

Tri-County news

Tri-County EMC Membership Corporation Dudley, N.C.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

News and Information For Cooperative Members

April 2017



Local Linemen, Local Power: Celebrate Linemen on National Lineman Appreciation Day

Join us, and electric cooperative members nationwide, in celebrating the hardworking men and women who keep the lights on. April 10, 2017 is National Lineman Appreciation Day.

Local linemen, local power

“Linemen are first responders. They’re out in all kinds of inclement weather and at all hours. We depend on them to be the front line,” said Mike Davis, General Manager of Tri-County EMC.

Being the “front line” for Tri-County EMC means linemen are first responders in our community. As a local business, Tri-County EMC’s employees, including our linemen, live in the communities we serve. You’ll see them not only restoring power, but also at the store, at church or picking up their kids from school, and you can feel confident that they — like you — want power to be restored to our community as quickly and safely as possible.

When conditions are worst, lineworkers are at their best

Electricity is delivered along a series of connected wires and poles, and when that connection is interrupted by something like a falling tree branch, an animal or faulty equipment, it takes knowledge, skill and muscle to rebuild. Our crews are always ready. In the middle of the night, on holidays, and in snow, ice, floods and extreme heat,

they are dedicated to restoring power to members, no matter the conditions.

“All our cooperative employees do a phenomenal job every day to serve our members, but it takes a unique person to do the work of a lineman, and they’re looked at as heroes,” Davis said.

Join us, and #ThankALineman

On April 10, 2017, take a moment to show your gratitude to the dedicated crews who build, maintain and repair the electric system that power our lives. On social media, use the hashtag #ThankALineman!



Tri-County EMC Welcomes New Employee

Tri-County EMC welcomes Dwayne Skinner as the cooperative’s new Apprentice Tree Trimmer. Skinner started his career at TCEMC with the Apprenticeship Program on February 16, 2017. Prior to joining to Tri-County EMC, Skinner worked with Pepsi as a Full-Service Driver. Skinner is a graduate of Wayne Community College and resides in Mount Olive.

SEVENTH ANNUAL TRI-COUNTY EMC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 1, 2017

8:00 AM AND 1:00 PM SHOTGUN STARTS
BREAKFAST-LUNCH PROVIDED

(BREAKFAST BISCUITS BY MCDONALDS OF MOUNT OLIVE AND
LUNCH CATERED BY MCCALL'S BARBECUE AND
SEAFOOD RESTAURANT OF GOLDSBORO)

SOUTHERN WAYNE COUNTRY CLUB • MOUNT OLIVE, NC

The employees of Tri-County EMC will host its Seventh Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Southern Wayne Country Club in Mount Olive, NC. We invite members and friends of Tri-County to join us for a morning or afternoon of fun and fellowship to benefit the Employee-Funded Scholarship Program.

The tournament will offer two start times, morning and afternoon, with breakfast biscuits by McDonald's of Mount Olive and lunch catered by McCall's BBQ and Seafood Restaurant of Goldsboro for all players.

Team entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals are also welcomed to participate. Individual participants will be assigned to a 4-player team. There will be cash prizes for the winners.

If you are unable to play golf with us this year, please consider being a Hole Sponsor. Money raised through this event will be used to award college scholarships to high school seniors.

Tri-County EMC's employees appreciate your assistance with this benefit, and believe that it is important to enhance the education of our youth who will be the future leaders of our communities.

Registration deadline is May 26, 2017. To obtain a registration form and hole sponsor form, or if you have questions, please contact Mike Wood (michael.wood@tcemc.com),

Deidra Locklear (deidra.locklear@tcemc.com) or Mike Davis (michael.davis@tcemc.com) at 800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Team or Team Sponsor: _____

Name, Address, Phone Number and e-mail address of Team Sponsor/Contact Person: _____

Phone # Day: _____ Phone # Evening: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Names of Players & Handicap (Required- Very important! Average score if HDCP not established)

Preferred start time: Check one. 9:00 AM: 1:30 PM:

Value packs are also available for \$10 per player. Value packs provide each player two mulligans and one red tee.

Please indicate which options you are selecting :

Sponsor \$400 (Hole sponsor & 4 players) \$ _____ Team Participant \$300 (4 players) \$ _____ Hole Sponsor \$100 (Hole Sponsor only) \$ _____

Individual Participant \$75 (Will be assigned to team) \$ _____ Value Packs (4 X \$10=\$40) \$ _____ **Total Enclosed \$ _____**

Please make check payable to Tri-County EMC Scholarship and mail check and registration to:
Tri-County EMC /Scholarship Tournament/PO Box 130, Dudley, NC 28333

Please return registration form to arrive no later than May 26.

Club Rules: Shirts with collars, no cut-offs, no metal spikes.

Tri-County EMC Phone Numbers: 919-735-2611 or 800-548-4869. Fax Number: 919-734-6277.

If you have questions please contact Mike Wood (michael.wood@tcemc.com), Deidra Locklear (deidra.locklear@tcemc.com) or Mike Davis (michael.davis@tcemc.com) at 800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.

Cut registration form along line



Tri-County EMC Members Can Now Join the Benefits of ElecTel!

Did you know that as a member of Tri-County EMC you have access to the cooperative's federal credit union?

ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union has been serving the employees of Tri-County EMC and their family members for over 30 years. Now those same great products and services are available to you as a member of Tri-County EMC.

Anyone can offer financial services, but credit union membership is unique. Unlike a bank, whose primary goal is to maximize profit for a select group of stockholders, credit unions are owned and governed by members. Just like your membership in our electric cooperative, credit unions are governed by members and everyone has an equal voice. Profits are returned in the form of higher savings.

If you are interested in joining ElecTel, visit www.electelccu.org to become a member. All you need to do is complete a brief membership application and submit it with a minimum deposit of \$1. This opens your regular share (savings) account, which makes you eligible for all of their other great services. You can also contact the branch office at 800-849-5600.



Educators: Apply now to fund your Bright Ideas

Everyone knows April showers bring May flowers, but did you also know April brings new opportunities for local educators to fund classroom projects? Here at Tri-County EMC, April marks the official kickoff of the Bright Ideas education grant program. The Bright Ideas grant program is offered by all 26 of North Carolina's electric cooperatives and supports educators in need of funding to implement creative, hands-on learning projects.

Since 1994, North Carolina's electric co-ops have awarded more than \$10.9 million in Bright Ideas grants to teachers statewide. More than 10,400 classroom projects benefiting well over 2.1 million North Carolina students have been made possible because of these grants.

Tri-County EMC is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2017-18 school year. Educators in K-12 classrooms with creative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant up to \$1,000. Last year, Tri-County EMC awarded \$82,946.10 for 99 projects supporting local teachers and students.

Grant applications will be accepted April 1 through September 18. However, it could pay to apply early: All teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of August 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

Teachers at qualifying schools can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit www.NCBrightIdeas.com.

Join ElecTel today!

Tri-County EMC is partnering with ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union to provide a valuable member service. Do you want to save energy while increasing your home's value? If so, Tri-County EMC can help with ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union's Energy Efficient Loan Program.

With this new program, Tri-County EMC members may borrow up to \$35,000 for improvements, including: new windows and doors, electric heat pumps, furnaces, air conditioners, generators, solar projects, water heaters, insulation, and ENERGY STAR® appliances.

ElecTel offers energy-efficiency loans to residential property owners of single-family homes, duplexes, mobile homes, and owner-occupied condominiums. The Energy Efficient Loan Program features:

- Loans with as low as a 3.90% APR*
- Up to 100 percent financing of the purchase price, including taxes and installation costs
- Repayment terms up to 120 months
- \$35,000 maximum loan limit; \$5,000 maximum for a mobile home

Who is ElecTel?

ElecTel is a cooperative, much like Tri-County EMC, where members own and control the credit union. Since 1989, ElecTel has served electric cooperative employees in Virginia and North Carolina. This year, the credit union has expanded its reach by offering credit-union loans as well as other banking services to Tri-County EMC members.

Deposit accounts include:

- Savings
- Christmas clubs
- Money market accounts
- Free checking
- Online banking
- Free bill pay
- Free mobile banking
- Free mobile deposits
- No-fee health savings accounts
- Share certificates
- IRAs

Loan accounts include:

- Energy efficiency loans with rates as low as 3.90% APR*
- Signature/unsecured loans
- Platinum Visa® program with no annual fee
- New and used auto loans with rates as low as 1.99% APR*
- Home equity loans with no closing costs
- RV/boat loan

You may join ElecTel Federal Credit Union online at www.electelccu.org and then apply for loans or other financial services online. For more information, contact ElecTel at 800.849.5600 or email memberservices@electelccu.coop.

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The Cooperative Exchange

A Service For Members of Tri-County EMC

Members of Tri-County EMC may submit ads to The Cooperative Exchange on a first-come, first-serve basis. We ask that no commercial business ads be submitted and we reserve the right to refuse ads of questionable content. We also reserve the right to edit ads of unreasonable length. You may mail your ad to Cooperative Exchange Tri-County EMC, PO Box 130, Dudley, NC 28333. Please include your area code with your phone number. Or, you may call 919-735-2611 or 800-

548-4869, ext. 621. Deadline for ads is the 1st of each month

FOR SALE

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS blueberry bushes, prom or evening dress (size 6), antique log roller, roll top desk, wooden bread box, antique chicken crate, "I Remember Dale Earnhart" book. Call 919-635-9687 (4).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Troy Bitt 5 HP Shredder Vacuum (\$200), Craftsman 12.5" Planer (\$175), Shopsmith w/ attachments - needs some repairs (\$500), .

Kenmore Sewing Machine-New (\$150). Call 919-580-8864 or 919-778-4583 (3).

WANTED

COO COO CLOCK Call 919-635-9687

Tri-County EMC will gladly publish announcements of fundraisers for non-profit organizations or special benefits for individuals if space is available. The deadline is the 1st of each month for the announcement to come out in the next newsletter. Call Deidra Locklear at 919-735-2611 or 800-548-4869, Ext. 621.

Please show courtesy to those selling, renting and wanting items listed in the Cooperative Exchange by not calling before 7AM nor after 10 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 Walk to Defeat ALS®

WHAT: Down East Walk to Defeat ALS® (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2017. 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
WHERE: East Carolina University, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Greenville, NC 27858
REGISTRATION IN PERSON AT THE WALK OR ONLINE:
VISIT: <http://web.alsa.org/downeast> or call (877) 568-4347
CONTACT: Development Specialist, Stephanie West
stephanie@alsnc.org, 919-390-0121.

8th Annual Classic Antique Power Farm Heritage Days

WHEN: Friday, April 7, 2017 and Saturday, April 8, 2017. 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Chamber Park, 355 J Lee Road Benson, NC 27504
CONTACT: Steven Stanley, 919-291-5648 or Judy Wood, 919-422-4064

31st Annual North Carolina Pickle Festival

WHEN: Friday, April 28, 2017, and Saturday, April 29, 2017
WHERE: Downtown Mount Olive

Southeastern Cancer Care: Cures for the Colors 5K/ 100 Mile Team/1 Mile Walk/Run

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017,
Individual 5K: 8AM–Team 100 Mile: 9AM–1 Mile Walk/Run: 10AM
WHERE: Wayne Community College



Mount Olive Pickle Festival

April 28–29, 2017

At the festival, Tri-County EMC employees will sell hot dogs, French fries, drinks and baked goods to raise money for their scholarship fund. Come out on Friday night for hot dogs and support our Employee-Funded Scholarship Program. For more information on the events at the Pickle Festival, visit www.ncpicklefestival.org

Holiday Closing

Tri-County County EMC will be closed on Friday, April 14, 2017, in observance of Good Friday.

Payments after office hours and on holidays can be placed in the night deposit box or you may choose to utilize the convenience of online bill-pay by logging on to www.tcemc.com. You may choose to call the numbers listed below to pay by phone.

To report a loss of power or an emergency, please call 1-800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.

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Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation in Dudley, N.C., was chartered May 8, 1940.

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Mission Statement

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation is a member-driven cooperative committed to providing reliable electric power at a reasonable cost, to offering superior service, and to taking an active role in supporting the communities it serves.

*We are here to serve you
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
and 365 days a year.*

For Outages or Emergencies Call
919-735-2611 or 1-800-548-4869
www.tcemc.com



Employees— Ready To Serve

Charles Pate is one of 51 employees ready to

serve you. He has worked with Tri-County EMC since January 2, 2014, and is a Warehouseman for the cooperative. Charles resides in Mount Olive.