

Tri-County news

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

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

News and Information For Cooperative Members

March 2017

Attention Students! Deadlines Drawing Near for Scholarships

College Funding

Tri-County EMC has scholarship opportunities available for students in our service area. Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who pursue a four-year degree and scholarships of \$250 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors pursuing a two-year degree. Applications may be obtained at the guidance counselor offices of Charles B. Aycock, Eastern Wayne, Rosewood, Southern Wayne, Spring Creek, East Duplin, James Kenan, North Duplin, North Lenoir, or South Lenoir high schools or at www.tcemc.com. Applications must be received or postmarked by March 31, 2017.

Sports Camp

Time is ticking for local middle-school students to apply for an all-expense-paid scholarship to attend summer basketball camp at two of the state's largest universities.

As part of the Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program, Tri-County EMC will be sending one young man to the Roy Williams Basketball Camp June 17-21 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and one young lady to the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 11-14 at NC State University in Raleigh. At the overnight camps, students will work directly with players and coaches to develop basketball skills and practice leadership and teamwork.

To access the application, visit www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/community. Applications must be received or postmarked by March 31, 2017.

A Solid Investment in Tri-County EMC

As a member of Tri-County EMC, you make an investment in the co-op every time you pay your bill. This collective investment in the co-op benefits you and the community immediately as well as over time. What exactly is this monthly investment, and how do you benefit from it?

The facility charge helps your co-op cover the expenses of maintaining the overall electric system. Combatting cybersecurity threats and maintaining poles, wires, substations and co-op equipment takes strategic planning and significant resources. The facility charge essentially ensures that all equipment operates properly and staff is trained and ready so the lights turn on when you flip the switch. The charge is calculated based upon the services required at your location and standardized by groups (residential, general service, large power service and industrial).

Your monthly investment ensures you have access to safe, reliable and affordable power when you need it. We appreciate and value the investment that you make in the cooperative each month, and we strive to use that investment wisely for the benefit of all members of our community.

To learn more about the facility charge, please visit www.tcemc.com.

TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
 Post Office Box 130 • 4255 US Highway 117 South Atlantic
 Dudley North Carolina 28533-0130
 Phone 919-726-2611 Toll Free 1-800-648-4889
 Office Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

ACCOUNT NUMBER	NAME	RATE	CLASS	STAGE	BILL DATE	APPLICATION	
1126116	MEMBER NAME	2	1	4	1/24/17	1126116	
FROM	TO	MC	BILL	METER #	READING	PREVIOUS	
1126116	1126116	33	0	104101	12475	12327	
FACILITY CHARGE							132.50
STATE TAX							8.14
CURRENT ELECTRIC CHARGES DUE ON OR BEFORE 1/24/17							10.32
PREVIOUS AMOUNT DUE							540.77
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT 1/24/17							0.28
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE							218.00
TOTAL PAID							56.00
TOTAL DUE							161.00

BILLING CODES

- 1. Regular Bill
- 2. Minimum Guaranteed Bill
- 3. Minimum Bill
- 4. Meter Change
- 5. Residential
- 6. General
- 7. Public Works
- 8. Large & Public
- 9. Large Power
- 10. Theatrical
- 11. Standby Fee
- 12. Standby Fee
- 13. Standby Fee
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- 19. Standby Fee
- 20. Standby Fee

SCHEDULE OF FEES

- 1. Residential Fee: Regular \$20.00
- 2. Meter Fee: New Meter \$25.00
- 3. Meter Payment Fee: 10% of metered amount
- 4. Meter Standby Fee: \$25.00
- 5. Meter Change: \$25.00
- 6. Meter Test Charge: \$25.00
- 7. Metering Charge: \$25.00
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EXP. DATE: Today's Payment: \$161.00

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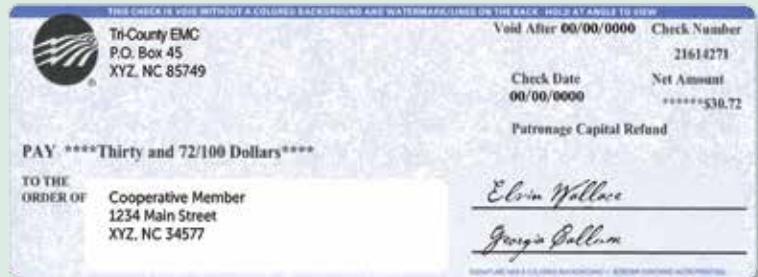
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Do You Know These People?

When members move off of Tri-County EMC's lines, they often forget to keep us updated with good addresses. This is important because we may have capital credits to return to them (maybe even you). The following is a list of returned and unclaimed Capital Credit Checks for members from 1997. Do you know any of these people? 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.

Susan Abbot	Daisy P. Flanagan	Beverly Ann Lee	Joseph Irv. Powell Jr.	Charlene Thompson
James Albrightain	Betty J. Floyd	Bobbie J. Leshar	Terry Lynn Powell	Stogdale
Denise Anderson	Chaddrick D. Folsom	Kenneth M. Lewis	David E. Poythress Jr.	Kim L. Strickland
Jacqueline Armstrong	Charles D. Francka	Carey B. Manuel	Tracy Neal Qualls	Leslie Strickland
Roger Andrews	Kraig Fussell	Leavie Manley	Tyrone A. Ricks	James L. Suggs
Carolina Auten	Jerry Futrell	Frank J. Marciano	Angel Rodriguez	Judy Tanner
Mona Baxtrom	Christopher Gardner	Angela Martin	Bessie Lee Rogers	Ed L. Taylor Jr.
Shelton Benton	George Garvin Jr.	William Jerry Martin	Harvey Rogers	Randy Taylor
Michael Best	Estelle Godwin	William E. Maye	Hugh Rogers	Sarah Todd
Darlene Bigler	Bobby Grant	Clayton F. McCullen	Angela Russell	Jean B. Turner
Diane Boatright	E B Gunter	Gary Melvin	Teddy Sanders	Virginia Uzzell
Allen Bragg	Portia Brower Hardy	Edward Miller	Morgan Schneider	Gregory D. Vance
Teresa Breland	Michael J. Harper	Nathanie Mitchell Jr.	Timothy Sears	Charles I. Wade
Winfield Byrd	Jennie Sharpe Harris	Lynn Moore	John S. Shelton	Toni Warmack
Latonya Carr	Matthew A. Hart	Belinda Munn	Rose G. Slye	Shelia S. Waters
Janice Carter E-Shop	Robert H. Herring	Tammy Netro	Berkley Smith	Edith L. Wellington
Paul Carter	Avery Highsmith	Nextel Communications	Charlie Smith	Carol M. White
Vivian R. Carter	Gloria M. Hill	Oakley Construction Co.	Gregory Smith	Marie Wiley
Bryan Cauley	Jennifer Williams Hill	Jesus Pacheco	Charlie Smithwich III	Amy Pickett Williams
Eloy Chagoya	Lena Hill	Billy Joe Parks	Daniel Soto	Ralph L. Williams
Myrtle Childress	Phyllis Hill	Curtis Parks	Christina Sousa	Renee M. Williams
Vickie K. Cole	Rebecca Warren Hill	John Peacock	Laura Southerland	Willie E. Williams
James B. Collins Jr.	Annie H. Hinson	Boris Pickett	Wanda Faye	Joseph Wilson III
Juan F. Colon Jr.	Letha Houston	Ricky T. Pollock	Hobbs Stancil	Christopher Wise
Carolina Corrillo	Nancy Jackson			
John Arthur Crockett	Johnnie Jernigan Jr.			
Feliciano Cruz	Joyce Elizabeth Jones			
L J Daniels	Fawn Shambea Kennedy			
Pearl E. Davis	Harold Kornegay			
Jesse James Dummett	Larry R. Kornegay			
Danny Edwards	Roger E. Lamm			
Louis Esser	Rita Lancaster			
Norman Eubanks	Katherine McWil Land			
Frank Farr	Lynda Lane			



Tri-County EMC Welcomes New Employee

Tri-County EMC welcomes Timothy Wolfe as the cooperative's new apprentice lineman. Wolfe started his career with the cooperative in the Apprenticeship Program on January 16, 2017. The four-year program teaches newcomers every aspect of the job, from the bottom to the top, in preparation of becoming a qualified first-class lineman.

Mike Davis, general manager at Tri-County EMC, says the program educates and develops those in the field. The job of a lineman "is not something you can just walk in and do," says Davis, "our Apprenticeship Program provides our employees the confidence and experience to work safely every day."

A graduate of North Duplin High School, Wolfe was a farmer prior to joining the cooperative. Timothy resides in Mount Olive with his wife, Nikki, and two sons.



Save the Date

Thursday, June 1, 2017

**Seventh Annual Tri-County EMC
Scholarship Golf Tournament**

**8:00 AM and 1:30 PM Shotgun Starts—
Lunch Provided**

**Southern Wayne Country Club
Mount Olive, NC**

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

This year's tournament will offer two start times, either morning or afternoon, with lunch catered by McCall's BBQ and Seafood Restaurant 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 four-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 Electric'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.

Watch Your Savings Grow

Winter is coming to a close, and spring is just around the corner! As you welcome the new growth of spring outside, it's a great time to enroll in services to grow energy savings, too.

Try these tools and services from Tri-County EMC, and watch your energy savings grow!

Prepay billing: Want more control over your electricity bill payments? Sign up for our Prepay program. Prepaid billing allows you to pay for your electricity in advance. You decide when, and how much, to pay toward your electric bill. When your balance gets low, we'll let you know. And a great bonus? We've found that members using prepaid billing tend to save money on their bills as they become more aware of their household energy consumption.

Energy audit: Are you paying for electricity you're not using? Find out with an energy audit. A cooperative energy expert is available to help you become more energy efficient—which is good for your wallet and the environment!

Energy efficiency: The least expensive energy is the energy that you don't use. Take action! Find lots of energy and money-saving tips at TogetherWeSave.com.



Electric cooperatives are owned and directed by you, our members. Because of that, we're focused on excellent service—and finding smart ways to help you better manage your energy use and budget. Tap into the services and tools above, and watch as your savings grow!

Clearing for reliability

There are many ways that Tri-County EMC provides you with safe, reliable electric service. One of the most common—and crucial—ways is referred to as right-of-way clearing (or vegetation management).

A right of way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that your electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from conductors where they will not cause harm to individuals or disruption to electrical service. Specifications can vary, but a general guideline of maintaining a safe ROW is 15 feet of clearance on either side of the primary conductors and 20 feet of overhead clearance above the highest wire on the pole.

Clearing the ROW is critical to keeping our members' lights on. An average of 15 percent of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs or bushes grow too close to power lines.

If a tree encroaches on this safe distance, our vegetation management team will trim back branches and brush using chainsaws, bucket trucks, tree climbers, brush chippers and mowers. Chemical control methods can also be used as a way to support the growth of low growing plant species that will outcompete the tall trees growing beneath power lines.

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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

PORCELAIN TILE 5 Boxes (7 pieces per box) of 18x18" Mesa Rust Colored Porcelain Tile. \$30. Call 919-731-3033 (12).

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT 2Bdr/2Bth. Single-Wide on Private Lot (Grantham Area). Call 919-222-2920. (12).

TUFFLINE DISC 10.5ft. \$2200. Call 919-738-4710 (12).

BEACH RENTAL Topsail Island beach rental on canal, boat access. 2BR/2BATH, sleeps 4-8. \$100 per night. Call 919-222-1663 (6).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS blueberry bushes, homemade quilt, roll top desk, Princess Diana collection, chicken crate, copper bucket, Dale Earnhart jacket. Call 919-635-9687 (3).

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 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.

The Outlaw Foundation 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk

WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 2017. Registration @ 7:30AM. Race begins @ 9:30AM.

WHERE: Carver Elementary School 400 Old Seven Spring Rd, Mount Olive, NC

Register by March 3. Visit runtheeast.com

or visit theoutlawfoundation.com for registration form.

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ROW clearing also keeps your family safe by ensuring that tree branches do not become energized due to close contact with a downed power line. Power lines can carry up to 34,500 volts, and an energized tree branch is incredibly dangerous—even deadly. Be mindful when around trees close to power lines, and make sure your children know that climbing trees near power lines is extremely dangerous.

Remember to contact Tri-County EMC if you decide to trim or remove trees near any power service or line. And never trim a tree in the right-of-way zone on your own.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12, 2017

When you set your clocks ahead an hour for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 12, remember also to check your heating and cooling system filters and change them if they are

dirty. Dirty filters slow down air flow and make the system work harder—wasting energy and money. Additionally, a clean filter prevents dust and dirt buildup, which can prevent expensive repairs or early system failure. This is also a good time to change the direction of your ceiling fans to counter clockwise to push cool air through your home. To add to your safety, it is a good time to change your batteries in your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save lives.

Tri-County news

Tri-County Electric 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

Tony Grantham, P. E.
Manager of Engineering

Robert B. Kornegay
Manager of Marketing & Member Services

Deidra Locklear, Editor
Manager of Communications & Public Relations

Josh Mattox
Manager of Information Technology

Michael Wood
Manager of Operations

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William H. Farmer, Jr.—Secretary

Worth Overman, Jr.—Treasurer

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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



Employees— Ready To Serve

Parker Kennedy is one of 50 employees ready to serve you. He

has worked with Tri-County EMC since January 2, 2014, and is an Apprentice Tree Trimmer for the cooperative. Parker and his wife, Ashley, live in Mount Olive.