

Celebrate the Power Behind Your Power

Lineworker Appreciation Day Is April 18

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

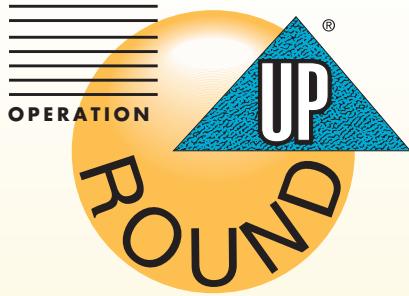
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- Wesley Jones
- Jason Ledford
- Jason Loudermilk
- Joel Mann
- William McClure
- Jesse McKeral
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- Chris Nelson
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- Dewey Oneal
- Michael Pack
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MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

In 2024, The Tri-State EMC Foundation awarded just over \$71,000 in Operation Round Up grant funds to groups in Fannin County, Ga.; Polk County, Tenn.; and Cherokee County, N.C.

Program participants volunteer to round up their bill to the next dollar and donate the extra change to the Tri-State EMC Foundation. Since the program began in 2012, Operation Round Up has contributed more than \$934,000 to local communities in Tri-State EMC's service territory.

Get Involved

Individuals currently not opted in the program who wish to participate in the Operation Round Up program may contact our customer service department at (706) 492-3251.

Application Process

Any nonprofit, charitable organization or school system in the Tri-State EMC service territory may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing an application, which can be found online at www.tsemc.net/community-care/operation-roundup/grant-application.



TVA Partnership Awards \$1.5 Million in STEM Grants to 342 Schools

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. (BVI), a TVA retiree organization, is awarding a record-tying \$1.5 million in grants to educators to develop science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education projects across the Tennessee Valley region.

“We know STEM teachers across the region are inspiring students to become the workforce of the future, and that’s why it’s so important for TVA to continue to support this grant program,” says Jeff Lyash, TVA President and CEO. “Providing additional resources to

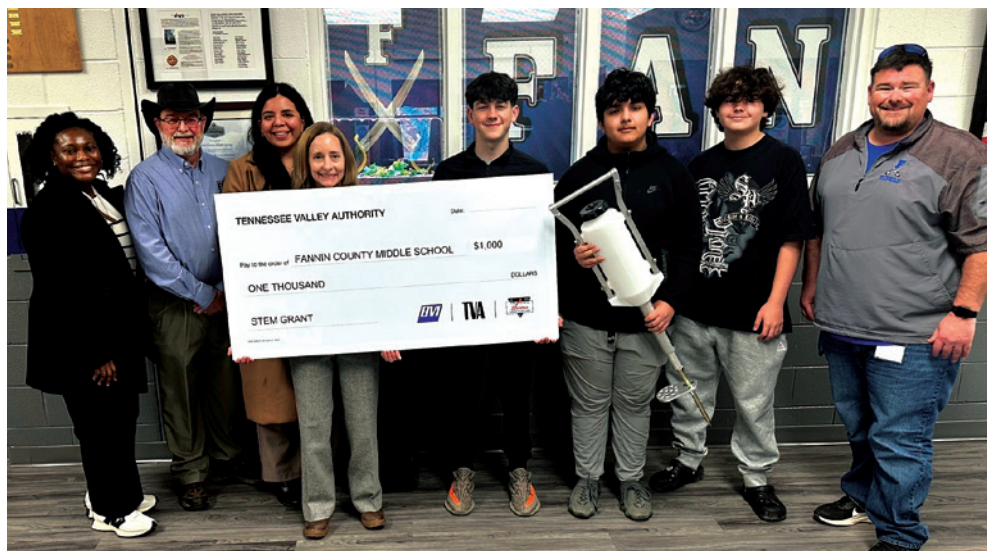
schools helps provide essential hands-on learning programs that equip students with skills that will help them be successful in whatever they choose to do in life.”

The competitive STEM classroom grant program is operated in partnership with the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network, managed by the Battelle organization. The program received 647 grant applications this year, and 342 were selected for funding. Since 2018, TVA and BVI have provided nearly \$8 million in STEM grants, supporting more than 730,000 students.

“Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. has a reputation for giving back to the community. We are proud to partner with TVA in empowering teachers to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students in STEM areas,” says Kathy Black, President of BVI. “We believe that by enriching their educational experiences, we are helping create lifelong learners and building the workforce of tomorrow.”

Grants are awarded to meet the diverse needs of local communities. For example, at Fannin County Middle School in Blue Ridge, Ga., a \$1,000 grant will be used to treat Eastern Hemlock trees that are being harmed by the wooly adelgid, which is an invasive species.

“We have purchased 3 quarts of the Imidacloprid



From left, TVA Rep LaKevia Perry, Tri-State EMC IT Manager David Lewis, TVA Rep Edith Perez, Fannin County Middle School (FCMS) STEM teacher Erin Panter, FCMS students Gabe Pirkle, Angel Hernandez and Tony Carr, and FCMS Assistant Principal Chuck Patterson.

(pesticide) and bought some tree ID tags to help us with keeping data regarding treatments and observations for individual trees,” says Erin Panter, STEM Teacher at Fannin County Middle. “We are excited to see the results that emerge from this initiative.”

Grants up to \$5,000 were awarded in a competitive process, and preference was given to grant applications that explored TVA’s primary areas of focus: environment, energy, economic development and community problem-solving. Any school that receives its power from a local power company served by TVA was eligible to apply.

A full list of the grant recipients can be found at www.tvastem.com.

TVA is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power companies serving nearly 10 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. It receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system, and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



Spring Energy-Saving Tips

Spring is a great time to focus on energy-saving tips as the weather warms up and you might be using your heating and cooling systems less.

Here are some effective energy-saving tips for spring:

1. Maintain your HVAC system.

Schedule a spring checkup of your heating, ventilation and air-condition-

ing system. Change filters regularly to help ensure the system is running efficiently.

2. Seal leaks. Inspect windows and doors for drafts. Use weatherstripping or caulk to seal any gaps that can let warm air in and cool air out.

3. Utilize ceiling fans. Set your ceiling fans to run counterclockwise to create a cooling breeze.

4. Switch to energy-efficient lighting. Replace traditional incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs, which use less energy and have a longer lifespan.

5. Limit the use of hot water. Take short showers and use cold water for laundry whenever possible. Reduce the hot water heater temperature to 120 degrees.

6. Unplug unused electronics.



Many devices consume energy even when turned off. Unplug chargers and electronics when they are not in use or use power strips to easily switch off multiple devices.

Implementing these tips can help you save energy and reduce utility bills, while also enjoying the pleasant spring weather.

