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Manager's Message: Remember to #ThankALineworker on April 13

J. Michael Davis
General Manager



Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, Tri-County EMC, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave individuals who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our community and our coop.

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric

lineworker. "North Carolina has been hit hard by hurricanes and storms in recent years, and our lineworkers have gone above and beyond to serve our members," said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC. "They work in extremely challenging conditions to provide the power we all depend on, and we're proud to honor their skill, dedication and expertise."

Tri-County EMC is proud to honor the twenty-one lineworkers that maintain 2,615 miles of power lines in our service territory. We invite all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for those who power our lives.



Holiday Closing

Tri-County County EMC will be closed on Friday, April 10, 2020, 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 tcmc.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.



Teachers: Apply for a Bright Ideas Grant

Starting on April 1, Tri-County EMC is accepting applications for the 2020 Bright Ideas Education Grant Program. Educators can apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to fund creative, hands-on projects in K-12 classrooms. Teachers can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for projects in all subject areas.

Since the program began 26 years ago, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have collectively awarded more than \$12.9 million in grants to K-12 teachers for 12,300 projects benefitting 2.5 million students across the state. In 2019, over \$700,000 was awarded for more than 660 projects across the state, the most funding ever given in a single grant cycle.

Applications are accepted through Sept. 15, 2020. To learn more and apply for a Bright Ideas grant, visit ncbrightideas.com.



Calling All Student Design Artists!

Think you have what it takes to design Tri-County EMC's 2020 Annual Meeting bag?

We are inviting students in Pre-K-12 to show off their talents by creating a one-of-a-kind electricity related design for our 2nd Annual "Design our Bag Challenge!" Below are some ideas to help you brainstorm:

- What Tri-County EMC means to you
- 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 individuals 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 Pre-K-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 p.m. on June 14 will be chosen as the winner.
- Include your name, parents name, age, grade, school, address and phone number with your submission.

CONTEST TIMELINE

April 20: Contest opens for submissions.

May 11: Submission deadline. After the closing date for submissions, on May 11 at 5 p.m., ten (10) finalists will be selected for the contest.

May 18: 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.

May 22: Deadline for voting on Facebook at 12 p.m.

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 Grantham, manager of Marketing and Communications, at 919-735-2611 ext. 621 or Deidra.Grantham@tccmc.com.

Tenth Annual Tri-County EMC Scholarship Golf Tournament

May 29, 2020 | 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)

The employees of Tri-County EMC will host its 10th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, May 29, 2020, 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. Tri-County EMC's employees appreciate your assistance with this benefit and believe that it is important to enhance the education in our community of students and members who will be the future leaders of our communities.

Registration deadline is May 22, 2020. To obtain a registration form and hole sponsor form, or if you have questions, please contact Mike Wood (michael.wood@tcemc.com), Deidra Grantham (deidra.grantham@tcemc.com) or Mike Davis (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 May 22.**

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

Community Events



2020 Down East Walk to Defeat ALS®

- **WHAT:** Walk to Defeat ALS® (Lou Gehrig's disease)
- **WHEN:** Saturday, May 2, 2020 @ 9:00 am–12:00 pm
- **WHERE:** East Carolina University, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Gate 5, Greenville, NC 27858
- **REGISTRATION:** Visit <http://web.alsa.org/downeast> or call 877-568-4347
- **CONTACT:** Development Manager, Leah Strom, leah@alsnc.org, 919-390-0103

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 approximately 800 North Carolinians living with ALS and their families each year free of charge.



Mount Olive Pickle Festival

- **WHAT:** Mount Olive Pickle Festival
- **WHEN:** April 24-25, 2020
- **WHERE:** Mount Olive, NC
- **MORE INFO:** ncpicklefestival.org

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.



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:
919-735-2611 or 1-800-548-4869

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..... **Daniel Hood**

Daniel Hood is one of 47 employees ready to serve you. He has worked with Tri-County EMC since April 22, 2008 and is a first-class lineman for the cooperative. Daniel and his wife, Edina, live in Goldsboro.