

Celebrate the Power Behind Your Power

Lineworker Appreciation Day Is Saturday, April 18

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

- Brian Arp
- Jim Callihan
- Sterling Callihan
- Cody Chapman
- Jason Cook
- Joseph Crowe
- Drew Earley
- Nic Fowler
- Stacy Galloway
- Chris Harper
- Nathan Heaton
- Chris Johnson
- Wesley Jones
- Jason Ledford
- Jason Loudermilk
- Joel Mann
- William McClure
- Darrell Moore
- Chris Nelson
- Ricky Newberry
- Bryson Odom
- Dewey Oneal
- Michael Pack
- Rodney Patterson
- Jerod Petty
- Darren Queen
- Travis Sisson
- Todd Taylor
- Chuck Thomas
- Keith Thomas
- Tyler Watkins
- Jackson Weeks
- Zach Wehunt



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MILESTONE REACHED!

\$1 Million Donated to Local Nonprofits, Charities and Schools Through Tri-State EMC Operation Round Up Program

In 2012, Tri-State EMC began its Operation Round Up (ORU) program, which allows members to round up their electric bill to the nearest dollar each month. The spare change is put into a fund and returned to the community in the form of ORU grants.

Since its inception, the program has donated \$1 million in total grants to local nonprofits, charities and schools. This is a huge milestone reached thanks to Tri-State EMC members who participate in the program and round their bill up to the next whole dollar each and every month.

ORU Board

The Tri-State EMC Operation Round Up Foundation Board is made up of seven members from the Tri-State EMC service districts.

These board members volunteer their time in order to meet and review grant requests, then vote to disperse funds collected.

Board members include Angela Buchanan, Alan Collis, Chris Foster, Glenn Harbison, Sherry Hicks, Ally Murphy and Amber Mitchell.



Application Process

Charitable organizations operating in the Tri-State EMC service territory may apply for an ORU grant by completing the grant application online at www.tsemc.net. Email the application back to us, bring it to the office or mail it.

2025-26 Organizations Funded

- American Legion Post 248
- Blue Ridge Community Theater
- Copper Basin Crisis Center
- Copper Basin Senior Center
- Fannin Christian Learning Center
- Fannin County Children's Fund
- Fannin County Shop With a Cop
- Feed Fannin Inc.
- First United Methodist Church—Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Highland Outdoor Ministries
- Mineral Springs Center
- Snack in a Backpack Inc.
- Open Arms Home for Children
- Local Schools

Tri-State EMC thanks its members for their continued support of Operation Round Up! The donations may seem small, but the rewards are limitless. The program is designed to assist a variety of worthwhile community, youth and educational programs in our service area.

Every penny is helping these organizations expand their reach and ensure that people have the resources they need to thrive!



Are You Participating? Get Involved!

For members not participating in the Operation Round Up program but wish to enroll, call the Tri-State EMC customer service line at (706) 492-3251. Contributions are tax-deductible.

"This is such a wonderful surprise! Thank you so much, and please thank the members of the committee. Feed Fannin is so blessed by those in our community. I can't wait to tell our board members about this!"

*— Peggy Caldwell, Treasurer,
Feed Fannin Inc.*

"Generous donors like you have enabled us to meet the growing demand for our services for 15 years. We are so grateful for your continued support and deeply appreciate your willingness to help Fannin County children and families in need."

*— Debby Beck, Executive Director,
Snack in a Backpack Inc.*

"The beauty of the Tri-State EMC Operation Round Up program is that it reminds us how powerful we are when we work together. Your spare change is more than a donation; it is a testament to the fact that we take care of our own."

*— Alan Collis, Member, Tri-State EMC
Operation Round Up Board*

Stay Away From Electrical Substations

An electrical substation converts electricity to a lower voltage so it can be safely routed and delivered to your home. Because high-voltage power runs through substation equipment, please avoid substation areas and the fences that surround them. Keep the following safety tips in mind:



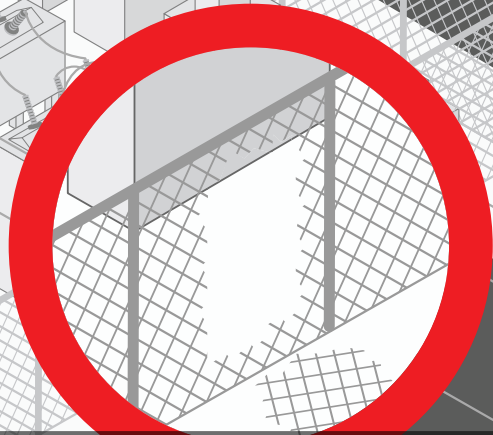
Never release metallic balloons near substations. If they get caught in the equipment or lines, they can cause power outages.



Never fly kites or drones near electrical substations. If you do and the kite or drone gets caught inside the fence, let us retrieve it for you.



Teach youngsters to stay away from electrical substation fences. The area is dangerous, and these fences are NOT for climbing.



If you see a substation fence or transformer cabinet that is open or looks to be vandalized, please contact us immediately.



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