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## Manager's Message: Lineman Appreciation Day is April 8

Every year, the second Monday in April marks Lineman Appreciation Day, a celebration of the vital role linemen play in keeping the lights on for co-op members. On this day, Tri-County EMC and electric cooperatives across our state and nation recognize the skill, talent and expertise of our linemen and thank them for their many contributions to our daily lives.

This past year was especially challenging for our linemen, as they worked tirelessly to help not only our community, but other communities throughout North Carolina and Virginia recover from the impacts of multiple hurricanes. In a true demonstration of the cooperative spirit, crews from less-affected areas traveled to harder-hit regions to assist in restoring power as quickly as possible, often in very treacherous conditions.

**J. Michael Davis**  
General Manager



“Our linemen are true heroes,” said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC. “They are on the front line of our co-op, and are critical to our efforts to serve our members and provide reliable power to our communities.”

The agility and expertise of co-op linemen from across North Carolina will be on display during the biennial Statewide Pole Top Rescue Competition, which will be held in Raleigh on Thursday, May 30. The competition was originally scheduled for last fall, but was postponed due to hurricane recovery efforts. Parker Kennedy will represent Tri-County EMC in the statewide competition after winning a local challenge of emergency rescue skills.

Thank you to our linemen for the hard work they do every day. Please join us in recognizing them on Monday, April 8, and all year round!

Thanks to each and every one of our Tri-County EMC linemen!



### HOLIDAY CLOSING

Tri-County EMC will be closed on Friday, April 19, 2019, 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 to pay by phone.

To report a loss of power or an emergency, please call 1-800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.

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Linemen Ready to serve you  
#thankalineman

# Ninth Annual Tri-County EMC Scholarship Golf Tournament

**June 14, 2019 | 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)**



**T**he employees of Tri-County EMC will host its Ninth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, June 14, 2019 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.

The tournament will offer two start times, morning and afternoon, with breakfast biscuits by McDonald's 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 June 7, 2019. 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):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please indicate which options you are selecting:**

Sponsor \$500 (Hole sponsor & 4 players) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Team Participant \$400 (4 players) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Individual Participant \$100 (Will be assigned to team) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 June 7.**

**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



## Celebrating 25 years of Support for Creative Learning

### Apply now for Bright Ideas Education Grants

**T**ri-County EMC is now accepting applications for the 2019 Bright Ideas Education Grant Program. Educators can apply for up to \$1,000 in grants to fund creative, hands-on classroom projects in K-12 classrooms. Teachers can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Bright Ideas. Grants are awarded by each of North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives, including Tri-County EMC and are open to teachers in all 100 counties. Approximately 600 grants are awarded statewide to teachers each year for projects that engage students in new and innovative ways. Since the program began in 1994 at Brunswick EMC in Shallotte, North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively have awarded more than \$12.2 million in Bright Ideas grants to fund more than 11,600 projects, reaching more than 2.3 million students in subjects including math, reading, science, technology, music and the arts.

Applications are accepted April 1 through Sept. 23, 2019. To learn more and apply for a 2019 Bright Ideas grant, visit [ncbrightideas.com](http://ncbrightideas.com).



# Calling All Student Design Artists!

## Think you have what it takes to design Tri-County EMC's 2019 Annual meeting bag?

This year, we are hosting our first "Design Our Bag Challenge." We are inviting students PreK-12 to show off their talents by creating a one-of-a-kind electricity related design! Below are some ideas to help you brainstorm:

- ➔ What Tri-County EMC means to you as a member
- ➔ Using electricity efficiently in your home
- ➔ Power/energy
- ➔ Electrical safety

Once submissions are received, the top 10 finalists' designs will be posted to Tri-County EMC's Facebook page, where members will vote to select the four winning designs.

The top four artists, voted on by Tri-County EMC Facebook community, will have their designs printed on our annual meeting bags, which will be given away at this year's Annual Meeting in November.

Winners will receive a \$100 cash prize and Non-finalist winners will receive a \$25 cash prize.

### CONTEST CRITERIA:

- ➔ Open to students grades PreK-12.
- ➔ Students must live or attend a school in Tri-County EMC service area.
- ➔ Theme of design should be related to Tri-County EMC and must be your own original, unpublished work.
- ➔ Designs with the most likes at 12:00PM on June 14 will be chosen as the winners.
- ➔ Include your name, parents name, age, grade, school, address and phone number with your submission.

### CONTEST TIMELINE:

- May 1:** Contest opens for submissions.
- June 3:** Submission deadline. After the closing date for submissions, on June 3 at 5 p.m., ten (10) finalists will be selected for the contest.
- June 10:** If your design is selected as a finalist, it will be posted on Tri-County EMC's Facebook page members/community will vote for the winning designs.
- June 14:** Deadline for voting on Facebook at 12:00PM.

### MAIL ARTWORK TO:

Tri-County EMC Design Bag Challenge  
Tri-County EMC  
PO BOX 130  
Dudley, NC 28333

*If you have questions, you may contact Deidra Locklear, Manager of Marketing and Communications at 919-735-2611 ext. 621 or [Deidra.locklear@tcemc.com](mailto:Deidra.locklear@tcemc.com).*



## Mount Olive Pickle Festival April 12–13, 2019

Tri-County employees will be selling 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).



### Tri-County EMC Employees:

#### Ready To Serve

Parker Kennedy is one of 47 employees ready to serve you. Parker began with Tri-County EMC on January 2, 2014, as an Apprentice Tree Trimmer and now serves as an Apprentice Lineman. Parker resides in Mount Olive with his family.



## BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you - our members!



# Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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

**We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.**

**For Outages or Emergencies:**  
919-735-2611 or  
1-800-548-4869

[tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com)

#### 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.

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