

Tri-County news

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

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

News and Information For Cooperative Members

May 2017

Safety is a top priority

May is Electrical Safety Month and here at Tri-County EMC, we would like to remind the



J. Michael Davis
General Manager

community about the dangers of working with and being around electricity. Have you ever given thought to what you would do if you were ever in a vehicle accident that hit a utility pole? Instincts tell us to flee danger. Unfortunately, in vehicle accidents that bring down power lines, these natural inclinations can lead to tragic results.

If you are in an accident that caused a utility pole to break and the power lines are near or in contact with your vehicle, then your vehicle may be charged with electricity. If this is the case and you step out of the car, you will become the electricity's path to the ground—creating a risk for electrocution if you leave the vehicle.

While downed power lines can sometimes reveal they are live by arcing and sparking with electricity, this is not always the case. Power lines do not always show signs that they are live (or energized as we in the electric utility business like to say), but they are just as lethal.

After an accident, stay in the car, and tell others to do the same. If you come upon an accident involving power lines, do not approach the accident scene. If you see someone approaching, warn them of the dangers and to stay away. Call 911 to notify emergency personnel and utility services. Do not leave your vehicle until an electrical utility professional has told you it is safe to do so.

The safest place to be is almost always inside the car. The only circumstance when you should exit the vehicle is if it is on fire—and those instances are rare. If you must exit the vehicle, jump clear of it with your feet together and without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time. Continue to “bunny hop” with your feet together to safety. Doing this will ensure that you are at only one point of contact and will not have different strengths of electric current running from one foot to another, which can be deadly.

We hope our members never have to experience a situation that involves using these safety measures but having the knowledge of what to do could save a life.



Office closed for holiday

Tri-County EMC will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

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 also choose to call the numbers listed to pay by phone. To report a loss of power or an emergency, please call 1-800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.



Stay Clear!

**A downed power line may not be a dead line.
It could cause serious injury or death.**

If someone is injured by contact with a power line, call 911 and keep others away until help arrives.

If a power line falls across or near your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside until help arrives. If you must exit, jump clear so that no part of your body is touching the car when you land. **KEEP BOTH FEET TOGETHER**, and shuffle or hop at least 30 feet away from the vehicle.

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Do You Know These People?

The following is a list of returned and unclaimed Membership and Security Deposits. If you know anyone on this list, please inform them that they should contact Tri-County EMC to claim their money. If the member is deceased, any legal representative may apply for these checks. If you have any information concerning these members or where they may be reached, please contact Glenda Barwick or Jo Brown at 919-735-2611 or 800-548-4869.



Christopher Alphin	Demisha Braswell	Amy Miller	Joe Powell	Clifton Thomas
Carlos Alvarez	Gaines	Gretta Mitchell	Briketa Prayer	Dianna Tomlin
Maria Alvarez	Jose Garcia	Tyler Monro	Jerry Rainwater	Umm Ventures Inc
Samantha Anderson	Margaret Gardner	Maria Morales	Yoendry Reinoso	Valley of Hope
Elizabeth Armentrout	Alexander Garner	Zorayda Morales	Trevor Reynolds	Ministries
Shakorra Artis	Jamie Gautier	Keyonna Murphy	Thomas Rico	Alfredo Velasques
Keila Ascencio-Melchor	Jaime Gibson	Jimmy Myers	Susana Rios	Yeny Yazkeline Vindel
Helen Ashford	Steve Godar	Guadalupe Navarro	Jayson Riveria	Jason Walters
Donald Atkinson	Heber Elias Gonzalez	Jennie Necome	Tonya Roach	BJ Ware
Michael Barbee	Brandon Green	Joraci Novak	Eddy Roche	Latonya White
Tiffany Barela	David Hague	Dennis Oates	Roman Romero	Clifton White
Rolyn Belt	Karen Hargrove	Floralma Ortiz	Kevin Royster	Jeri Whitfield
Roderick Benjamin	Thomas Hathaway	Christopher Outlaw	Doreen Russell	Laura Wiggins
Stephanie Bennett	Ricky Heath	Christopher Parks	Wayne Schoonover	Jeremy Williams
Meoisha Bines	Ricky Heath	Jeremy Paul	Jeremy Shank	Ernest Wise
James Bishop	Gregory Hemby	Dahl Pearson	Nick Sieber	Kimberly Wolff
Annette Bizzell	Amy Henson	Timothy Petit	Brandon Simmons	Brent Woodall
Toni Blackburn	Carrie Holley	Clifton Pike	Antaun Smith	Tiabonni Wooten
John Blair	Phillip House	Jakob Pizzino	Brittany Strickland	Kelly Young
Cherron Boswell	Valerie Howell	Jose Xavier Ponce	Dylan Strickland	Malik Young
Angela Boyette	Timothy Ingram	Chase Poplin	Clyde Taylor	Chelsea Zesiger
Molly Braxton	Jacob Jones			
Megan Brown	Shelia King			
Isadore Bullock	Kenyetta Kornegay			
Federico Carraman	Cierra Lane			
Luis Carrasquillo	Sherri Lane			
Randy Casey	Rachel Lanier			
Sonia Castillo	Garry Laub			
Joshua Clayton	James Lee			
Trina Conley	Adam Lenhard			
Colton Conley	Daniel Leos			
Antoinette Council	Ashley Link			
Billy Creel	Christopher Little			
Dominga Cristobal	Mildred Lockhart			
Cortinie Crowell	Angel Herrera Lopez			
Elienid Cruzado	Elsa Lua			
Angela Delangel	Miles Maat			
Maximino Delgado	Nathaniel Manley			
Shannon Dempsey	Diego Martinez			
Jose Eulogio Diaz	Maria Martinez			
Tiffany Duncan	Angel Mata			
Abieser Escobar	Placido Mazariegos			
Ranson Evans	James McCarthy			
Quantara Faison	Dylan McCarty			
Ashley Fitzgerald	Bernard McClain			
Eliodoro Flores	Kimberly McClarin			
Bobby Fulton	Amanda McKelvin			
Edgar Funez	Kimberly McNeill			
Shawnquel Futrelle	Fernando Mendez			
	William Merritt			
	Mercedes Miguel			

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 1969, 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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Whether you are looking to build a new structure, or make changes to an existing structure, there are many ways you can make your outdoor shop or barn more energy efficient.

Efficiency tips for outdoor shops and barns

There are many benefits to having an energy efficient outdoor shop or barn. Aside from saving energy, an efficient outdoor building can keep the environment around your structure healthy and safe; save money on your water bill; keep your animals happier and healthier; and save you from costly structural repairs.

Are you planning to build a new structure on your property? Follow these tips to achieve energy efficiency:

- Location matters. If possible, carefully consider where you build your shop or barn. Consider drainage, sun exposure and how the building may affect your neighbors.
- Start with a sustainable design plan. A sustainable design plan, according to the U.S. General Services Administration, includes the ability to use environmentally preferable products; protect and conserve water; enhance indoor environmental quality; and optimize operational and maintenance practices.
- If you are hiring a contractor to help build your structure, make sure you look for companies who specialize in “green” buildings and energy efficient practices.
- Choose efficient building methods. Pole barns offer reliable shelter without costly excavation, concrete foundations or general site disruption.

Follow these tips to make energy efficient upgrades to an existing structure:

- Replace indoor lighting with energy efficient LED bulbs.
- Ensure your existing structure has adequate insulation levels.
- Choose outdoor lighting designed to be energy efficient, and install motion detectors to reduce energy consumption when not in use.
- Plant trees around your metal shed or barn. In colder climates, trees act as a windbreak, and in warmer climates, trees have a natural cooling effect that can reduce temperatures in your metal building 3 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Consider adding a ceiling fan to circulate air. Typically, there is a 2-degree Fahrenheit temperature increase for every one-foot increase in ceiling height. A ceiling fan can help keep warm air close to the ground in the winter, and circulate fresher, cooler air in the summer. Not only will this help with energy costs, it will also help keep the air in the building from becoming hot and stagnant, which will keep harmful bacteria from building and will keep insects at bay.

To learn more about how to make your outdoor shop or barn more energy efficient, contact us at 919-735-2611.

Add safety to your spring checklist this National Electrical Safety Month

May is a month to enjoy the flowers, soak up sunshine and cross those final tasks off your spring-cleaning checklist. Some of those jobs might require skills and equipment you don’t often use, so it’s a good time to brush up on electrical safety, especially considering May is National Electrical Safety Month!

If your to-do list takes you out in the yard, up a ladder or over to the power tools, keep these safety tips in mind:

Call 811 before digging. Before your shovel hits the yard, call 811 to have your property marked. This free call will help you avoid contact with underground utility lines and could prevent a costly and dangerous mistake.

Never use electrical cords that are frayed or broken. Regularly inspect cords for damage.

Use only extension cords marked “for outdoor use” when needed for work outside. Once the job is done, store extension cords indoors. Outdoor conditions can cause cords to deteriorate.

Never place a ladder within 10 feet of a power line. As an extra precaution, use a fiberglass or wooden ladder outdoors. Metal ladders conduct electricity.

As you’re safely working through those last spring-cleaning tasks, keep energy efficiency in mind, too! Spending a few minutes now on projects like sealing ducts, caulking around windows, and adding weather-stripping to doors will help save energy—and money—for months to come.

Tri-County EMC is committed to the safety of our employees and members. This National Electrical Safety Month, take a minute to brush up your electrical safety knowledge, and share that information with your loved ones. For more safety and energy efficiency tips, visit our website at www.tcemc.com and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tricountyemc.

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 RENT OR TO OWN

CEMENT BLOCK BUILDING on a large private lot outside of Kinston, NC. Also included is a Mobile Home lot located across the road from the building. Call 252-522-0776. (5).

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 919-394-2625 (4).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Troy Bilt 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 nonprofit 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.

Find out what's below

Whether you are installing a mailbox, building a deck or planting a tree or garden, those projects should start with a call to the one-call 811 center. The free, national 811 number connects you to a local one-call center. The center will then alert the appropriate underground facility owners so they can dispatch locators to mark the approximate location of their lines with paint or flags.

Unintentionally striking a line can result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, harm to yourself or your neighbors, and repair costs. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Whether doing a project yourself or hiring a contractor, you need to call at least two business days before digging to give enough time for utility lines to be properly marked.

When you call, a representative will ask for the location and description of your project. Once lines have been properly marked, you can roll up your sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

SAVE THE DATE 7TH ANNUAL TC EMC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 1, 2017

8:00 AM & 1:00 PM
SHOTGUN STARTS

Call 919-735-2611
for more information and registration

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th Annual Antique Farm Equipment Days

WHEN: Friday, May 5, 2017 and
Saturday, May 6, 2017.
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Wayne Regional Fair Grounds,
Goldsboro, NC

CONTACT: Frankie Vinson, 919-763-7694,
Jerry McGinnis, 919-738-3082 or Mac
Kornegay, 919-222-6554

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

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

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General Manager

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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
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Employees— Ready To Serve

Kourtney
Humphrey
is one of 51
employees

ready to serve you. She has worked with Tri-County EMC since June 8, 2015, and is a Member Services Representative for the cooperative. Kourtney resides in Rosewood.