

Hi-Lites

IN CELEBRATION OF CO-OP MONTH



FIND YOUR FURRY FRIEND AT ADOPT-A-PET DAY

Thursday, October 17th
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

TCEC SALEM OFFICE
 1631 E West Main St., Salem, IL

TCEC MT. VERNON OFFICE
 3906 Broadway St., Mt. Vernon, IL

In honor of Co-op Month, Tri-County Electric Cooperative is thrilled to host a special adoption event! On October 17th, the Jefferson County Animal Shelter will be at the Mt. Vernon Office, and the City of Salem Animal Control will be at the Salem Office, both

with pets eager to find their forever homes.

If you're not ready to adopt a pet but still want to support your local shelters, we're also accepting donations at both offices throughout October. *Donation list on page 2*

MISSION STATEMENT

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

3906 Broadway
 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

618-244-5151
 Toll-Free: 800-244-5151
 Fax: 618-244-1496
 Pay by phone:
 844-968-1991

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

Salem
 Office Hours
 Tuesday - Thursday
 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 (Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)

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17 Scholarships Available!

The electric cooperatives of Illinois will award 17 scholarships, each worth \$2,500, to outstanding students from the electric cooperative family through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

- Ten scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are Illinois electric co-op members, giving these students a bright start on their educational journey.
- The Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship is reserved for a student whose parent is an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director, honoring the legacy of service within our cooperative family.
- Five scholarships are dedicated to students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college, who are also children of an electric cooperative member in Illinois.
- The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship is designed for those ready to light up the world by pursuing a career in linework and are enrolled or plan to enroll at Lincoln Land Community College's lineworker program. This scholarship supports students of co-op members, relatives of employees or directors, and those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! The general scholarship application deadline is Dec. 31, 2024, and the lineworker scholarship is due by April 30, 2025. For more information, reach out to Tri-County Electric Cooperative or visit tricitycoop.com/scholarships.



Shelled Georgia Mascot Brand Pecans are in stock at Tri-County Electric Cooperative!



In stock:

- 16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves \$10.25**
- 16 oz. Medium Pecan Pieces \$10.00**

Other nuts to be shipped in November include:

- 12 oz. Roasted & Salted Jumbo Cashews
- 4 oz. Pecan Log
- 8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters
- 12 oz. Chocolate Covered Pecans

Nuts are available, while supplies last, during regular business hours at both office locations of the cooperative.

Mascot Pecans are great for baking, gift-giving, or snacking! The proceeds from the employee Mascot Pecan Fundraiser are donated to community organizations that serve the membership of Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

Requested Animal Shelter Donations Accepted at our Mt. Vernon and Salem offices.

- Bleach • Paper Towels • Hand Sanitizer • Collars
- Leashes • Dog toys • Room fresheners
- 33 gal. or larger trash bags
- Dog treats • Dog Chew bones • Fabuloso
- Laundry detergent/dryer sheets • Hard Dog Food • Dry puppy food • Cat litter • Cat food
- Copy paper • Monetary Donations

Attention Teachers and Administrators!

Have a project you'd like funded?

**\$4,000 available through
Touchstone Energy
Classroom Empowerment Grants**



Enter **Touchstone Energy's Classroom Empowerment Grant Competition** and your submission could win a \$500 grant for classroom and education enhancement projects!

Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants totaling \$4,000 (8 grants at \$500 each) are being funded by **Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TCEC)** for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information about Touchstone Energy, log on at www.touchstoneenergy.coop. To apply for grants, send a **double-spaced typewritten request (not to exceed 3 pages)** that includes the following:

1. A description of the project and what it will accomplish
2. The estimated cost of the project
3. An explanation of why outside funds are necessary to complete the project
4. Whether funding options have been pursued, and if so, how
5. When project will be completed
6. The number of people affected by the project
7. If the project's goals are measurable, and how
8. How the project ties in Touchstone Energy's four core values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community

Photos and supporting data are optional. Grant applications must be received at TCEC by November 8, 2024. For questions, please call TCEC at 618-244-5151 or email Lynn Hutchison at lhutchison@tricountycoop.com. Applications will be evaluated by an impartial panel of judges. Awards will be announced mid-December.



Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. & Touchstone Energy 2024/2025 Classroom Empowerment Grant Application

Applicant's Name _____ Title _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number () _____ E-mail _____

Electric Cooperative Territory: **Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc**

Name of Project Submitted _____

Eligibility is limited to schools located in Tri-County Electric Cooperative service areas. Teachers and administrators of K-12 public and private schools may apply. Eight \$500 grants will be awarded. For more information about Touchstone Energy, log on at www.touchstoneenergy.coop. Touchstone Energy and Tri-County Electric Cooperative reserves the right to photograph the grant winners and use the photos for publicity purposes. Projects must be completed by the time school is out for the summer. Incomplete entries will be deemed ineligible and will not be judged. **Recipients must provide written proof of completion detailing how the grant funds were used within six months of the project's completion.**

Deadline: Application forms must be received by your local electric cooperative by mail, e-mail or fax no later than **November 8, 2024**. Awards will be announced mid-December 2024.

For additional questions, please call Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (618) 244-5151 or e-mail Lynn Hutchison at lhutchison@tricitycoop.com.

Mail grant applications to:

TCEC, Attn: Lynn Hutchison, 3906 Broadway St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

Judging Process:

Applications will be reviewed by an impartial panel of judges. If necessary, applicants may be contacted for additional information.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
(Teacher or Administrator)

If I receive the grant, I pledge to follow all completion requirements and provide written proof of completion within six months of my project's end.