

# 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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## #ThankALineman on Lineman Appreciation Day!

Electric cooperatives across North Carolina and the nation will recognize the many contributions of our linemen by celebrating Lineman Appreciation Day on Monday, April 9. Join us in thanking the hardworking men and women whose diligent efforts and skilled expertise keep the lights on for co-op members.

“We couldn’t carry out our mission without the daily dedication of our linemen,” said Mike Davis, General Manager of Tri-County EMC. “It’s a demanding job on the front line of our co-op that often requires working around the clock in challenging conditions to serve

our members and communities. We can’t thank them enough for all they do.”

Electricity travels along a network of wires and poles to power our homes and businesses. Most of the time this is a seamless journey, but occasionally the path of electricity is disrupted by obstacles like fallen tree branches, animals or an equipment malfunction—and linemen are charged with restoring

that connection no matter the weather or time of day.

“Our linemen are heroes in every sense of the word,” Davis said. “They literally bring us through some of our darkest hours, and we count on them to power our lives day in and day out.”

On April 9, remember to show your gratitude to our dedicated crews using the hashtag **#ThankALineman!**

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## Educators: Apply Now to Fund your Bright Ideas!

Do you have an idea for an innovative classroom project? North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Tri-County EMC, are now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2018-19 school year. Teachers in K-12 classrooms with creative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000.

As a member-owned cooperative, Tri-County EMC is committed to supporting local communities. Last year, Tri-County EMC awarded \$84,063.63 in Bright Ideas funding to local teachers. Since 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$11.5 million in Bright Ideas grant funding, and well over 2.2 million North Carolina students have participated in approximately 11,000 Bright Ideas projects.

Grant applications will be accepted beginning Sunday, April 1 through September 19. It could pay to apply



early: all teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Wednesday, August 15, will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

Teachers can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com).



## HOLIDAY CLOSING

Tri-County EMC will be closed on Friday, March 30, 2018, in observance of Good Friday. 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 [tcemc.com](http://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.

## Remembering a Director and Friend



Leland Monroe Heath, Jr., Vice President of Tri-County EMC's Board of Directors, passed away on February 7, 2018, after a long battle with respiratory disease. He was 75 years old.

Heath served as a Director for Tri-County EMC since his election in 2000, serving for 18 years.

A native of Deep Run, he graduated from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton) with a B.A. in History and Sociology. He went on

to graduate from UNC-CH School of Law with a Juris Doctorate, and completed Duke University Divinity School's Course of Study.

Heath practiced law from 1972-1988, working other professions until 1996, when he felt a call from his Lord to serve as a United Methodist minister for 21 years.

"Leland was known for his compassion, generosity, love of Christ and people," said Mike Davis, General Manager of Tri-County EMC. "We will remember Leland for the quality of service he gave to our members and the cooperative spirit he embodied. There is no doubt his presence will be missed."

As we look to the future at Tri-County EMC, the best we can do is fill our vacant seat with someone who will add value to the board, as well as someone who will bring new skills and perspectives relevant to our changing membership and business model. No one will ever replace Leland Heath. Thank you, Leland, for setting that standard high.

# Eighth Annual Tri-County EMC Scholarship Golf Tournament

**May 31, 2018 | 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM Shotgun Starts**  
**Southern Wayne Country Club | Mount Olive, NC**  
**Breakfast & Lunch Provided**

*(Breakfast Biscuits by McDonalds of Mount Olive and Lunch catered by McCall's Barbecue and Seafood Restaurant of Goldsboro)*

Tri-County Electric employees will host its Eighth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Southern Wayne Country Club in Mount Olive. 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.

The tournament will offer two start times, morning and afternoon, with breakfast biscuits by McDonalds of Mount Olive and lunch catered by McCall's BBQ and Seafood Restaurant of Goldsboro 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 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 25, 2018. To obtain a registration form and hole sponsor form, or if you have questions, please contact Mike Wood ([michael.wood@tcemc.com](mailto:michael.wood@tcemc.com)), Deidra Locklear ([deidra.locklear@tcemc.com](mailto:deidra.locklear@tcemc.com)) or Mike Davis ([michael.davis@tcemc.com](mailto:michael.davis@tcemc.com)) at 800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Team or Team Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Team Sponsor/Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Players & Handicap (Required- Very important! Average score if HDCP not established)

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Preferred start time: (check one):  8:00 AM  1:00 PM

Value packs are also available for \$10 per player. Value packs provide each player two mulligans and one red tee.

### Please indicate which options you are selecting :

Sponsor \$400 (Hole sponsor & 4 players) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Team Participant \$300 (4 players) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsor \$100 (Hole Sponsor only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Participant \$75 (Will be assigned to team) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Value Packs (4 X \$10=\$40) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable** to Tri-County EMC Scholarship

**Mail check and registration to:** Tri-County EMC /Scholarship Tournament/PO Box 130, Dudley, NC 28333

Please return registration form to arrive **no later than May 25.**

**Club Rules:** Shirts with collars, no cut-offs, no metal spikes.

**Tri-County EMC Phone Numbers:** 919-735-2611 or 800-548-4869. Fax Number: 919-734-6277.

Cut registration 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

**1984 S10 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.

**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 ¼ ct. t.w. Appraised at \$850, asking \$500. Call 919-689-9133 (12).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SOUTHEASTERN CANCER CARE: CURES FOR THE COLORS 5K/ 100 MILE TEAM/1 MILE WALK/RUN**

WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2018  
Half Marathon: 7:30AM  
Individual 5K: 8AM  
Team 5K: 9AM  
Individual 1 Mile: 10AM  
WHERE: Wayne Community College

### 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: Engagement Manager, Stephanie West [stephanie@alsnc.org](mailto:stephanie@alsnc.org), 919-390-0121

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.

**J. Michael Davis**  
General Manager

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

**Robert B. Korngay**  
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. Korngay, Jr.**—President  
**William H. Farmer, Jr.**—Secretary  
**Jennings Outlaw**—Treasurer

**Keith Beavers**  
**Dallace Grady**  
**Jeff Henderson**  
**Randy McCullen**  
**Worth Overman**  
**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)**



## Mount Olive Pickle Festival

April 27- 28, 2018

Tri-County EMC employees will sell hot dogs, french fries, drinks and baked goods to raise money for their scholarship fund. Come out on Friday night for hot dogs and support our Employee-Funded Scholarship Program. For more information on the events at the Pickle Festival, visit [ncpicklefestival.org](http://ncpicklefestival.org)



**Employees: Ready To Serve**  
William Jones (BJ) is one of 50

employees ready to serve you. BJ has worked with Tri-County EMC since July 14, 1997, as an equipment operator. He and his family live in Faison.