

Tri-County news

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

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News and Information For Cooperative Members

December 2017

Perfect Christmas Gift for Anyone: ChristmasWatts

Each year, Tri-County Electric EMC offers the ChristmasWatts program for its members. ChristmasWatts is a gift that anyone can use, and what could be more practical than helping someone pay their electric bill during the holiday season?

When you give Christmas Watts, you are purchasing kilowatt-hours of electricity for someone you love or care for and reducing the amount of next month's electric bill for that person. The amount of ChristmasWatts purchased will be credited to the electric bill of the selected person.

As an added feature, Tri-County EMC will have Santa personally deliver a gift certificate to the recipient of your Christmas Watts gift.

To purchase ChristmasWatts, complete the request form below, clip and mail the form with your check, money order or credit card information to Tri-County EMC. You may also purchase ChristmasWatts by stopping by our office located on Highway 117 Alternate in Dudley. Credit card orders may also be placed by calling 919-735-2611 or 800-548-4869. Additional request forms may be obtained by calling the above numbers.

Request must be received by December 15, 2017.

Order your ChristmasWatts today and make the holiday season brighter and warmer for someone special!

ChristmasWatts Request Form

I would like to purchase ChristmasWatts in the amount of \$ _____

FOR: _____

(Name of Tri-County Member)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If possible, please provide account, meter or location number: _____

Please mark (X) one of the following payment methods:

() Check enclosed () Money Order enclosed () Credit Card Payment Authorization

I wish to pay this with _____ VISA _____ Mastercard

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Cardholder's Zip Code _____

FROM: Name _____ Phone _____


Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mark one (X).

- () I would like Santa to personally deliver a ChristmasWatts gift card to the person above.
() I would like a gift card mailed.

CLIP OUT this request form and mail with your check, money order, or credit card payment to **ChristmasWatts**/Tri-County EMC/PO Box 130/Dudley, NC 28333

Cut request form along line 

Tri-County EMC awards 2017 Bright Ideas Grants

In early November, Tri-County EMC awarded 98 area educators with \$84, 063.63 in Bright Ideas education grants to fund innovative classroom learning projects. Thousands of students at schools in Duplin, Wayne and Lenoir counties will participate in this year’s Bright Ideas projects.

“Our Bright Ideas grant program is the largest in the state that benefits a range of students across the counties we serve,” said Michael Davis, General Manager of Tri-County EMC. “Teachers have countless creative projects and we’re honored to play a part in bringing these ideas to life in the classroom.”

Since the Bright Ideas grant program began in 1994, Tri-County EMC has contributed \$1,463,329.66 to fund 1,599 creative projects to local teachers.

Bright Ideas grant applications are collected each year through mid-September, and winning proposals are selected in a competitive evaluation process by a panel of judges. The application process will reopen for interested teachers in April 2018.

To find out more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit www.tcemc.com or the Bright Ideas website at www.ncbrightideas.com. Become a fan of “Bright Ideas Education” on Facebook to receive regularly updated news about the program.

The following is the list of this year’s winning teachers, along with their school.

Tera Kennedy B F Grady Elementary
Kelly Guy B F Grady Elementary
Regan Bennett Crowley Banks Elementary
Kimberly Smith Banks Elementary
Jessica Barber Banks Elementary
Caren McCarter Banks Elementary
Robert Smith Brogden Primary
Star Shaffer Brogden Primary
Emily Parks Brogden Primary
Tammy E. Vail Charles B Aycock High
Karen Cox Charles B Aycock High
Steven Thorne Charles B Aycock High
Pamela S Pate E B Frink Middle
Kristen Davenport E B Frink Middle
Jessica Kepler E B Frink Middle
Jonathan P. Smith E B Frink Middle
Sandra West E B Frink Middle
LaPorscha Gardner E B Frink Middle
Nicole Lane East Duplin High
Amy Parsons East Duplin High
Sheila Rollins Eastern Wayne Elementary
Lee Edmundson Eastern Wayne High
Thomas Houston Eastern Wayne High
Amber Sauls Fremont Elementary
Carrie Croom-Vick Fremont Elementary
Vickie R Atkinson Fremont Elementary
Tammy Derksen Fremont Elementary
Jenny Coley Sasser Grantham Elementary
Michelle Hope Grantham Elementary
Rebecca Jones Grantham Elementary
Jeff Bradley Grantham Middle
Darlene Quinn James Kenan High
Amy Chrismon James Kenan High

Regina Kilpatrick Kenansville Elementary
Joyce Rau Kenansville Elementary
Erica Edwards Kenansville Elementary
Robyn Sutton Kenansville Elementary
Robin Mewborn Kenansville Elementary
Lisa H Davis LaGrange Elementary
Jessica Stanley LaGrange Elementary
Katherine Sowers LaGrange Elementary
Crystal Hodges LaGrange Elementary
Catherine Lynch Moss Hill Elementary
Rebecca Gunn Moss Hill Elementary
Kimberly C Whitted North Duplin Elementary
Danielle Keel Ficken North Duplin Elementary
Megan Matthews North Duplin Elementary
Kornegay North Duplin Elementary
Lynn Marshburn North Duplin Jr Sr High
Erin Berg North Lenoir High
Teresa Eason North Lenoir High
Kim Hipkiss North Lenoir High
Lee Holder North Lenoir High
Angela Yelverton-Taylor North Lenoir High
Ashley Holland North Lenoir High
William Wright North Lenoir High
Jennifer Tingen Northwest Elementary
Mindy Glover Lane Northwest Elementary
Kathryn Edwards Jarrell Northwest Elementary
Sherry Seay Taylor Northwest Elementary
Heather Freeman Northwest Elementary
Karen Hinnant Northwest Elementary
Joyce Hess Northwest Elementary
Valerie Holden Northwest Elementary
Melissa Edgerton Northwest Elementary
Laurie Keck Northwest Elementary

Hope Hester Northwest Elementary
Michele Weeks Northwest Elementary
Sherry Waters Northwest Elementary
Paul Casey Norwayne Middle
Allison Whitfield Pink Hill Elementary
Traci Howard Pink Hill Elementary
Bena Miller Pink Hill Elementary
Chris Radford Pink Hill Elementary
Brenda Griffin Pink Hill Elementary
Betsy Mercer Pink Hill Elementary
Jennifer Grubbs Pink Hill Elementary
Walter Upthegrove Pink Hill Elementary
Amy Taylor Pink Hill Elementary
Jennifer McLawhorn Pink Hill Elementary
Melissa Boone Pink Hill Elementary
Tanya Cahoon South Lenoir High
Joseph Noble South Lenoir High
Gerald Reedy Southern Wayne High
Jessica Davis Southern Wayne High
Joshua Singleton Spring Creek High
Polly Justice Warsaw Elementary
Dena Cregger Wayne Country Day School
Dona Briggs Wayne Country Day School
Catherine Hooks Wayne Country Day School
Robert Peele Wayne Country Day School
Edward Sharp Wayne Country Day School
Becky Belvan Wayne Country Day School
Lorre Gifford Wayne Country Day School
Thomas Gay Wayne Country Day School
Dawn McDonald Wayne Country Day School
Jessica L. Jones Woodington Middle
Steven Loftin Woodington Middle
Yvonne Hardy Woodington Middle



Duplin County



Lenoir County



Wayne County

High school students: 'SAY YES' to Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Tri-County EMC is seeking applications from high school students willing to step out of their comfort zone and "SAY YES" to the opportunity of a lifetime: The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The Youth Tour allows students to experience the nation's capital like they never have before. Tourists can expect to take part in adventures like laying a flag at the Vietnam War Memorial, visiting the Washington Monument, meeting elected officials and touring Smithsonian museums, all while building connections with peers and future leaders from across the nation.

Tri-County EMC will sponsor local students to join the Youth Tour on June 9-15, 2018. The all-expense-paid, weeklong tour is a tradition of electric cooperatives across the country that is more than 50 years old. More than 1,800 students from over 40 states are

expected to participate in 2018, and North Carolina's electric cooperatives will send a delegation of nearly 50 students.

Co-op officials and past tour participants agree: The Youth Tour is the perfect way for the delegates to see democracy up close and in action.

"The Youth Tour is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the nation's capital," said Deidra Locklear, Manager of Communications and Public Relations of Tri-County EMC. "Our delegates will meet with members of North Carolina's congressional delegation, connect with a network of talented peers, and grow their leadership skills and ambitions. All they have to do is 'Say Yes' to this tremendous opportunity."

Students entering their senior year in Fall 2018 are eligible to attend and are encouraged to apply by completing the application and writing a short

essay (500 words or less) on one of the following topics:

- An interview with someone who remembers *what life was like before electricity*.
- Since we have grown accustomed to having electricity on demand in the world we live in such as clicking a remote control to turn on a TV, using a computer, playing video games, or charging our cell phones. Describe the impact on *your life and community in a world without electricity*.

Return completed application and essay to:

Rural Electric Youth Tour
Attn: Deidra Locklear
Tri-County EMC
PO Box 130
Dudley, NC 28333



2018 Youth Tour Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Congressional District # _____ Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Name of High School _____

Name of Parents _____

Address of Parents (if different than above)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

List academic and school honors

School activities

Special interests, hobbies, talents

(Additional pages may be attached to list scholastic information if needed.)

Applications are due January 26, 2018.

Cut application form along line



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 Invacare Oxygen Concentrator (\$200), Coleman Air Mattress (\$50), 38' Metal Patio Chair Set w/ Umbrella (\$300). Call 252-525-3151. (9)

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

TWO GRAVE SITES plus opening and closing at Wayne Memorial Park located in the Ten Commandments Section. Asking \$4500. Call 919-735-1451. (10)

FREE MULBERRY TREE BRANCHES Call 919-778-4060. (10)

HOME FOR SALE MOVE-IN READY 1,500 Sq. ft. 3BDR/1BATH Brick Rancher. Includes a 24.5x54 ft. shop/garage office w/ half bath, two metal buildings (11x18 and 8x24), 30X28 carport and fenced in backyard. Call 865-947-4976 or 865-806-0601. (10).

ROOM FOR RENT Warsaw/Faison Area. Call 910-385-8258 (12)

WANTED Sewing Machine reasonably priced. Call 919-284-2795 (12)

TUFFLINE DISC 10.5ft. \$2200. Call 919738-4710 (12)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS 38' Metal Patio Chair Set w/ Umbrella (\$300), Adjustable hospital bed with tempurpedic mattress and 3-dresser drawer (\$400), 32' Flat Screen TV (\$50), Computer Desk (\$25). Call 252-525-3151. (12)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS White Pedestal Table w/ 4 chairs, Two-Sided BBQ Tray, Full & Queen Size Quilting Frame, Workshop Tools. Call 919-440-9258 (12).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Black Bart Fireplace Insert (\$200), Living Room Suite (\$75), Convention Oven & Cart (\$100), Coffee Table w/ 2 End Tables (\$25), 6ft. Christmas Tree (\$25), Bookcase (\$15), 32' TV (\$25), Solid Wood TV Cabinet (\$15), Two Drawer File Cabinet (\$10). Call 919-221-3424 (12).

CEMETERY PLOT W/ VAULT at Wayne Memorial Park located in Premiere Garden. Valued at \$4500, asking \$2500. Call 919-222-7228 (12).

CIVIL WAR BOOK COLLECTION 45 books to include fiction and non-fiction \$500. Also books by Catherine Cookson; Richard Paul Evans and F. Van Wyck Mason. Call 919-689-9133 (12).

MENS 5-DIAMOND GOLD RING 1 1/4 ct. t.w. Appraised at \$850, asking \$500. Call 919-689-9133 (12).

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.

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Tri-County EMC 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

Kids, stay on Santa's Nice List with these energy efficiency tips

- Turn off the lights when you leave the room. Don't use more lights or lamps than you need.
- Don't leave any electronics, including televisions and video game systems, turned on after you're finished using them.
- Instead of asking your parents to turn up the heat, put on a sweatshirt or sweater. At night, use an extra blanket or comforter to stay warm.
- If you go outside, make sure to shut the door behind you to keep heat in. It's also a good idea to close the refrigerator door as quickly as possible, instead of standing in front of an open fridge while you decide what you want.
- Keep the door to your room and other doors inside the house open to let heat move freely through the house.



Office closings for the holidays

Tri-County EMC will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, 2017, to celebrate the Christmas holiday; and Monday, January 1, 2018, for the New Year!

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.



Employees—Ready To Serve

Tony Grantham is one of 51

employees ready to serve you. Tony has worked with Tri-County since December 4, 1989, serving as the Manager of Engineering for the cooperative. Tony and his family reside in Rosewood.