

## Operation Round Up awards \$25,000 in grants to Texhoma Communities

Thursday, March 28th, more than thirty representatives from ten different charitable community organizations met at Southwest Rural Electric headquarters in Tipton. These representatives were the first to receive grant monies from Southwest Rural Electric's charitable foundation, Operation Round Up. Twenty-five thousand dollars was donated in grants.

Organizations represented that evening include: Tillman County Emergency Medical Systems, Frederick High School Robotics, Tillman County Historical Society, Operation CARE Ministries, Snyder Music Program, Tillman County Food Bank, Mountain Park Volunteer Fire Department, The Stephen E. Booker Foundation, Frederick Arts and Humanities Council and the Crowell Volunteer Fire Department.

Each of these recipients explained in writing a specific project for which their grant monies would fund. The Operation Round Up board (independent from SWRE) then selected the recipients based on a number of criteria.

Grant recipients are required to send a follow-up letter to the Round Up foundation with proof of how they spend their award.

The 2019 Operation Round Up Grant Applications are now available online at [www.swre.com/roundup](http://www.swre.com/roundup). Applications for this year will be open until September 3, 2019.

Operation Round Up is a charitable foundation of Southwest Rural Electric Association, Inc. Members of SWRE voluntarily donate the odd change from each bill cycle to the foundation. The foundation began in June 2018 and has already donated \$25,000 back to the communities of Texhoma. To learn more visit [www.swre.com/roundup](http://www.swre.com/roundup).



Tillman County EMS



Tillman County Food Bank



Frederick High School Robotics



Mountain Park Volunteer Fire Dept.



Tillman County Historical Society



Stephen E. Booker Foundation



Operation C.A.R.E.



Frederick Arts + Humanities Council



Snyder Music Program



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# So, just how green are we?

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There's no shortage of media coverage regarding green energy, renewable resources and sustainable practices in the world today. With all the press coverage surrounding "The Green New Deal", that some in Washington are promoting, you might have asked yourself, 'just how green are we?' Well, you might be surprised to learn we are much greener than many in D.C. would have you believe.

The sixth cooperative principle is cooperation among cooperatives. A great demonstration of this is SWRE's membership in and cooperation with our generation and transmission (G&T) co-op, Western Farmers Electric (WFEC).

As you'll see on the sidebar of the page to your right WFEC is well ahead of the game as far as it relates to renewables. Through our cooperative efforts with WFEC we have made great strides to make sure we provide responsible energy sources and lead with best practices.

In 2009 there were two wind sites generating power for WFEC. Today there are thirteen. WFEC has also added solar in this time frame, which has rapidly shifted their energy portfolio structure towards renewable energy. In fact, in the last 10 years, their energy

supply has increased from 19% renewables to up to 70% at times. That is a 51% increase in a very short amount of time.

Our relationship with Western Farmers has led to many truly innovative efforts towards renewable energy in the state of Oklahoma. Not only was WFEC the first in the state to receive power generation from a windfarm, but it also continues to lead our region with progressive sustainable practices.

Through programs like Community Solar, SWRE is able to offer our members an opportunity to participate directly in renewable energy efforts. For just a fraction of the cost required to install solar on your own, our members are able to purchase "shares" in our community solar fields which are located north of Frederick, Oklahoma and also in Vernon, Texas.

I share this with you to show what your electric cooperative is doing to address the increasing concerns surrounding renewable energy resources. We take seriously the responsibility of using the latest technology and innovation available to meet you, our members/owner's needs and concerns. You can trust, our focus will always be on safe, reliable, and affordable energy... and yes, sustainable resources as well. //

*Ken Simmons*  
Manager/CEO



# An electric road-trip through America's heartland



Left, Jamie Jannaman of Frederick High School holds her Youth Summit Certificate. Right, Kaitlyn Thomas at Northside HS celebrates as well. Photo by OAEC.

In February we introduced to you Matt and Lauren Crandall, an Altus couple who recently bought an electric vehicle and is open to sharing their experiences with other SWRE members.

This month, we checked in on Matt and Lauren and discovered that they have now taken their EV on a cross-country road trip twice! Both trips were to their home state of Minnesota. While this may seem like a risky route for EV users, Matt and Lauren assured us that it is actually a very pleasant trip and there is no shortage of EV chargers throughout America's heartland.

2000 miles is a long way in any vehicle, especially when you have an eight-month old infant with you. "I was scared about finding fuel. We're constantly taking road trips and I was afraid we wouldn't have the resources to do that with the new car", said Lauren.

Fortunately, she soon realized she had nothing to worry about. Even in the most rural areas of the country, electric vehicle chargers are strategically placed to make road trips like this possible.

"We didn't realize how many chargers there already are out there. There's almost more than you need, to the point that you can actually skip some of them", said Matt.

The couple agreed that the trip was actually more enjoyable because of the stops for fuel. They used only superchargers the whole way, which made for quick 20 minute stops that happened to perfectly align with baby Davis' feeding and changing schedule.

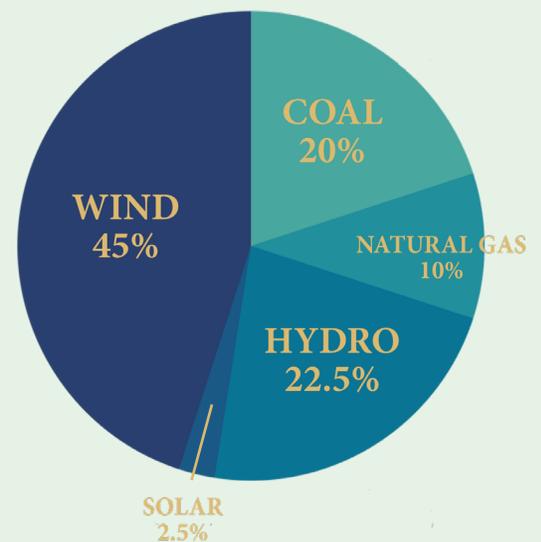
What's even more impressive, is that the couple managed to spend a total of \$70 in fuel for their entire trip. Lauren and Matt both agreed that travel by electric vehicle is the only way for them moving forward. The easy stops, relaxed pace and quiet ride are no match for the diesel truck they previously took on trips. Even between Altus and Minnesota, the most rural part of the country, you have everything you need.

## WESTERN FARMERS PORTFOLIO

*Did you know that SWRE purchases its power from a fellow cooperative, Western Farmer's Electric Cooperative (WFEC), based out of Anadarko, OK?*

*We are proud to say that WFEC cares about renewable energy and has taken a pioneering role in bringing green energy to the cooperatives it serves. Take a look at the numbers from WFEC's March 2019 generation report below.*

# 70% RENEWABLES



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# Strawberry Pretzel Dessert



## Ingredients:

2 cups crushed pretzels (about 8 ounces)  
3/4 cup butter, melted  
3 tablespoons sugar  
**FILLING:**  
2 cups whipped topping  
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese,  
softened  
1 cup sugar  
**TOPPING:**  
2 packages (3 oz. each) strawberry gelatin  
2 cups boiling water  
2 packages (16 oz. each) frozen sliced strawberries, thawed

## Directions:

In a bowl, combine the pretzels, butter and sugar. Press into an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

For filling, in a small bowl, beat whipped topping, cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Spread over pretzel crust. Refrigerate until chilled.

For topping, dissolve gelatin in boiling water in a large bowl. Stir in strawberries with syrup; chill until partially set. Carefully spoon over filling. Chill until firm, 4-6 hours.

Cut into squares; serve with additional whipped topping and pretzels if desired.

 View a video of this recipe on our Pinterest page!

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