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Congratulations, High School Graduates!

Tri-State EMC would like to congratulate McKenzie Chastain, Clay Heaton, Jefferson Lewis and Gracie Stewart, who will be graduating from Fannin County High School in 2023.

McKenzie is the daughter of Tri-State EMC General Manager Stacy Chastain and his wife, Jenna. Clay is the son of Tri-State EMC Groundworker Nathan Heaton and his wife, Dawn. Jefferson is the son of Tri-State EMC IT Manager David Lewis and his wife, Jennifer. Gracie is the daughter of Tri-State EMC Cashier Mitzi Stewart and her husband, Darrell.

Congratulations on your graduation, and Tri-State EMC wishes you all the best for your future!

***Congratulations
on graduating and best wishes
for your next adventure!***



McKenzie Chastain



Clay Heaton



Jefferson Lewis



Gracie Stewart



Holiday Office Closing

Tri-State EMC's office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. This is a day of remembrance for the men and women who died serving our nation.

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From left, TVA Customer Relations Manager Brad Baucom, Tri-State EMC IT Manager David Lewis, West Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade Teacher and grant recipient Karen Goode, and TVA Government Relations Specialist Taquiya Thompson.

West Fannin Elementary School Wins TVA STEM Grant

West Fannin Elementary School has been awarded a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. (BVI), a TVA retiree organization, to develop science, technology, engineering and math education projects to help spark student interest in future careers in STEM-related fields.

Teachers across TVA's seven-state region applied for funding of up to \$5,000 for projects, and 238 applications were selected.

"We are excited to have this funding to support hands-on activities and programs that help students develop skills that can apply to real-world problem-solving," says Alison Danner, Principal of West Fannin Elementary. "We want to open doors to high-quality, rewarding jobs for our students, and the grant will help us introduce them to these subjects from a young age."

Schools that are awarded grants must receive their power from a local power company served by TVA. West Fannin Elementary is served by Tri-State EMC.

"TVA is committed to supporting STEM education to help develop today's students into tomorrow's engineers, scientists and IT professionals," says Jeannette Mills, TVA Executive Vice President and Chief External Relations Officer. "It's inspiring to be able to contribute to the innovators of the next generation."

Since 2018, TVA and BVI have awarded nearly \$5 million in STEM grants to support local education.

A full list of grant recipients and information on how to apply for a future STEM grant can be found at www.tvastem.com.

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—Alison Danner