ROUND UP

Give a Little. Help a Lot.

Recent Recipients:

- Copper Basin Crisis Center
- Copper Basin Elementary School
Snack Pack
- Copper Basin Senior Center
- Fannin County Family Connection
- Fannin County School System
Children's Fund
- Harbor Ministries
- Mine City Baptist Church
- Morganton Baptist Church Food
and Clothing Ministry



About Operation Round Up

As a Tri-State EMC (TSEMC) member, you have a unique opportunity to support Operation Round Up, a program that provides financial support to organizations within the three counties served by TSEMC. All that is required is to round up your power bill each month.

How does Operation Round Up work?

If you participate, Tri-State EMC will automatically round each participating member's electric bill up to the next dollar. For example, a bill of \$73.46 would become \$74. On average, you will contribute \$6 a year—a small amount to help worthy causes in our community. It works out to be less than the cost of one soft drink, candy bar or cup of coffee a month. This small, monthly contribution can make a huge impact.

How will the money be used?

The Tri-State Electric Membership Corporation Foundation Inc. was created to disburse the money collected by Operation Round Up. Requests for assistance are evaluated, and grants are awarded by a separate board of directors, which is made up of volunteer members from Tri-State EMC counties. The primary purpose of Operation Round Up is to address charitable needs and provide financial assistance anywhere in the three counties served by Tri-State EMC. Of your contributions, 100% goes toward improving the lives of others.

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How do I join?

Contact the TSEMC office at (706) 492-3251 if you would like to sign up for Operation Round Up.

How are requests for funding made?

A request is made by completing a very thorough grant application to be reviewed by the foundation board. Financial awards are generally limited to not more than \$10,000 annually to any group, organization, charity or like organization.

What are the benefits?

Through the collective giving by thousands of Tri-State EMC members, a significant amount can be raised each year. Remember: Your contributions are tax-deductible and will help someone's light shine brighter.

Program overview:

- A member donates an average of 50 cents each month, or about \$6 a year.
- Maximum participation never exceeds \$11.88 a year, per account.
- All donations are tax-deductible.
- You may opt out at any time by contacting our office.

All Operation Round Up funds will be used locally in Fannin County, Ga.; Polk County, Tenn.; and Cherokee County, N.C., to benefit Tri-State EMC's members and their communities. Grants are awarded by the Tri-State EMC Foundation Inc. Board of Directors.

Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*



This planting season, include energy efficiency in your landscaping plans. Adding shade trees around your home can reduce surrounding air temperatures as much as 6 degrees. To block heat from the sun, plant deciduous trees around the south side of your home. Deciduous trees provide excellent shade during the summer and lose their leaves in the fall and winter months, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Source: www.energy.gov



Celebrate the Power Behind Your Power

Lineworker Appreciation Day Is Monday, April 10

Tri-State EMC would like to recognize all of its lineworkers and crews for the incredible work they do to keep the power on for our members:

- Brian Arp
- Jim Callihan
- Sterling Callihan
- Jason Cook
- Joseph Crowe
- Stacy Galloway
- Thomas Graham
- Chris Harper
- Nathan Heaton
- Chris Johnson
- Wesley Jones
- Joel Mann
- William McClure
- Jesse McKeral
- Darrell Moore
- Chris Nelson
- Ricky Newberry
- Dewey Oneal
- Michael Pack
- Rodney Patterson
- Jerod Petty
- Darren Queen
- Travis Sisson
- Todd Taylor
- Chuck Thomas
- Keith Thomas
- Tyler Watkins
- Zachary Wehunt



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Kirk Barker Retires

From TSEMC After 36 Years

Mechanic Kirk Barker retired from Tri-State EMC after 36 years of service to the cooperative. Kirk began his career with Tri-State EMC in 1986 and has seen the cooperative evolve and change over the years, adding members, lines of service, employees, vehicles and so much more, and he has been an integral part of the growth over the years.

Kirk has been a permanent fixture in the garage over the past few years, and he has helped to keep the fleet in tip-top shape. Kirk will forever be known for his banjo playing—he is truly a phenomenal musician. Employees will also fondly remember him for many things, including his quick wit, ready jokes and hunting stories.

Kirk will be greatly missed at the cooperative!



Kirk Barker (left) pictured with Tri-State EMC Mechanic Chris Nelson.



Kirk Barker (right) pictured with his wife, Tammy.



Kirk Barker pictured with the whole crew of employees, both past and present, on his last day at Tri-State EMC.