

POWERlines

Small Steps Lead to Great Accomplishments

One of the programs Coweta-Fayette EMC makes possible and supports that really benefits our Members and local communities is Operation Round Up. This life-changing program provides funding for not-for-profit organizations and individuals in need, as well as education scholarships. Funding for Round Up is provided by our wonderful and caring Members who voluntarily allow the cooperative to round up their monthly bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded-up amount is deposited into an interest-bearing account under the direction of the Coweta-Fayette Trust Board.

The Trust Board is composed of nine civic-minded community leaders who review and research applications from Members and organizations seeking grants. As the CEO of Coweta-Fayette EMC, I am honored to serve as an ex-official non-voting board member for the Trust Board at their meetings every other month.

I am always impressed by the professionalism and due diligence exhibited by the Trust Board members as they review the detailed grant applications in order to make the best funding decisions. I can personally assure you that the rounded-up pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters our Members contribute are spent wisely and greatly benefit the recipients. The needs in our community are vast and real—assistance is truly critical, often life-changing and always deeply appreciated. When you have the opportunity to see first-hand individuals with serious medical and mobility issues requesting assistance, for example, you appreciate how fortunate and blessed you are.

Organizations are able to utilize funds from Round Up, along with donations from others, to maximize the benefit to our communities. Educational initiatives also play a big role, with college and technical school scholarships awarded each year

to deserving students. Additionally, Round Up's Bright Ideas program provides grants to teachers so they may offer students unique learning experiences that might not be possible otherwise.

The Trust Board changes lives every time they meet because of your generosity. They have my admiration and respect for the benevolent way they carry out their fiduciary responsibility to our Members.

I can think of no better way to make a positive impact in your own community than by voluntarily signing up for Operation Round Up. If you are

not already participating, please return the attached form or call our office at 770-502-0226. You will be taking a small step that may lead to great accomplishments—be proud of yourself.

“Neighbors helping neighbors” is something I say often when I am talking to our Members about the corporate philosophy at Coweta-Fayette EMC. But our slogan means much more than the three words that make it up: this statement clearly defines what motivates our employees and guides them in carrying out their duties, whether they are a line-man, a customer service representative, an engineer or the CEO.

I am proud of the many innovative ideas our employees generate and of how we embrace new technology to serve you better. We always seek to treat our Members like they are family and to follow the Golden Rule. That is what makes your electric cooperative special. We know we can always do better, and that is something we work toward every day.

For the Team,

Anthony H. Sinclair "Tony"

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Zac Brown's Camp Southern Ground Begins Development

What are your best summer memories? Most likely, they involve sunshine, fresh air and the great outdoors.

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, we recognize the importance of teaching all children, regardless of ability or socio-economic background, life skills and teamwork in a healthy, natural environment. To that end, we recently awarded Camp Southern Ground in Fayetteville funding through Operation Round Up to help install a deep well as part of their initial site development.

Camp Southern Ground, an all-inclusive nonprofit founded by Grammy Award-winning musician Zac Brown, will serve youth ages 7-17 by providing a diverse summer camp and retreat destination for families of children with special needs. Its mission is "to operate a camp to allow children to overcome academic, social and emotional difficulties so they may reach their full potential by providing them with the opportunity and tools necessary to achieve excellence in all facets of their lives."

Programming at Camp Southern Ground will offer fully-accessible recreational activities in a medically supportive



C-F Trust Board members Pam Clemons, Bob Reeves (2nd from right) and Glenn Valencia (far right) tour the well site with Camp Southern Ground's Drake Bivins, Ben Ferguson, Larry Dove, Rob Parker and Moody Elliott (shown l-r).

environment, from arts and crafts, canoeing, fishing, hiking, music and organic gardening to outdoor games, rock climbing, a ropes course, swimming, team building, zip lines, nutrition/wellness counseling and more. The facility is currently in development and hopes to welcome 2,000 campers per year beginning in the summer of 2016.



Operation Round Up: Changing Lives, One Penny at a Time

In addition to service and reliability, commitment to community is a top priority for Coweta-Fayette EMC – and we know it's important to our members, too.

One way our cooperative seeks to help others is by participating in Operation Round Up, a program that impacts everyone from young school children to the elderly on fixed incomes. By contributing, it's YOU – our co-op members – who are responsible for changing lives.

Founded in 1993, EMC members have the opportunity to literally "round up" their bill to the next highest dollar. The difference is added to a fund managed by the Coweta-Fayette EMC Trust Board and awarded to various organizations in need. The pennies given individually to the program each month combine with the pennies of thousands of other members, and the results are astounding: to date, EMC consumers and Operation Round Up have contributed more than \$200,000 annually to worthy groups in the area.

Funds from Operation Round Up have most recently helped the Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club, Fragile Kids Foundation, Fayette County Special Olympics, Grantville Police Department, Fayette Samaritans, Southern Crescent Walk to End Alzheimer's, Joseph Sam's

School and Coweta's Family Patterns Matter, Inc., to name a few.

Melissa Segars Scholarships for high school seniors and technical scholarships for students attending West Georgia Technical College and Southern Crescent Technical College were awarded, and educators had the opportunity to apply for Bright Ideas grants dedicated to special teaching projects not often available in tightly budgeted school systems.

To encourage more members to participate, Coweta-Fayette EMC will hold two drawings, one for existing participants and one for new. For both, first place will be a \$250 Visa gift card and \$250 donation to a charity of your choice; second place will be a \$150 Visa gift card and \$150 donation to a charity of your choice. You must sign up for Operation Round Up by September 2 to be eligible for our drawings.

This is a voluntary program, and you may sign up or opt out at any time. To join, please call customer service at 770-502-0226 or simply mail in/drop off the ticket on the opposite flap.



2014 Melissa Segars Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to another group of extraordinary young men and women from our service territory! This year, the Coweta-Fayette Trust, Inc., Board of Directors awarded scholarships to 23 deserving high school students. We applaud the dedication and drive shown by these hard-working teens and wish them all the best in the future!



Yehong Zhu
East Coweta High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Qiang Zhu
Entering: Harvard University
\$2,000.00



Chandler Alan Workman
East Coweta High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Brenford Workman
Entering: Berry College
\$1,500.00



Victoria Hunt
East Coweta High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. David Hunt
Entering: University of Georgia
\$1,500.00



Zahra Ladiwala
Fayette County High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Nizar Ladiwala
Entering: Berry College
\$1,500.00



Jonathan Powell
Fayette County High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Powell
Entering: Brown University
\$1,500.00



Kathryn Stutts
Heard County High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Stutts
Entering: Kennesaw State University
\$3,000.00



Olivia Ann Allensworth
Landmark Christian
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Don Allensworth
Entering: Samford University
\$2,000.00



Taylor Carlington
Landmark Christian
Parent: Ms. Jamie Carlington
Entering: Emerson College
\$1,500.00



Aaron Winfrey
Landmark Christian
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Olin Winfrey, III
Entering: University of Dayton
\$1,500.00



Seth Young
Landmark Christian
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Shaphan Young
Entering: Middle Georgia College
\$3,000.00



Madison Bunker
McIntosh High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bunker
Entering: Ga. Institute of Technology
\$1,500.00



Lauren Hovey
Newnan High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. David Hovey
Entering: Ga. College & State University
\$1,500.00



Autumn Couch
Newnan High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Couch
Entering: University of West Ga.
\$3,000.00



Hannah Hudson
Newnan High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hudson
Entering: Ga. Institute of Technology
\$2,000.00



Sarah Crow
Newnan High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. John Crow
Entering: University of West Ga.
\$1,500.00



Carson Vaughn
Newnan High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Vaughn
Entering: University of West Ga.
\$1,500.00



Maggie Shiffert
Northgate High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. John Shiffert, Jr.
Entering: University of Ga.
\$1,500.00



Benjamin Weinhardt
Sandy Creek High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Weinhardt
Entering: University of Ga.
\$1,500.00



Sarah Boyd
Starr's Mill High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Clark Boyd
Entering: Mercer University
\$1,500.00



Michael Johnson
Whitewater High
Parent: Ms. Corethia Johnson
Entering: Yale University
\$3,000.00



Cecilia Esterline
Whitewater High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Esterline
Entering: University of Richmond
\$3,000.00



Kyjana Barnett
Whitewater High
Mr. & Mrs. Kyris Barnett
Entering: Cornell University
\$1,500.00



Anna Farrington
Whitewater High
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Farrington
Entering: University of North Georgia
\$2,000.00



OPERATION ROUND UP®

COWETA-FAYETTE EMC

**Making a difference could
make you a winner...
Sign up for Operation
Round Up today!**

Got pennies to spare? Join other EMC members already changing lives through Operation Round Up, a program costing approximately \$6/year for participants, that has a major impact on needy individuals and organizations in our area.

To encourage members to join, Coweta-Fayette EMC will hold two drawings (one for existing participants, one for new). Two lucky winners from both drawings will receive the following:

- 1st place – \$250 Visa gift card and \$250 donation to a charity of your choice
- 2nd place – \$150 Visa gift card and \$150 donation to a charity of your choice

Sign up for Operation Round Up by September 2 to be eligible for our drawings. This is a voluntary program, and you may join or opt out at any time. Simply complete the form below, detach and return to us – it's that easy!

**Yes! I want to help my
community by participating
in Operation Round Up**



Name (Print exactly as appears on bill)

Account Number

Street

City

Zip

Signature

Phone Number?

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C. Bradford Sears, Jr., Attorney
Douglas B. Warner, Attorney

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Nominating Committee for Upcoming Board Elections Announced

Bylaws of Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation

Article III Directors

3.05 Nominations by Nominating Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than forty-five (45) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which board members are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the geographical areas served by the Cooperative. No member of the Board may serve on such committee. Written notice of the names of the members of the committee and meeting date for the committee shall be provided to the members prior to such meeting. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to meet not less than forty-five (45) days prior to such meeting and to nominate one or more candidates for each seat on the Board of Directors that is to be filled at such meeting.

3.06 Nominations by Petition. Other nominations for such elections may be made by written petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) members, which shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Cooperative or his/her designee not less than forty-five (45) days prior to such meeting.

3.07 Notice of Nominees. The Secretary shall be responsible for posting at headquarters of the Cooperative the nominees for each seat made by the nominating committee and by petition and shall provide written notice thereof to the members by separate written notice according to the rules and procedures promulgated by the Board of Directors.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting held May 27, 2014. This committee will meet August 5 and prepare a list of nominations that will be posted at the EMC office at least 45 days before the annual meeting on October 11, 2014

2014 Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Woodrow Abney
Franklin

Frank H. Fulton
Fayetteville

Robert R. "Bob" Reeves
Fayetteville

Pam F. Clemons
Franklin,

Sarah Japour
Newnan

Margaret Hunter
Moreland

Louis Dohanich
Moreland

Deborah M. Lowe
Tyrone

Willie J. Upshaw
Moreland

The three directors whose terms expire this year are:

Ross Henry
Seat 1
Other than Coweta
& Fayette Counties

James W. Fulton, III
Seat 3
FayetteCounty

Elwood Thompson
Seat 2
Coweta County