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Coweta-Fayette 

POWERLINES

*Merry
Christmas*

From our co-op family to
yours, we wish you a
joyous holiday season!



The holiday season is finally here! Many of our members eagerly anticipate this time of year, and some call it the most wonderful season of all. It's a time of giving and spreading joy.

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, giving back reminds us of the many good things we have right here in our community and why it's so important to spread the good as far as we can, especially to the most vulnerable in our local area.

As a cooperative business, Coweta-Fayette EMC adheres to seven guiding principles, including "Concern for Community". This is an important part of our business model because it helps define who we are as an organization while focusing on our members' needs.

Over the years, our community-focused programs, including CFEMC's **Operation Round-Up** program, have supported local schools and students, aided local non-profits, fed hungry families, assisted families with medical needs, and so much more.

As a member, you can help us spread the good throughout the year! Through our Operation Round Up program, your donations help local families and individuals in need. The program offers Coweta-Fayette EMC members the opportunity to "round up" their bill to the next highest dollar, with the difference being contributed to a fund that is awarded to various individuals and organizations in need.

A NEWSLETTER FROM
COWETA-FAYETTE EMC


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With your help, we've given more than \$6.1 million in assistance to those in need within our local communities through this program since its inception in 1993. This shows that small donations from electric co-ops like ours, over time, can collectively make a big impact.

Coweta-Fayette EMC also offers the **Washington Youth Tour (WYT)** to local high school juniors, a week-long immersion in Washington D.C. to learn about the nation's history and witness democracy in action, as well as several scholarship opportunities to local high school seniors.

Ultimately, our community benefits from these programs because of you, our members. Be on the look out for more information on WYT in January, and see pg. 2 for more information on CFEMC's scholarships.

As a local cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It's why we support local organizations and give back not only during the holidays but throughout the year, too. We hope you will think of Coweta-Fayette EMC as more than your energy provider, as a catalyst for good in our community.

Sign up for Operation Round Up by visiting <https://utility.org/operation-round-up-purpose/>.



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The President's Message



Chris Stephens, CEO

Ring in a new year sparks a sense of hope and optimism about the future. As the CEO of Coweta-Fayette EMC, for me, it is a time to reflect on where we are and where we want to go. I think about ways we can better serve you, the members of CFEMC.

First, a thank you to all members who took the time to share your thoughts with us on our recent member satisfaction survey. Your feedback is so important as we plan for the future. Our team is always looking ahead, exploring to innovate and utilizing new technology to improve our service.

Keeping the lights on has never been more important and we are committed to powering our communities at a cost our families and members can afford.

So how do we do that? We are working to ensure reliable and affordable power while adapting to a changing energy landscape. One critical component of reliable power is the mix of energy resources used to generate the electricity that keeps the lights on at your homes and businesses. Our generation comes from a mix of coal, nuclear, natural gas, and renewables. While we are committed to providing members with access to renewables, the technology simply is not available for us to rely 100 percent on this energy source to power your lives. However, we will continue to see a reduction in our carbon-based generation thanks to the addition of Plant Vogtle's new nuclear units 3 and 4. These additions mean 60 to 80 years of zero-emission energy for you. We are increasingly using more energy generated from clean resources, but we still depend on a diverse mix to ensure reliable power is available to you, whenever you need it.

CFEMC's commitment to the community runs even deeper than providing reliable, affordable power. It is part of our core values. Many of our employees give generously to their communities throughout the year serving on local boards, volunteering in schools, coaching youth sports and so much more. However, seeing CFEMC employees taking time to work with local organizations during the holiday season really brings that home. This year, CFEMC employees will be working together at One Roof in Coweta County and at the Real Life Center in Fayette County. We're also partnering with Hero Box this year. They are an organization that sends Christmas boxes to deployed military service members.

In closing, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Christmas is one of the most joyous times of the year. To all the employees, thank you for everything you do for CFEMC and our members. Each of you do an amazing job day in and day out. You are the key ingredient to our continued success. To our members, may this Christmas season bring an abundance of happiness and peace to you and your loved ones. I sincerely hope you and your family share every precious tradition, cherish every moment, and enjoy this time together.