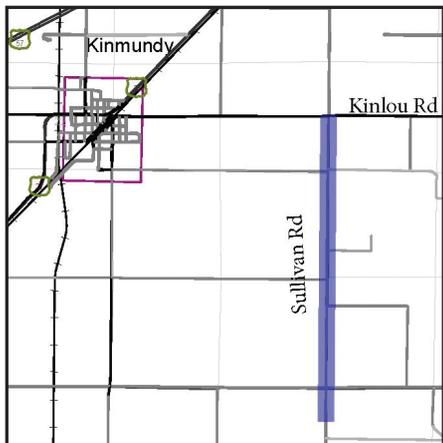




Hi-Lites

2024 System Upgrades



Sullivan Rd.

Crews will be working on Sullivan Rd. (southeast of Kinmundy) upgrading 2.5 miles of aged three-phase conductor to enhance reliability and upgrade the line during switching.
 Approximate Start: May 2024
 Duration: 6-8 Weeks
 Road will be open during the upgrade. Please watch for crews.

Lynchberg Rd.
 Crews will be working on E Lynchberg Rd. (southeast of Mt. Vernon) upgrading 2 miles of aged three-phase conductor to enhance reliability and strengthen the tie line.
 Start: To be determined



MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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 1-844-968-1991

Mt. Vernon Office Hours
 Monday - Friday
 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Salem Office Hours
 Tuesday - Thursday
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 (Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)

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If you see roadside crews, please slow down and move over when possible.



Leaders of Tomorrow Represent TCEC at Youth Day

For more than 60 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. On March 20, more than 200 students from across rural Illinois represented 25 co-ops during Youth Day, including three from Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

"Youth Day gives students across the state an up-close look at democracy in action as they meet their elected representatives in Springfield," said Baylee Flowers, legal and government relations coordinator at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. "State senators and representatives have the opportunity to inspire and encourage the leaders of tomorrow during this annual event."

In addition to meeting elected officials, the students also learned more about their electric or telephone cooperative's role in their own communities and had the opportunity to tour the Illinois State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

State Senator Terri Bryant (R-58) met with the students representing Tri-County Electric. These students included Isabelle Ritter, Calissa Bailey and Timothy Meyer.

During lunch, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Natalie Phelps Finnie addressed the students. She discussed her background as a healthcare provider and how she got into politics. She encouraged them to follow their passions, live confidently and work hard.

"You're embarking upon adulthood," Phelps Finnie said to the students. "You can do anything you want to do. I just ask that you come to adulthood with the right posture and attitude. Don't come with a sense of entitlement that everything is owed to you. Work for it. Earn it."

In addition to Youth Day, Ritter, Bailey, and Meyer were also selected to participate in Youth Tour, an annual trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives. This year's trip will be held June 14-21. They will represent Tri-County Electric on the weeklong trip and meet their elected officials, see historic sites, learn firsthand how cooperatives work and gain valuable leadership skills.



ANNUAL MEETING

SAT., JULY 13 2024

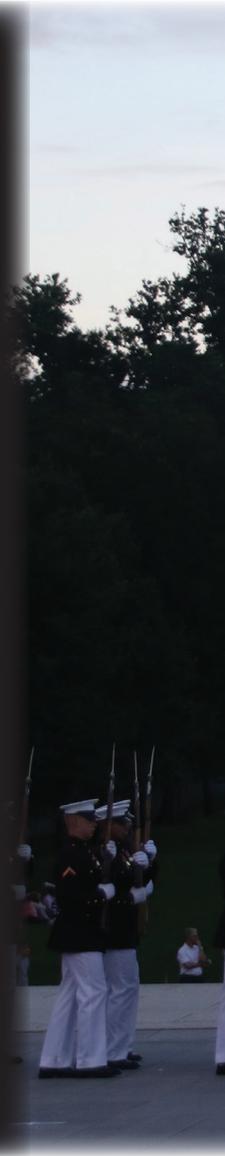
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Washington D.C. Bound!



In June, your cooperative's Youth Tour Winners, Isabelle Ritter, Calissa Bailey, and Timothy Meyer will travel to Washington D.C. to learn more about the cooperative business model and how the federal government works!



Students Meet Senator Bryant

Students seized the opportunity to engage with Senator Terri Bryant on the Illinois House Floor, exchanging ideas and perspectives at the Illinois State Capitol, Springfield, IL on March 20th, 2024. Senator Bryant spent a considerable amount of personal time with the students answering all of their questions, sharing her passion for her community and the people she represents, and even giving the students a behind the scenes tour of the Capitol tunnels! Pictured (from left) Isabelle Ritter, Calissa Bailey, Senator Terri Bryant, and Timothy Meyer.



Isabelle Ritter
Woodlawn High School



Calissa Bailey
Mt. Vernon Township High School



Timothy Meyer
Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School



A QUICK GUIDE TO GENERATORS

With proper use and maintenance, generators provide great convenience during a power outage. Before you purchase a generator, determine your backup power needs to select the right size. Make a list of essential appliances and devices you'll want to power during an outage, then total the required wattage.

Recreational Inverter

Up to 2,000 watts

Lightweight, about 60 pounds

Quiet, easy to store

Power: fridge and a few smaller items (i.e. lamp, phone charger, and home security system).



Midsized Inverter

Up to 3,500 watts

Weights up to 150 pounds

Power: fridge, laptop, five to 10 lights, phone charger, home security system, and 10,000 BTU air conditioner.

Portable Generators and Large Inverters

Up to 7,500 watts

Weights up to 300 pounds

Power: fridge, gas furnace, 10,000 BTU air conditioner, dishwasher, multiple lights, TV, laptop, and more.

Ability to connect to home's breaker panel.

Home Standby

Up to 20,000 watts

Must be permanently installed; starts automatically during outage. Nearly all home appliances and electronics (simultaneously) can run indefinitely on natural gas or propane. *Recommended if you are not able to be without power for an extended period of time.

Safety First! Let us know if you purchase a generator that you plan to connect to an electric panel. Improperly installed generators can create backfeed, which is dangerous to our crews and the community. Before using the generator, disconnect the normal source of power coming into your home. Never operate a generator indoors or in an enclosed space.



Plan Ahead to Avoid Supply Chain Issues

If you are thinking about upgrading your current service or installing a new service, please let us know as soon as possible. Supply chain issues have caused a much longer lead time on materials here at the cooperative. Some materials have a 1-year lead time!

Manufacturing and shipping delays have resulted in extended lead times to acquire routine materials and equipment. Unfortunately, these lead times are beyond our control. We ask that you plan ahead and notify us as soon as possible so that there is plenty of lead time for your materials to arrive.