



First Electric Cooperative

Improving Quality of Life

Members fund donations to 13 local nonprofit organizations

Thanks to members who participate in Operation Round-Up, more than \$16,000 was donated to 13 local organizations in April.

These members volunteer to have their bill rounded up to the next even dollar amount each month. That money — an average of \$6 a year — is used for donations to local organizations and for college scholarships.

Donation recipients include:

Arkansas County

- Arkansas County Single Parent Scholarship Fund, \$2,000

Cleburne County

- Drasco Volunteer Fire Department \$1,742
- The CALL in Cleburne County, \$1,500

Lonoke County

- CASA of Lonoke County, \$1,000
- Lonoke County Animal Education & Rescue Team, \$500
- Lonoke County 4-H Foundation, \$1,000

Perry County

- Nimrod-Aplin Fire Department, \$1,500
- Perry County Fair Association, \$1,000
- Perry County Shooting Sports, \$1,000

Pulaski County

- Fishnet Missions of Jacksonville, \$1,000

Saline County

- Habitat for Humanity of Saline County, \$1,500

Stone County

- Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Stone County, \$1,000

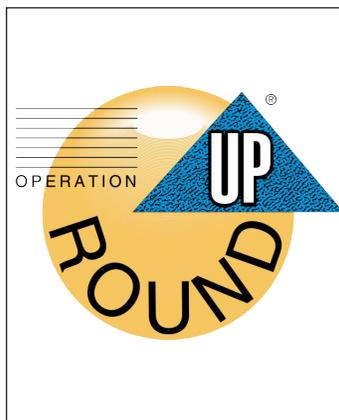
White County

- Antioch Fire Department, \$1,500

Photos of all Operation Round-Up recipients can be found at www.facebook.com/FirstElectric.



The CALL of Cleburne County helps to meet the needs of local children in foster care. Its goal is to educate, equip and encourage the Christian community to provide a future and a hope for children in foster care in Arkansas. The CALL plans to use its donation for training for foster families.



Joining Operation Round-Up is easy!

- Call 800-489-7405
- Enroll through the SmartHub app
- Enroll online on the "Community" tab at www.firstelectric.coop

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



First Electric Cooperative's offices will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Crews will be on hand in the event of an outage.
Please report an outage at 888-827-3322 or on SmartHub.

First Electric celebrates 80 years of service

First Electric Cooperative Corporation was incorporated April 26, 1937, as the first electric cooperative in Arkansas under the direction of the Rural Electrification Act as signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

First Electric energized its first power lines April 15, 1938, near Jacksonville, with three employees and served 105 members.

Today, First Electric serves more than 92,000 member accounts throughout parts of 18 counties in central and southeast Arkansas.

The cooperative's headquarters is located in Jacksonville, with four full-service offices in Benton, Heber Springs, Perryville and Stuttgart.

First Electric owns and maintains more than 9,600 miles of

distribution power lines, nearly 200,000 power poles and 47 substations.

First Electric is the second largest distribution cooperative in Arkansas. It ranks 33rd largest in terms of size of the nation's more than 900 electric cooperatives.

The member account base is 73 percent residential, 21 percent commercial and industrial, 5 percent agricultural and 1 percent public authorities.

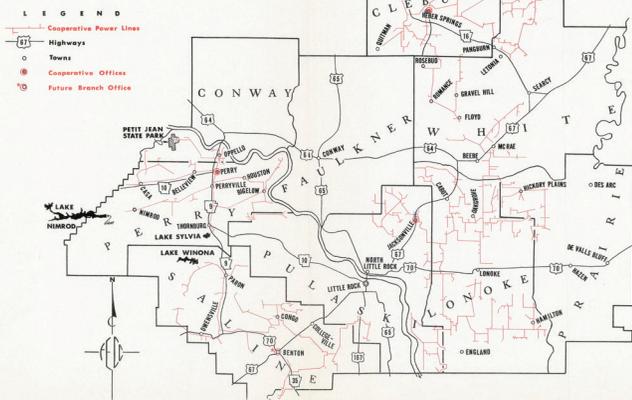
First Electric is organized as a not-for-profit business and returns capital credits to members on a recurring basis. With the 2016 capital credit refund of \$9.024 million, the total amount refunded to members is now more than \$86.6 million.



Dignitaries and First Electric employees, directors and members attend a ceremony on Oct. 20, 1937, to celebrate the first pole being raised near Jacksonville. Those present included: Stanley D. Carpenter, Garrett D. Cowser, Waldo Frasier, Howard Maxwell, Robert L. Henry, Romeo E. Short, Gov. Carl E. Bailey, Thomas B. Fitzhugh, J.J. Todd, Henry W. Blaylock, Max Mehlburger, John A. Sherrill and Charles W. Robinson. On April 15, 1938 the first lines were energized to serve 105 members.

MAP FIRST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

The Red Lines Serve YOU

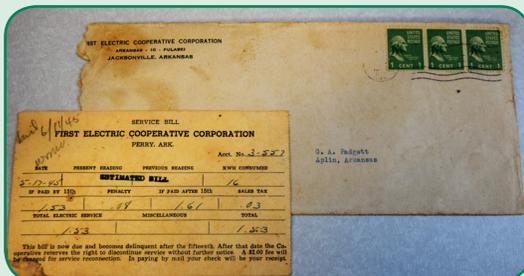


The First Electric system as of 1950. First Electric now owns and maintains more than 9,600 miles of distribution power lines and nearly 200,000 power poles.



Serviceman Bill "Brownie" Brown with a new service truck in 1948.

Summer electric bill for \$1.53 dated June 11, 1945 and mailed with three cents postage to members in Aplin.



First Electric moved into a new headquarters in Jacksonville in 1949.