




# Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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## News



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### Members Give Back Through Operation Round-Up



Board members, Brian Hubbard and Ted Woodrell, deliver a check to Mike Tunnel (center) for Stockton Christmas Baskets.



Barbara Long of Community Outreach in Nevada accepts a check from board member Gary Ashby.



Ken Hacker, board member, gives a check for El Dorado Christmas Basket Fund to Steve Wiseman.



Board members, Tim Minehardt and Ray Huesemann, deliver a check to Margie Weaver (cntr) for the St. Clair Co. Senior Center.

Through the Operation Round-Up program our board of directors was able to present checks for three hundred dollars to each of the above community organizations. This money will help keep these programs going to serve citizens in our area who need some extra help.

The funds are raised by members who have agreed to have their electric bill rounded up to the next whole dollar. So, if their electric bill is \$103.20, eighty cents goes into the fund, and the member writes a check for \$104 even. The maximum donation is never more than eleven dollars and eighty-eight cents a year, and averages right

around six dollars a year.

For most members the spare change given to get to the next whole dollar will never be missed. Put together with the other Sac Osage Members' donations, this money adds up to a real difference in the rural community.

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The cooperative wants all of the members who are currently supporting this program and rounding up their monthly bill to know that the money is going to worthy causes. It all stays in the community to help out those in need. With more members

willing to round up their bill, more funds would be available for more of these community led, volunteer supported programs.

To be added to this effort at this time, members need to fill out a one-time form on this page. By sending the

form with the next month's bill the member will have a part in all these efforts. One of the founding principles of rural electric cooperatives is "commitment to community." Sac Osage is proud to continue that commitment and give our members a chance to participate.



### Give to Operation Round-Up Sign Up Today

It's easy to support the Sac Osage Electric Operation Round-Up program by just "rounding up" your bill to the next full dollar amount.

Your contributions help local people that are less fortunate. Operation Round-Up funds have been disbursed to the El Dorado Christmas Basket Fund, Nevada Community Outreach, the Osceola Christmas Fund, the Salvation Army, and the Stockton Christmas Fund.

The average donation is about 50 cents per month, with a maximum of \$11.88 per year. Together with other members who support this program, your pennies can really make a difference in the lives of people in the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative service territory.

Please fill out the following information and mail this form to Sac Osage Electric Co-op.

**MAIL:** Sac Osage Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 111  
El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

Yes! Sign Me Up For Operation Round-Up.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sac Osage Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Take Pictures in All Season For the 2023 Calendar Contest



Each year Sac Osage Electric gives free calendars to members from our cooperative headquarters. This year members have the opportunity to submit their own pictures to be a part of the calendar. Winning members will receive a credit on their electric bill. Requirements are:

- Photo must be taken by the member of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative submitting the entry.
- Photo must be taken within the cooperative territory.
- Photos should be in a landscape (wider than it is long) to fit the calendar.

By submitting the photo through the website, the member is giving permission to Sac Osage to use the photo in the calendar and other promotional material.

Members can submit multiple entries, but a new form must be filled out with each one. Sac Osage encourages members to take photos in all seasons as this will increase the chances of being included in the calendar. An online submission form can be found on the cooperative website at <https://www.sacosage.com/cooperative-calendar-contest>.



## Attention High School Juniors

**Don't miss your opportunity for a trip of a lifetime. An all-expense paid tour of Washing DC sponsored by electric cooperatives. Visit <https://www.sacosage.com/youth-tour> for more details and to apply.**

# Fight Back Against Scams

Scammers are targeting energy consumers everywhere. They often call threatening to shut off power unless payment is made immediately. Or they may call saying you overpaid and ask for credit card or bank info to provide a credit.

Never give out personal information to anyone who calls claiming to be from your utility!

Many of these scam attempts play out like this: the caller poses as a representative of your power provider, says you are behind on the bill and a truck is on the way to disconnect your service unless you pay your bill right now – over the phone. Some ask their targets to purchase prepaid cards and call back with the prepaid card number to pay the bill. If you get such a call, or have questions about your bill, call your utility using the number they provide on the bill or online.

Attempts have also been made in person at the door or via email. If your provider needs to replace or service equipment in your home, they will contact you in advance. Never respond to an email that claims to be from your utility that asks for personal information.

If consumers suspect someone is trying to scam them, they should hang up, delete the email, or shut the door. They should call their utility (800-876-2701 for Sac Osage) at the number on their monthly bill or the utility's website, not the phone number the scammer provides. If consumers ever feel

that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

Consumers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud should also contact local law enforcement authorities. The Federal Trade Commission's website ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)) is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.

*This article is from [safeelectricity.org](http://safeelectricity.org)*



When known scams are reported to the cooperative, Sac Osage will post on its website and Facebook to let members know. Look for this icon.

## Don't Let Your Trees Become Your Neighbor's Outage



The major cause of most power outages is damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. Clearing right of way is a time consuming and hazardous job. Over 1 million dollars a year is expended on right of way maintenance. Maintaining right of way is a never ending concern to provide reliable service to Sac Osage members.

Sac Osage works to clear our three-phase line on a rotation basis, but we rely on members to allow us to trim or remove trees on their property. If tree crews are not allowed to properly clear trees from yards, it can impact neighbors down the road.