

# Tri-County news

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

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

News and Information For Cooperative Members

August 2017

## Local Student Celebrates 50 years of N.C. Youth in D.C.

This year, North Carolina's electric cooperatives sent its largest delegate class to represent the electric co-op community during a weeklong Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. Forty-five ambitious and driven high school students visited the Capitol, continuing a co-op tradition now 50 years strong in North Carolina. They joined 1,700 students from across the country to meet federal elected officials, to participate in networking events and to learn about our nation's history and the importance of civic engagement.

Joshua Lebron, a student of Spring Creek High School, represented Tri-County EMC on this year's June 10–16 tour. From sightseeing at some of D.C.'s most famous attractions and historic memorials to enjoying a theatrical experience at the Kennedy Center, this year's students took advantage of everything the Youth Tour had to offer. Joshua and the other North Carolina tourists engaged in discussions with both of the state's U.S. senators and several members of the U.S. House of Representatives on Capitol Hill. They also built connections with hundreds of other future leaders from across the country.

"We are so proud of the students who participate in the Youth Tour. They are all young leaders in our community, and in the state. It's easy to see why the N.C. Youth Tour is still going strong after 50 years," said Deidra Locklear, manager of communications and public relations for Tri-County EMC. "This experience cultivates awareness

of our cooperative's mission and helps build leadership skills and an understanding that every person can make a difference."

If you will be a high school junior or senior this year (or know one), we encourage applying to the 2018 Youth Tour!



## Free Service To Our Members!

Why worry about paying your bill each month when you can take advantage of our FREE Bank Draft service and your monthly electric bill will be securely drafted from your bank or credit card account? You'll still receive a statement by mail or email each month, and the amount will be drafted on the payment due date. You can even opt to have us securely draft from your checking or savings account — or you can use a credit or debit card.

Sign up today! Everything's easy, because doing business with Tri-County EMC should be. Call the co-op office at 919-735-2611 or 800-548-4869 for specific details.

**Save the Date**

77th Annual  
Membership Meeting  
Saturday, November 11, 2017  
Kornegay Arena — The  
University of Mount Olive

## Prepare now for summer storms

Summer storms can swirl up quickly, causing thunder, lightning, strong winds, hail and even flooding. These conditions can be inconvenient—and also dangerous. When severe weather hits, a reliable plan is your best defense. Make sure your family is ready:

- Create a family disaster supply kit with non-perishable food, water, a battery-operated radio, flashlights, a first aid kit, a non-electric can opener, medicines and cash.
- Add portable, rechargeable cell phone power banks to your emergency preparedness kit, and charge them before a storm hits.
- Locate the safest areas in your home for each kind of severe weather threat, often a first-floor interior hallway, room or closet with no windows. If you live in a mobile home, the safest areas may not be inside your home; please designate an accessible safe place.
- Develop an evacuation plan, identifying the safest routes and closest shelters, while also considering areas that are flood-prone and may be impassible during a severe weather event.
- Plan how to contact relatives in an emergency, and remember your pets when planning for possible evacuation. Not all emergency shelters allow pets.
- Make trees and shrubbery more wind resistant by keeping them trimmed and removing damaged branches. Stay far away from power lines while trimming.



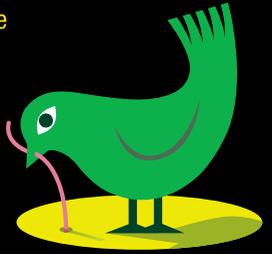
*Trim trees and shrubbery to prepare for storms.*

Take action now to make sure your family is prepared to weather the storm.

At Tri-County EMC we're preparing, too. We work hard to minimize service disruptions all year round, but from time to time, severe weather can lead to power outages. For storm safety information and outage updates, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/tricountyemc](https://www.facebook.com/tricountyemc) and Twitter [@TriCoEMC](https://twitter.com/TriCoEMC).

## BRIGHT IDEAS EARLY BIRD DEADLINE AUGUST 15

Apply before  
the early bird  
deadline for  
your chance  
to win a  
\$100 visa  
gift card.



## Bright Ideas 'early bird' teachers can win \$100

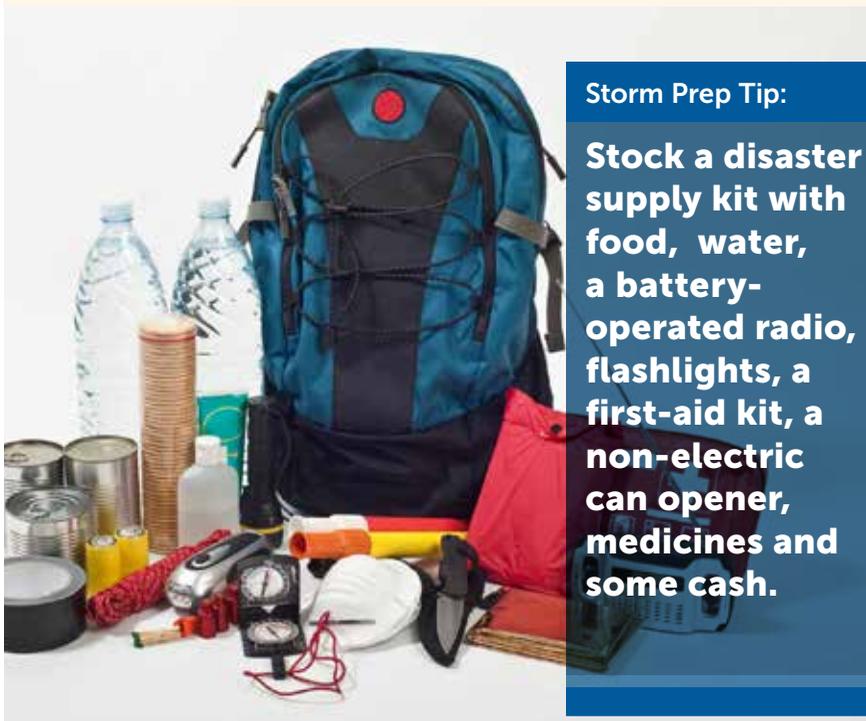
Attention, teachers! Do you have an idea for a creative learning project geared toward giving your students a new way to learn? Apply for a Bright Ideas grant!

Tri-County EMC is awarding \$1,000 this year to teachers with creative ideas to bring hands-on learning to students in K–12 classrooms. The final deadline to apply is September 18, but it could pay to apply early. Educators who submit a grant application by the early bird deadline of August 15 are entered to win a \$100 gift card. For more information or to start your application, go to [NCBrightIdeas.com](https://www.ncbrightideas.com).

## Statement Of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

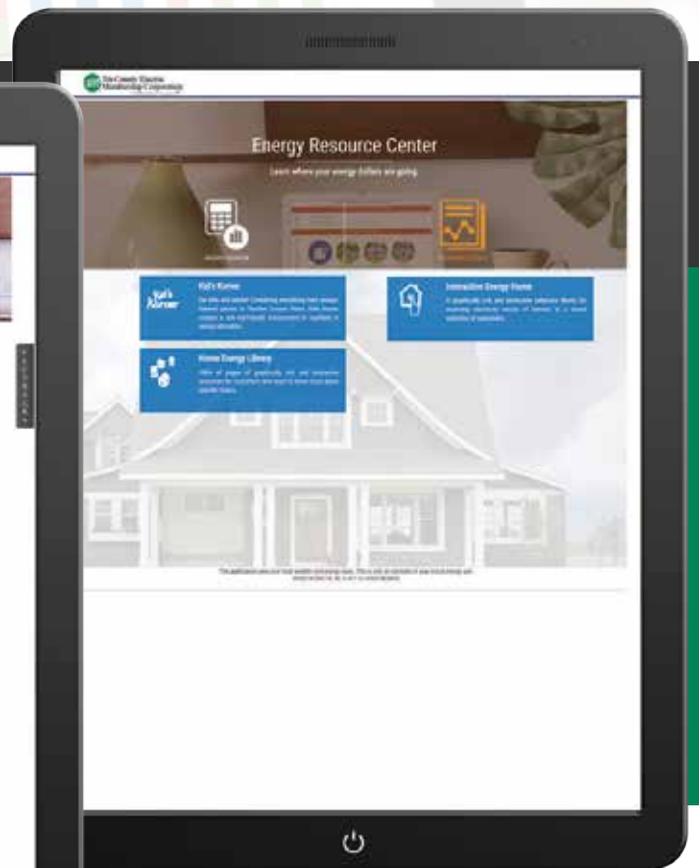
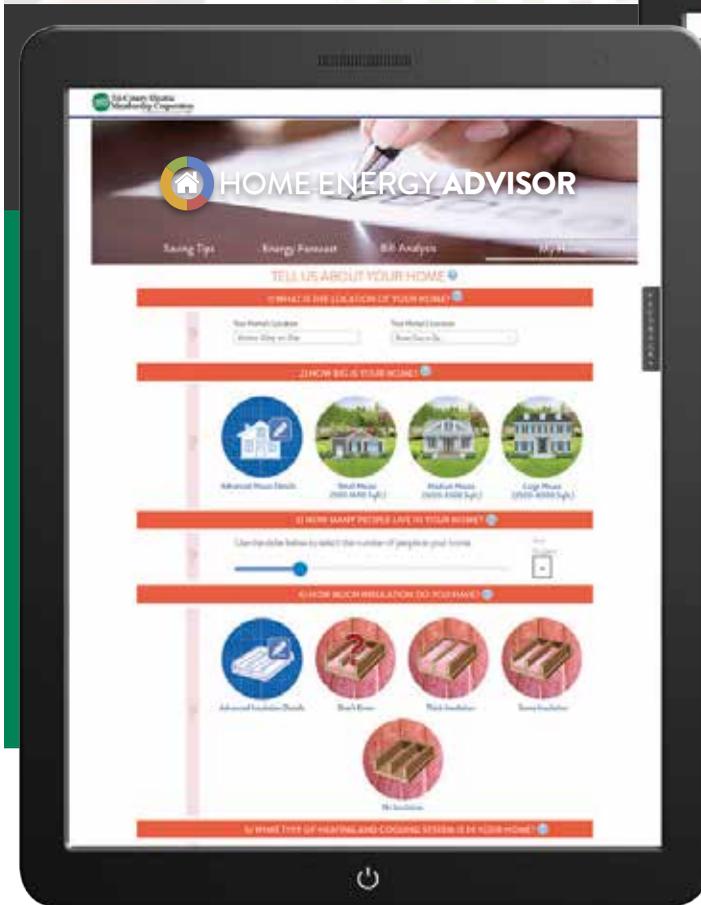


### Storm Prep Tip:

**Stock a disaster supply kit with food, water, a battery-operated radio, flashlights, a first-aid kit, a non-electric can opener, medicines and some cash.**

# Be Energy Wise.

Learn how you can save energy and money with Tri-County Electric's **free** Energy Advisor and Energy Resource Center.



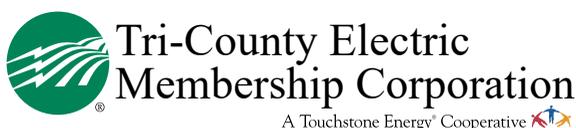
Our Energy Resource Center includes energy reference libraries, cost calculators and more.

## Home Energy Advisor is as easy as 1...2...3...

Just visit [tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com) and look for the Home Energy Advisor link. Home Energy Advisor breaks down your energy use into dollars and provides recommendations on how to save.

- ...1 Take a quick survey
- ...2 Explore your energy use
- ...3 Find easy ways to save

Visit [tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com) and start saving today.



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## SIMPLE, NO-COST WAYS TO STAY COOL THIS SUMMER



### #1: Shift your use.

Major appliances like dishwashers, as well as clothes washers and dryers, introduce heat and moisture to your home, so shift their use to the coolest parts of the day, like early in the morning or late at night.



### #2: Keep kitchens cool.

An indoor stove or oven can raise the temperature in your kitchen by as much as 5 to 10 degrees, so cook inside with your microwave or crockpot, or move the cooking to an outdoor grill.



### #3: Turn it off.

Lights, particularly incandescent lights, as well as common household appliances generate heat when they are on and in use, so turn them off and unplug appliances.



### #4: Feel the breeze.

Although fans don't technically change the temperature of the room, they can make you feel 3 to 4 degrees cooler—a definite win!



### #5: Keep sunshine out.

Close blinds, shades and curtains, especially on windows that get direct sun to block light and heat.



### #6: Introduce an open door policy.

Keep the doors to rooms inside your home open so air can flow through naturally.



### #7: Replace & remove.

Replace dirty air filters and remove obstructions, like furniture or rugs, from your return registers to increase the efficiency of your HVAC system and the air flow within your home.

## 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

**SWIMMING POOL** 10x30, new in box with ground cover (\$100), Wii game with two game discs (\$40). Call 910-293-9303 (6).

**TUFFLINE DISC** 10.5ft. \$2200. Call 919-738-4710 (7).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** Stainless steel double sink (\$45), handmade 8 globe wagon-wheel light fixture (\$250). Call 252-559-0862 (7).

**3-TON AC/HEATING UNIT**- \$2,500. Call 919-273-8659. (3)

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** AC Heat pump, Dryer, Glass Coffee Table, Bread Box, Super Twin Box Spring, Regular Twin Mattress, Women Clothes (Sz. 18-20), Women Shoes (Sz. 11W), Kirby Vacuum w/ Shampooer. Call 919-273-1623 (8).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** Nordic Track I Fit Elliptical, with stride adjustment, space saver, and 8 weeks personal training program (\$700), Tony Little Gazelle Edge (\$75.00). Call 252-559-3235

#### WANTED

**CUCKOO CLOCK** 919-394-2625

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.



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

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

**J. Michael Davis**  
General Manager

**Management Staff**  
**Kenneth E. Davis, Jr.**  
Manager of Finance & Accounting

**Robert B. Kornegay**  
Manager of Marketing & Member Services

**Deidra Locklear, Editor**  
Manager of Communications & Public Relations

**Tony Grantham, P. E.**  
Manager of Engineering

**Michael Wood**  
Manager of Operations

**Josh Mattox**  
Manager of Information Technology

**Board of Directors**  
**Carl W. Kornegay, Jr.**—President  
**Leland Heath, Jr.**—Vice President  
**William H. Farmer, Jr.**—Secretary

**Worth Overman**—Treasurer

**Keith Beavers**

**Dallace Grady**

**Jeff Henderson**

**Randy McCullen**

**Jennings Outlaw**

**Brandy Rouse**

**David Vinson**

#### 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](http://www.tcemc.com)**



**Employees—  
Ready To  
Serve**

Karen Arnette is one of 51 employees

ready to serve you. Karen has worked with Tri-County since December 6, 1979 and serves as a Billing Clerk for the cooperative. Karen resides in the Mount Olive area. She has one daughter and two grandchildren.