

# HI-LITES

## 60 Years of Neighbors Serving Neighbors in Salem

Our story in Salem began sixty years ago, in September of 1965, when we opened our first office at 601 West Main Street. At that time, we shared space with the Matthey Salem Appliance Store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Homer G. Matthey. It was here that we took our very first steps in building what would become a long and meaningful relationship with the Salem community. Today, that same building is home to NAPA Auto Parts.

As the years passed, our presence grew right along with Salem. In November of 1976, we moved into a cozy house that became our office and home base for serving members. For nearly two decades, that house stood as a symbol of our commitment—welcoming neighbors, building relationships, and helping families with the services they needed.

By 1994, our growth called for something new, and a brand-new office was built at our current location. From the first day we opened those doors, it has been our privilege to continue serving Salem with the same warmth and care that began decades earlier.

Throughout the years, dedicated employees have been the heart of this office. Many still remember the kindness

and steady service of Bessie Boyles, Dorothy Black, Sandy Quinn, and today, Cathy Wallace continues that tradition of care and dedication. Their friendly faces and commitment to excellence have made the Salem office more than just a building—it's a place where people know they will be treated like neighbors.

Looking back on these milestones fills us with gratitude. From our humble beginnings on Main Street to the home that became our office, to the facility we work from today, one thing has remained constant: our joy in serving the Salem community. It has truly been an honor to be part of your lives for so many years, and we look forward to many more decades of partnership, service, and community right here in Salem.



*Photo of the former Matthey Salem Appliance Store, originally published in the Salem Times-Commoner on July 1, 1965.*

**Mt. Vernon Office**  
3906 Broadway  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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1631 E Main St.  
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# NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

October is National Cooperative Month, and we're celebrating YOU—our members—with exciting weekly giveaways!

**October 8** – Family Safety Kit Includes: (1) Family First Aid Kit, Choking Rescue Device, Carbon Monoxide Detector, Home Fire Extinguisher, and (2) Smoke Detectors

**October 15** – Google Nest Thermostat

**October 22** – Family Package to Marlow's Pumpkin Patch (\$100 value!)

**October 31** – Nominate your charity of choice that is located in Jefferson, Marion, or Washington County. During the final week, members will vote on the winner! All giveaways will take place on Facebook!

**ENTER TO WIN**

Follow our page, find the weekly giveaway post, and comment on the post to be entered. Must be a TCEC member to win.

As a cooperative, TCEC is member-owned and community-focused. Cooperative Month is the perfect time to thank you for being a member-owner! And what better way to celebrate than with giveaways that reflect the very heart of who we are—promoting safety, encouraging energy efficiency, supporting families, and showing our concern for community.

All month long, we'll be sharing fun chances to win right here on Facebook, so stay tuned each week in October and celebrate with us!

## Roasted Chicken with Root Vegetables



### Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken (about 4 lb.)
- 3 large carrots, peeled & cut into chunks
- 2 parsnips, peeled & cut into chunks
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled & cut into chunks
- 1 large onion, quartered
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. dried rosemary or fresh sprigs
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, smashed
- Optional: fresh parsley for garnish

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F
2. Toss carrots, parsnips, potatoes, and onion with 2 Tbsp. olive oil, half the herbs, salt, and pepper. Spread evenly in a roasting pan.
3. Rub chicken with remaining olive oil, herbs, salt, and pepper. Place on top of vegetables.
4. Scatter garlic cloves around chicken.
5. Roast for 1-1.5 hours, or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165°F and vegetables are tender.
6. Let chicken rest 10 minutes before carving. Garnish with fresh parsley, if desired.



## Hertenstein Awarded Thomas H. Moore IL Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarship



Scholarship winner Carter Hertenstein (left) with Lynn Hutchison, TCEC Director of Member Services (right).

Tri-County Electric Cooperative is proud to announce that Carter Hertenstein of Mount Vernon is one of sixteen winners of this year's Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship. He is the child of April Hertenstein of Mt. Vernon. Carter competed for the scholarship with 293 other students from across the state.

The \$2,500 awards are given each year to sixteen children of electric co-op members, employees or directors. Carter was recognized during the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting on July 31, 2025, in Springfield.

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives. Tri-County Electric Cooperative is honored to have a scholarship recipient and is excited to see how he will represent the community.

## Mascot Pecans Have Arrived!

In stock:

**16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves \$10.50**

**16 oz. Medium Pecan Pieces \$10.25**

Other nuts to be shipped in November include: Roasted & Salted Jumbo Cashews, Pecan Logs, Pecan Caramel Clusters, and Chocolate Covered Pecans

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

Funds from the Mascot Pecan Fundraiser are donated to community organizations that serve the members of TCEC.

## ATTENTION, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS!



Have a project you'd like funded?

**\$4,000 available through Touchstone Energy**

**Classroom Empowerment Grants!**

### ABOUT CLASSROOM EMPOWERMENT GRANTS

- 8 grants available at \$500 each
- Deadline: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Apply online or return the application on the back.

**MORE INFORMATION OR APPLY ONLINE:** [www.tricountycoop.com/classgrant](http://www.tricountycoop.com/classgrant)

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



Applicant Name

Title

School Name

School Address

City/State/Zip

Daytime Phone Number

Email

**Electric Cooperative Territory:** Tri-County Electric Cooperative, inc.

*To apply for grant, send a double-spaced typed 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 the 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 supporting data are optional. Applications will be evaluated by an impartial panel of judges. Awards will be announced mid-December.

**Deadline:** Grant applications must be received by November 7, 2025.

**Email or mail application to:** lhutchison@tricountycoop.com

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, 3906 Broadway St, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

**Acknowledgement**

Touchstone Energy and Tri-County Electric Cooperative reserves the right to photograph grant winners and use photos for publication purposes. Projects must be completed by the time school is out for summer. Recipients must provide written proof of completion detailing how the grant funds were used within six months of the project's completion. Grant recipient agrees to follow all completion requirements.

Signature

Date