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Tri-County EMC Holds 79th Annual Meeting

More than 750 members attended Tri-County EMC's 79th Annual Meeting of the Members at Kornegay Arena on the campus of the University of Mount Olive on November 9, 2019. This year's event provided members the opportunity to meet with TC EMC staff and board members. Members received a specialty designed Tri-County EMC bag filled with a blanket, lantern and hat by registering and participating in the business part of the cooperative.

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Christopher Pierce of Bertie County provided entertainment.

General Manager J. Michael Davis gave an overview of last year's accomplishments, reporting the value of the cooperative was \$91 million, with \$70 million of that being invested

in plant facilities. Davis noted that Operation Round-Up continues to have the highest membership participation in the nation with 95% of Tri-County EMC members participating giving a total of \$1,957,072.65 to non-profit organizations and individuals. Davis also reported that Tri-County EMC had scored one of the highest scores in the nation based upon reliability of service, knowledgeable employees, and good value for the members' money.

"Something that sets Tri-County EMC apart from other electric cooperatives is our never-ending commitment to our members and our communities," said Davis. "We hope everyone enjoyed the event and we appreciate their help in making our Annual Meeting a success."

In addition to the regular business session, the membership returned four members of the Board of Directors to another three-year term: Dallace Grady of District 1, William Farmer and Worth Overman of District 2, and Patrick Lynch of District 3.

The Annual Meeting was capped off by 79 cash prize drawings in the amount of \$79 each.



Top: The 2019 Tri-County EMC Annual Meeting of Members. Left: Ron Hatch, Jim Roten and Jimmy Outlaw represented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9959 of Mount Olive. Bottom: Tri-County EMC employees.



Apply for a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship to Attend Basketball Camp for Free

Middle schoolers, if you love basketball and want to gain experience training alongside real college basketball players and coaches, we have great news for you!

Tri-County EMC is now accepting applications for full scholarships to renowned basketball camps at two North Carolina universities this summer. Young men can apply for a scholarship to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and young women can apply for a spot at the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp

held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

To apply, you must be a rising sixth, seventh or eighth grade student at a qualifying school. Applicants will be judged on their academics, extracurricular activities and an essay. The application period begins on January 1 and applications must be postmarked by **March 31**. To learn more or to download an application, visit ncelectriccooperatives.com/community.



Youth Tour Reminder

Don't miss your chance at the trip of a lifetime by being a part of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.! Applications are due **January 24, 2020**.

Applications for Youth Tour are available online at tcec.com.

Tri-County EMC College Scholarships Now Available

As part of our employees' commitment to the communities we serve, Tri-County EMC is proud to offer scholarships to deserving high school seniors in our service area. Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to graduating seniors who pursue a four-year degree and scholarships of \$250 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing a two-year degree. Since 2001, Tri-County EMC employees have raised money through various fundraisers and have funded scholarships for 921 students totaling \$395,250.00

To qualify, you must be a high school senior whose parents or guardians are members of Tri-County EMC or attend high school in our service area (Southern Wayne, Charles B. Aycock, Rosewood, Spring Creek, Eastern Wayne, Wayne School of Engineering, Wayne Early College, North Duplin, East Duplin, Duplin Early College, James Kenan, North Lenoir, or South Lenoir High Schools).

Applications may be obtained at the guidance counselor's offices of the schools listed above or by visiting our website at tcec.com. Applications must be received on or before **March 31, 2020**.



Tri-County EMC & KENAN FELLOWS PROGRAM FOR TEACHING LEADERSHIP

Empowering Local Educators

Tri-County EMC believes in educators. That's why we're partnering with the Kenan Fellows Program for Teacher Leadership in 2020-2021 to provide an exciting professional development opportunity for a local educator that will take them behind-the-scenes in the electric power industry and bridge STEM at work with STEM principles in the classroom.

This year-long fellowship will include a summer internship at Tri-County EMC that will give a local teacher the chance to experience first-hand all aspects of an electric cooperative and gain knowledge about electricity and career opportunities in the energy field they can share with their students.

Kenan Fellows Program

The Kenan Fellows Program connects outstanding educators with mentors in industry and business settings, creating opportunities to build meaningful relationships and help students understand how STEM concepts apply in the real world. Mentor companies select their fellow from a pool of qualified teachers following an application process.

Tri-County EMC

Tri-County EMC is an electric distribution cooperative headquartered in Dudley that serves more than 25,000 members in Wayne, Duplin, Lenoir, Johnston, Jones, Sampson and Wilson counties.. Like other cooperatives, Tri-County EMC is local, not-for-profit and committed to not only providing safe, reliable and affordable power, but also empowering our communities through economic

development, educational efforts and community outreach.

Timeframe

Kenan Fellows spend 3-4 weeks on site with their mentor company in a summer internship.

The full fellowship lasts one year and includes 80 hours of leadership-building professional development and a final project implemented during the school year.

Applications are accepted beginning in December 2019, with a deadline of Jan. 27, 2020.

Benefits

- Deepen your content knowledge through an immersive internship at a STEM industry setting.
- Learn about career pathways and STEM skills students need to succeed in the local and state workforce.
- Collaborate and connect with other educators, business leaders and university researchers.
- Receive a \$5,000 stipend as well as 80 hours of tailored professional development.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

- Public or charter school K-12 teacher based in Tri-County EMC's service territory, including Duplin, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Sampson, Wayne, and Wilson counties
- Potential to develop leadership capacity
- Desire to engage students in critical thought and project-based approaches
- Willingness to learn from and partner with STEM professionals to transfer experiences from the workplace to students
- Commitment to share resources and products developed during the fellowship with colleagues at the school, district and state level

For more information or to apply, visit kenanfellows.org.



Annual Service Awards

Our cooperative has experienced significant growth over the past decade; yet, the same number of employees continue to serve our member-owners today. We can do this because of advancements in technology that have streamlined operations and gained efficiencies. We can also do this because our employees work well together and respect the role each person plays at the cooperative.

Every year, we note employees who have achieved a significant work anniversary. This year, we'd like to congratulate the following Board of Directors members and employees who have put in a collective 165 years of dedicated years of cooperative service to Tri-County EMC.

Brian Hope, Parker Kennedy, Steve Mason, Charles Pate, David Vinson are celebrating 5 years of service; Jo Brown is celebrating 10 years of service; Worth Overman is celebrating 15 years of service; Bill Fischer, Dallace Grady and Keith Beavers are celebrating 20 years of service; Sean Sullivan is



celebrating 25 years of service; and Pete Jones is celebrating 30 years of service.

We thank these Board of Directors and employees for their commitment to our cooperative and area communities, and the role each person at Tri-County EMC plays in providing our members with safe, reliable and affordable electric service.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month:

Set it and forget it! When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature—set it and forget it!



Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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

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:
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Employee of the month



Ken Willoughby

Ken Willoughby is one of 47 employees ready to serve you. Ken has worked with Tri-County EMC since January 16, 1995. He serves as a Tree Trimmer on our Right-Of-Way crew for the cooperative. Ken resides in Goldsboro.