

Tri-County news

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

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

News and Information For Cooperative Members

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The Value of Electricity Continues to Shine



How many of us remember dropping into our office with our parents and grandparents to pay the light bill? Whether you do that in person, by mail or online today, paying your monthly bill does a lot more than just keep the lights on.

Electricity keeps us connected to our modern world. Consider all the necessities and conveniences we enjoy in part because of the power lines running to the electric meter outside your home.

Count up your televisions, desktop, laptop and tablet computers, printers, your gaming consoles, music and video players and personal assistant devices. Whether they get used every day or just occasionally, the electricity that keeps them working comes from Tri-County EMC.

Have you looked around your kitchen lately? Between the coffee maker and toaster and the microwave and electric skillet, a lot of us have added several other modern small appliances.

If you've got a craft nook or workshop, the power tools and machines you use to cut and shape your projects are either plugged in or recharged from

the outlets connecting your household wiring to Tri-County EMC.

You use electricity to run all these devices, and we still keep the lights on, use the stove, heating and air conditioning, and get hot water from tap. The good news is, even as we rely more on electricity, it's still a bargain, especially compared to other things we pay for regularly.

Since 2011, medical care, residential rental rates and education have increased at rates of 3 percent or more per year. Butter, meat and egg costs have been up by more than one to 2 percent annually, and even bread costs have risen better than a half point on average.

Electricity costs rise about 1 percent a year, but co-ops across the country have reported a decline in average residential use per household since 2010. That means we're doing more things with less energy.

Kilowatt hour use per household dropped by 8 percent between 2010 and 2017, slightly less than the 9 percent decline reported by all electric utilities, nationwide.

When it comes to value, electricity is a clear winner, and we're always looking

for ways to work with you to make it even better. That's why Tri-County EMC urges energy efficiency, encourages you to look for ENERGY STAR® appliances, and promotes technology, designed to give members more control over their electricity use.

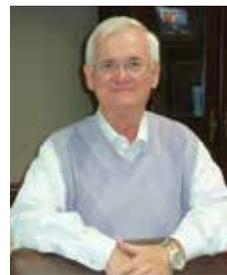
Energy performance dashboards, smart thermostats and power strips, and appliance settings that shift most water heating, laundry and dishwashing outside of peak rate periods help reduce the co-op's overall power demand. They also give you opportunities to control or even trim your monthly utility bills.

That's good for families, couples and individuals trying to live within their budgets. And it's going to become even more important as digital devices and internet-connected technologies become even more important in our lives.

The average home now has 10 Wi-Fi connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 50 by 2020.

Technology and the gateways that keep it working use electricity, so you'll depend upon your electric cooperative for more than the power that keeps the lights on.

That's why we're always working to provide service that's reliable, keep it affordable, and make it even more valuable to our member—you, your family and your neighbors.



J. Michael Davis
General Manager



Save The Date Thursday, May 31, 2018

**Eighth 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 Eighth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Southern Wayne Country Club in Mount Olive. 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, 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 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 25, 2018.

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.

Local Students Selected to Represent Community on D.C. Tour

Two local students are among 45 ambitious young leaders from North Carolina selected to participate in a distinctive learning and leadership development opportunity this summer in the nation's capital.

Tri-County EMC is proud to sponsor Kari Drake and Nathaly Audelo on the 2018 North Carolina Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's Youth Tour will bring together over 1,800 students from across the country to meet federally elected officials, participate in networking events, and learn about our nation's history and the importance of civic engagement.

Kari, a student at Rosewood High School, is the daughter of Kevin and Sissy Drake. She is a member of the Girls Scouts, volleyball and soccer teams, and a member of Eagle Ensemble.

Nathaly, a student at Wayne Early Middle/High School College, is the daughter of Juan and Maria Audelo. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Programs and Vice President of SAVVY.

Both students will represent Tri-County EMC on this year's June 9-15 tour.

"The Youth Tour experience



**NC Electric Cooperatives
Youth Tour**

cultivates awareness of our cooperative's mission and helps build leadership skills and an understanding that every person can make a difference," said Deidra Locklear, Manager of Communications and Public Relations at Tri-County EMC. "We are committed to investing in our younger members who we know hold the keys to the future success of our communities."

Youth Tourists will explore some of the capital's most notable areas, including sightseeing at historic memorials and museums, and cruising on the Potomac River. While in Washington, D.C., Kari, Nathaly and the other North Carolina delegates will also engage in discussions with both of the state's U.S. senators and several members of the U.S. House on Capitol Hill.

Tri-County EMC has selected local youth to participate in the annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., for 50 years. Nearly 50,000 students have participated in the program nationally since it began in 1964.



Attention students! Deadlines drawing near

Scholarships

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 www.tcemc.com. Applications must be received or postmarked by March 30, 2018.

Sports Camp

Time is ticking for local middle-school students to apply for an all-expenses-

paid scholarship to attend basketball camp this summer. Tri-County EMC will be sending one young man to the Roy Williams Basketball Camp June 16-20 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and one young lady to the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 10-13 at NC State University in Raleigh. Students will work directly with players and coaches to develop basketball skills and practice leadership and teamwork at the overnight camps.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants must also have permission from a parent or guardian to attend the sleep-away camp and must provide their own transportation to and from the camp if selected to attend.

To access the application, visit www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/community, or contact Deidra Locklear at 919-735-2611 for more information about the program. Applications must be postmarked by March 30.



Tri-County EMC Welcomes New Employee

Tri-County EMC welcomes Barbara Birkin as the cooperative's new Member Services Representative. Prior to joining Tri-County EMC, Barbara worked as a Site Leader with Goshen Medical for 12 years and is a graduate of Wayne Community College. Barbara resides in Mount Olive with her husband, Robert, and sons, Gavin and Grayson.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

In spring and summer months, set your ceiling fans to turn in the counterclockwise direction. This will create a cool breeze. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: energystar.gov



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

1984 \$10 CHEVROLET with a 6 cylinder 2.8 engine. AC works good, has automatic transmission that needs some work. Nice tool box included and body is in good condition. This would be a nice fixer-upper. Title in hand. Asking \$700. Call 919-252-5369. Ask for Jerry.

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)

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 Homemade Quilt, Dale Earnhardt Jacket Nascar 50th Anniversary (Sz. Large), Antique Log Roller, Prom/Evening Gown (Sz. 6), Roll Top Desk, Antique Hand Held Tobacco Planter. Call 919-738-8175 or 919-738-2064 (2).

WANTED Coo-Coo Clock. Call 919-738-8175 or 919-738-2064 (2).

VARIOUS GYM EQUIPMENT for sale from the Legendary Gurley's Gym of Goldsboro. Call 919-344-6489. (2).

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).

4 FT. AQUARIUM WITHOUT LID. Asking \$25 OBO. Call 919-242-7117 (3).

DINING TABLE 72inch table with 6 chairs and large china cabinet. Call 919-580-9370 (3).

DEVILBISS GENERATOR 3,000 watt generator on wheels. Asking \$200. Call 252-292-0971 (3).

MEN'S 5-DIAMOND GOLD RING 1 1/4 ct. t.w. Appraised at \$850, asking \$500. Call 919-689-9133 (12).

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE OUTLAW FOUNDATION 5TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

WHEN: Saturday, March 17, 2018. Registration @ 7:30AM. Race begins @ 9:30AM.

WHERE: Carver Elementary School 400 Old Seven Springs Rd, Mount Olive, NC Register by March 1. Visit www.runtheeast.com or www.theoutlawfoundation.com for registration form.

2018 DOWN EAST WALK TO DEFEAT ALS®

WHAT: Walk to Defeat ALS® (Lou Gehrig's disease).

WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2018 @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

WHERE: East Carolina University, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Greenville, NC 27858

The Walk to Defeat ALS is the #1 way to empower yourself to lend support to those fighting and caring for someone living with ALS. Each year, nationwide, hundreds of thousands of people come together to raise funds to support care service programs and cutting-edge global research and to advance nationwide advocacy for people with ALS and their families.

The money that we raise from the Walks in North Carolina enables us to provide care services for nearly 800 North Carolinians living with ALS and their families each year free of charge.

REGISTRATION: Visit <http://web.alsa.org/downeast> or call (877) 568-4347
CONTACT: Stephanie West stephanie@alsnc.org, 919-390-0121

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.

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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



Employees—
Ready To
Serve

Ron Miller is one of 50 employees

ready to serve you. Ron has worked with Tri-County since October 25, 2005, as a First Class Lineman. He and his family live in Warsaw.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11

When you set your clocks ahead an hour for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 11, remember to also 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 ceilings 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.

