

### Our Gift to You: \$30 Off Per 1,000 kWh This December!

We are pleased to share that your December electric bill will be lower this month. Thanks to carefully managed power costs and a \$1.4 million dividend returned to us by our wholly owned subsidiary, **True Natural Gas**, we are able to reduce your power cost by lowering the total **Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)** for the month of December.

### What does that mean for you?

For December bills only, there will be an additional line item on your bill highlighted as "Energy Credit" where we are lowering the PCA by an additional \$30 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh). This is in addition to the current PCA of -0.003500, \$3.50 per 1,000 kWh, bringing the total reduction shown on your bill to \$33.50 per 1000 kWh. Beginning in January 2026, the PCA will be set to near 0.0000 to reflect the 2026 budgeted power costs, which will be approved later this month.

### A quick refresher: What is a PCA?

Electric cooperatives use the Power Cost Adjustment to help match the actual cost of generating and purchasing electricity with what's collected on your bill **without** having to implement a full rate change.

Because the cost of power can fluctuate throughout the year, the PCA acts as a simple, efficient tool that lets us adjust up or down as needed. When costs are higher, the PCA helps cover those expenses. And when costs are **lower**, as they are now, we can pass those savings **right back to you immediately**, exactly the way a not-for-profit cooperative should.





Want more details?
Check out our podcast!

### That's the cooperative difference.

As a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, every decision we make comes back to one thing: **you**. Lowering the PCA for December is one more way we demonstrate our commitment to operating efficiently, managing costs responsibly, and living out the cooperative principles you expect.



Chris Stephens CFO

### How much will you save?

Let's look at an example. If your family uses 1,500 kWh in December, the PCA reduction will save you:

# **1,500 x \$0.0335 = \$50.25** in PCA savings this month

We know that during the holiday season, every little bit helps, especially when you're stocking the pantry for gatherings, checking gift lists twice, and managing the extra expenses that come this time of year.

### Our promise to you

Our goal is always to balance reliable service with affordable rates. When we can lower costs, we will; and we'll continue to look for ways to responsibly manage power supply expenses on your behalf.

From all of us at CFEMC, thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your commitment to the cooperative. We wish you and your family a safe, bright, and joyful holiday season. Merry Christmas.



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# 2025 Bright Ideas Grant Recipients: Empowering our Classrooms

Area students now have the opportunity to take on hands-on projects such as incubating and hatching chicken eggs, producing student podcasts, exploring with virtual reality headsets, publishing competitive literary magazines, and much more as part of the 2025 Bright Ideas Grant Program, funded by Operation Round Up.

After receiving 53 applications, a panel of educators awarded \$30,770 in Bright Ideas Grants to support 27 innovative classroom projects in Coweta County, Fayette County and Heard County Schools.

Employees from the cooperative personally surprised each winner, presenting them with their award, a grant check and appreciation for their creativity and dedication to shaping the future of local students.

"This is such an amazing program, and we are so appreciative," said Lindsay Boyle, principal of Kedron Elementary School.

The Bright Ideas Grant Program is designed to help teachers bring creative, hands-on learning opportunities to their classrooms—projects that may not otherwise be funded through traditional school budgets. The program is open to Pre-K through 12th grade educators across all subject areas within Coweta Fayette EMC's service area.

To date, the Bright Ideas Grant Program has awarded more than \$606,000 to local educators, thanks to funding provided by the Operation Round Up Trust. This program is made possible through the generosity of cooperative members who voluntarily "round up" their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The spare change goes directly to the Trust, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening our communities and helping our neighbors.

Applications for the 2026 Bright Ideas Grants will open in May 2026.



## **2025 Grant Recipients:**

### **Coweta County:**

Arbor Springs Elementary: Michele Eubanks

Arnall Middle: Jillian McDonnell

Arnco-Sargent Elementary: Katherine Brown & Rebecca Gore

Blake Bass Middle: Lisa Holland Central Christian: Kimberly Jones East Coweta High: Claire Hilton East Coweta Middle: Blaire Thrasher

Evans Middle: Courtney Ledford & Stephanie Skinner Glanton Elementary: Amanda Scogin & Virginia McCurdy

Lee Middle: Charles Davenport Newnan High: Carrie DeBilzan Welch Elementary: Briana Booker

Westside School: Ceil Harper, Stacy Davis & Myronda Jenkins

### **Fayette County:**

**Huddleston Elementary: Jonathan Burns** 

Kedron Elementary: Kori Perez, Joanna Johnson, Daphne

Tickner, Morgan Lovett & Leah Hutsell Spring Hill Elementary: Ashley Tarver

### **Heard County:**

Heard County Elementary: Megan Moore & Brook Benton



Learn how Operation Round Up makes programs like the Bright Ideas Grants possible in our In the Loop Podcast!

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