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Sawnee EMC's line crews are ever present throughout our seven (7) county service territory, building, maintaining and repairing parts of our local electrical distribution system. Their swift response restores normalcy to our everyday lives and offers reassurance in times of uncertainty. Whether repairing storm-ravaged power lines or connecting a service to a new home for the first time, their unwavering commitment shines a bright light on life and gives hope to all throughout our communities.

On April 13, 2026, Sawnee EMC would like to give pause and thank our linemen who ensure the reliable and steadfast energy we are proud to deliver to our members every day. We are grateful and thankful for our linemen. Be sure to **#ThankALineman** today!

At Sawnee EMC, We're More Than Electricity, We're Service.



“ QUOTABLE QUOTE

The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

— Peter Drucker

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2026 Sawnee EMC Washington Youth Tour Delegates



Ms. Joy Fan



Mr. Ishaan Somaka

The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation is excited to announce that Ms. Joy Fan of Cumming and Mr. Ishaan Somaka of Suwanee have been chosen to represent Sawnee EMC as its 2026 NRECA Washington Youth Tour delegates.

High school students from across Sawnee EMC's service area applied for the opportunity to spend a week in Washington D.C. learning about the history of electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) and how decisions made by Congress play a pivotal role in the dynamics of their local cooperatives. Joy and Ishaan will embark on their journey to Washington D.C. in June, along with over one hundred (100) other delegates from Georgia who are representing their own EMCs throughout the state.

Many state and national leaders have long supported the NRECA Washington Youth Tour. Additionally, many former student delegates have noted it was this trip, taken in high school, that gave them their drive to get involved in politics and work with cooperatives in their current careers.

To learn more about this program, visit us at [sawnee.coop/washington-youth-tour](https://www.sawnee.coop/washington-youth-tour).

Ready for Spring? Remember These Two Important Tips.

April is National Safe Digging Month

With warmer weather on the horizon, if you are thinking about doing yardwork, be sure to be safe and call "811" before you dig. Before you start any digging projects, call "811" or visit [call811.com](https://www.call811.com) to have your underground utility lines located and marked. This is a free service and it helps to keep our community safe.



Get Your AC Summer Ready

Don't wait until you come home to an uncomfortably warm house or see higher than expected summer power bills. Now is the perfect time to make sure your air conditioning system is ready for the warmer months ahead.



If you have your AC system professionally tuned up in 2026, send us a copy of your receipt—you may qualify for a rebate of up to \$20 per unit. Receipts can be emailed to marketing@sawnee.coop, faxed to 770-454-0139, or mailed to the Energy Services Department at the address listed on the front page of this newsletter. Certain limitations apply. Visit [sawnee.coop/rebates](https://www.sawnee.coop/rebates) for full details.

Spring Severe Weather Ready Check List

Early Spring brings a feeling of refreshment and new energy to us all with extended daylight hours, favorable temperatures and seasonal events filling up our calendar.

Spring is also a great time to give pause and prepare for severe weather events that may strike with limited time to prepare. Take the time now to fortify your home and prepare for unplanned and unpredictable weather events that may occur with the seasonal change.

Check out this “Top 10 Severe Weather” checklist to help you prepare, navigate and mitigate a possible negative experience during potential severe weather events:

- ✓ 1. **Drinking Water** – Keep a reserve of 24-72 hours worth of potable water available.
- ✓ 2. **Nonperishable Food** – Have access to “ready-to-eat” nonperishable food and keep refrigerators and freezers closed during an outage.



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Best in Customer Satisfaction with Residential Electric Service among Cooperatives, 3 out of 4 Years.

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- ✓ 3. **Flashlight** – Have a flashlight handy with extra batteries.
- ✓ 4. **Battery Powered Weather Radio** – A battery powered weather radio will give alerts and updates of current and evolving severe weather conditions. You may also have weather apps downloaded that will push to you important updates during severe weather events.
- ✓ 5. **Medication** – Have access to at least a 72-hour supply of any of your essential medication
- ✓ 6. **Communication** – Devise a strategy for safety checks with loved ones and significant others. It may also be helpful to have a list of critical and emergency contacts saved on your cell phone.
- ✓ 7. **Outdoor liabilities** – Secure outdoor patio furniture prior to severe weather events that could become dangerous projectiles in high winds.
- ✓ 8. **Shelter & Warm Clothing** – Seek shelter inside sturdy buildings and away from windows during severe weather and don't forget to bring pets inside to a safe place to shelter. It may also be a great idea to have extra blankets and warm dry clothing as temperatures may drastically change during severe weather events.
- ✓ 9. **Charger Packs** – Have charged and maintained battery powered charger packs for cell phones and electronic devices readily accessible (limit use for emergency purposes).
- ✓ 10. **Download the Sawnee EMC App** – You will have the ability to report outages and to keep track of outage restoration efforts in your area.



You can download our app by searching “Sawnee EMC” in Google Play or in the App Store. Questions? Please contact a member of Sawnee EMC’s Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124 or email customerservice@sawnee.coop.

A Sawnee EMC Recipe for Year Round Energy Savings

Recipes often have a detailed list of ingredients and specific instructions passed down over generations. But what we often overlook and don't include in the ingredients is the amount of energy needed to cook your favorite dish. The next time you get ready to prepare your favorite family recipe, consider the following tips to help you conserve energy:

- Make sure your oven and range top are clean. A well-maintained appliance will cook more efficiently when the electric elements are clean.
- Use the lowest temperature setting possible.
- Preheat the oven to the exact temperature required; preheating is not required for foods that cook for several hours.
- Use glass or ceramic cookware whenever possible as they retain heat better than metal cookware.
- Limit opening the oven door. Opening the door could drop the temperature inside the oven up to 25°F and

can cause for excess energy usage and prolonged cooking times.

- Turn the oven off fifteen (15) minutes before the cooking time is complete. Food will continue to cook as long as the oven door remains closed.
- For range tops, match the size of the pot or pan to the size of the burner, as much as 40% of the heat could be lost with improper pot or pan sizing.
- Microwaves, slow cookers and toaster ovens are great for simple meals or heating leftovers and use less energy than conventional ovens and range tops.

For other tips and ways to save energy in your home visit us at sawnee.coop/energy-savings. Questions? Contact a member of our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.coop.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Masters Pimento Cheese

Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded yellow extra sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 ¼ cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 6 ounces cream cheese softened
- 1 teaspoon finely grated onion or ½ teaspoon of onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 tablespoons diced pimento peppers drained

Directions:

Add the shredded cheeses, mayonnaise, cream cheese, onion, salt, ground black pepper, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper to a large mixing bowl. Mix everything by hand or on low using an electric mixer until everything is evenly combined. Gently fold the diced pimento peppers into the cheese. Season with additional salt and pepper if needed. For the best flavor, chill the pimento cheese in the refrigerator for a few hours before serving.



👉 Thanks to Laura Castiglione for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.coop.