



**Tri-County Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**
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Mission Statement

To safely provide our member-owners with reliable electric service, superior customer service and practical energy solutions, all at reasonable prices.

Hi-Lites

Hi-Lites is a monthly newsletter published for the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

Safety Milestone Reached!

by Marcia Scott, General Manager

Along with Tri-County Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors, I wish to congratulate and commend the cooperative employees on reaching another significant milestone in working safely. They have worked 7 years without a lost-time accident by a full-time Tri-County Electric employee. This is a major accomplishment and we thank the cooperative employees for their dedication to working safely.

Electrical safety is of utmost importance here at the Cooperative. That is why our employees are required to attend regular safety meetings and our linemen have extensive training before they are allowed to work on electric lines. We know how dangerous electricity can be, so we stress safety for both our employees and the public.

All of the Cooperative employees have one common goal – to provide safe, reliable electric service to our members. Our employees must be ready to respond when our members need them. Employees that restore your power do so because they know that without their commitment, many of the conveniences that we have come to expect – heating, air conditioning, hot and cold food, lights, computers, television – wouldn't be possible.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the employees and directors of Tri-County Electric Cooperative for their dedication to safety and for their commitment to 'keep the lights on'.



2017 Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors

(Back, from left) Rick Russell, Greg Vieira, Tom Beyers, Doug Knolhoff, and Donnie Laird (Front, from left) Sam Phillips, Phil Carson, Larry Manning, and Kathy Withers

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2017 Youth to Washington Tour

High school students* have a great opportunity to win a **FREE**, well-chaperoned, educational **trip to Washington, D.C.** Three students will be selected to attend the Youth to Washington program June 9 through June 16 of this year. Requirements to earn the trip are very simple. A test, consisting of true-false and multiple choice questions on material contained in a rural electrification booklet, will be administered at local high schools. The study booklets will be available at the cooperative or any of the area high schools by February 1, 2017.

Testing will be held at each participating high school, or special arrangements can be made for a home-schooled student.

**Qualifications: Student must be a high school Sophomore, Junior or Senior. Student must reside in a home served by Tri-County. Students previously participating in the tour are not eligible.*

Patronage Credit - Estates

The Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved a policy allowing early payment of patronage credits to a deceased member's estate.

The early payment option is available for estates of members who passed away after December 31, 2014 and paid as a discounted lump sum. The process would start upon written request of the heirs, beneficiaries or legal representative of the deceased member's estate. The written request for early payment of patronage credits must contain enough information to allow the Cooperative to make the determination that the representative is legally entitled to the deceased member's patronage.

Requests for early retirements will be considered in the order in which they are received by the Cooperative, and the early retirement of patronage credits to estates will be capped at \$100,000 per year. The policy does not apply to corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, cooperatives, limited liability partnerships or other legal entities.

Complete details on this policy can be obtained by contacting the Cooperative.



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The power of human connections®

Classroom Empowerment Grants

Winners of Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants for schools in Tri-County Electric Cooperative's service area have been announced. The grants fund innovative, unfunded projects or materials in area schools.

2016 Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grant Winners

Teacher	School
Shawn Williams	Woodlawn Grade School
Tiffany Delaney	Bethel Grade School
Anna Jukes	Opdyke-Belle Rive Grade School
Shelly McDowell	McClellan Grade School
Daryl Kiselewski	Bluford Unit School District 318
Lynette Baity	ROE #13 Alternative Learning Academy
Liz Jack	Centralia High School
Charles Peterson	Oakdale Grade School