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## **Celebrate the Power Behind Your Power** *Lineworker Appreciation Day Is April 18*

ri-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
- Drew Earley
- Nic Fowler
- Stacy Galloway
- Thomas Graham
- Chris Harper
- Nathan Heaton
- Chris Johnson
- Wesley Jones
- Jason Loudermilk
- 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
- Jackson Weeks



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# Operation Round Up Give a Little. Help a Lot.

#### **Recent Recipients:**

- Copper Basin Elementary School Snack Pack
- Copper Basin Senior Center
- Faith Presbyterian Church
- Fannin County School System Children's Fund
- First United Methodist Church Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Hiwassee Dam Elementary School
- Mine City Baptist Church
- Snack in a Backpack

#### **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.

#### How does Operation Round Up work?

If you participate in Operation Round Up, 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 EMC Foundation Inc. was created to disburse the money collected by Operation Round Up. Requests for assistance are evaluated and grants awarded by a separate board of directors, 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.

One hundred percent of your contributions go toward improving the lives of others.

#### 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 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 anytime 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

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home, and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home. Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

Source: energy.gov

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## **Sign Up for E-bill**

Reduce paper clutter by enrolling in electronic billing, or e-bill, which is Tri-State EMC's paperless billing solution. When you sign up for e-bill, you receive an email each month when your current monthly bill is ready to be viewed. This email will provide a link to your bill.

You can also pay your bill online. (All online payments are processed by SEDC.) Better yet, sign up for automatic draft and have your monthly bill debited from your credit card, checking or savings account each billing cycle.

E-bill eliminates paper billing, while also giving the same information. Anytime you need a hard copy of your bill, contact the Tri-State EMC office or print it out directly from your computer.

E-bill is provided through a secure server, so your information is private and safe. E-bill is fast, informative, simple and secure. Call TSEMC at (706) 492-3251 to sign up for e-bill today.



### **Daniel McNabb Appointed to Tri-State EMC Board**



Daniel McNabb

The Tri-State EMC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel McNabb to fill the District 1 board seat previously held by Tom Stiles.

McNabb, a native of the Hiwassee Dam Community in North Carolina, is married to Pamela McNabb. He has three daughters—Taylor Burdette, Payton McNabb and Avery McNabb—and one son—Cooper McNabb.

McNabb has been in the education

field for 26 years, and this is his eighth year as principal of Hiwassee Dam High School in Murphy, N.C. He has taught several subjects and coached multiple sports throughout the years.

McNabb is also a firefighter and paramedic, and has served with the volunteer fire/rescue for more than 30 years. He enjoys all aspects of sports, including watching his children play, coaching and officiating.

Tri-State EMC is proud to welcome Mr. McNabb to the Board of Directors!

## Lisa Fields Elected to Tri-State EMC Board

isa Fields was recently elected to the TSEMC Board of Directors. Fields, who was raised in Fannin County, Ga., has been married to her husband, Randy, for 30 years. She has a son, Jonathan, and four grandchildren—Jensen, Judah, Benjamin and Maggie Rae—and is employed at

Conoco in McCaysville, Ga.

She enjoys singing and playing the piano, and is the pianist at Salem #2 Missionary Baptist Church in Mineral Bluff, Ga.

Welcome to the Tri-State EMC Board of Directors, Mrs. Fields!



Lisa Fields