

HI-LITES

President's Invite

This Cooperative belongs to you. Your perspective, your vote, your voice—they all matter here. That's why I'd like to personally invite you to the Annual Meeting of Tri-County Electric Cooperative on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at our Mount Vernon office.

This meeting is a celebration of what makes our Cooperative different—neighbors coming together to share a meal, connect with one another, and shape the future of the co-op we all rely on. We'll have great food, cold lemon shakeups, kids' activities, a live line safety demonstration, and prize drawings for those in attendance.

If you register before the meeting starts, you'll also receive a \$15 credit on your August electric bill—just our way of saying thank you for showing up and getting involved.

During the meeting, we'll share updates from the board and lead-

ership team, and members will vote to elect three directors to new three-year terms. The official meeting notice was sent in the June 2026 Hi-Lites, as required by our bylaws.

We know your time is valuable, but your voice, your vote, and your presence help keep our Cooperative strong, transparent, and member-driven.

We'd be honored to have you join us on Saturday, July 11th.

Sam Phillips
Board President



Mt. Vernon Office

3906 Broadway

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Salem Office

1631 E Main St.

Salem, IL 62881

Tuesday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Sam Phillips, Salem

Vice President

Tom Beyers, Odin

Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy Withers, Mt. Vernon

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Annual Meeting 2026

Saturday, July 11, 2026 - Mount Vernon Office

What's Waiting for You A Day Built for the Whole Family



Free BBQ Sandwich Lunch - A relaxed come-and-go lunch will take place after the meeting.



Prize Drawings - Multiple chances to win prizes after the meeting!



Cold Lemon Shakeups - An Annual Meeting Favorite!



Meet the Co-op - Talk with staff, leadership, and board members.

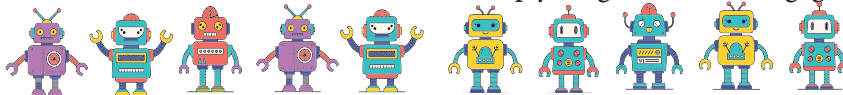


Live Line Safety Demonstration - Watch real-world safety skills in action and learn how we keep our crews and community safe.



Member Incentive - Register before the meeting starts and receive a \$15 credit on your August 2026 electric bill.

Kids' Activities - Fun, safe activities to keep younger members engaged!



\$15 BILL CREDIT

Register before the meeting begins and receive a \$15 credit on your August 2026 electric bill as our way of saying thank you.

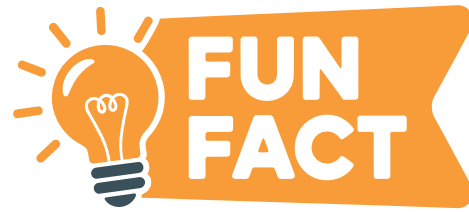
Tri-County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, July 11, 2026

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

Agenda

- 8:30 A.M. GATES OPEN
REGISTRATION
DONUTS & COFFEE
- 9:00 A.M. LIVE LINE DEMO
KID'S ACTIVITIES
- 10:00 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING
*Prizes, lunch, and lemon
shakeups after the meeting*



The first Tri-County Electric Cooperative annual meetings were held in the Mt. Vernon City Park. Members gathered for a true community potluck, with families bringing side dishes to share while conducting cooperative business.

Over the years, the Annual Meeting has evolved and has been held in several locations, including the old Armory building in Mt. Vernon, local high schools, and eventually the Cooperative's headquarters. While the venue and format have changed through the decades, the purpose remains the same: bringing members together to participate in the governance and future of their Cooperative.

Take a look at these historic photos from some of Tri-County Electric Cooperative's earliest Annual Meetings around 1944, and see how this longstanding tradition began.



TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Annual Meeting 2026
KIDS AREA
FUN FOR KIDS. MEMORIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

A GREAT DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- FACE PAINTING
- ROBOTICS DEMONSTRATIONS
- FREE CHILD ID KITS
- MEET-A-LINEMAN STATION
- PHOTO OP STATION

BECAUSE OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT! | JULY 11, 2026 MOUNT VERNON OFFICE | SEE YOU THERE!



Efficiency Tip

Seal in comfort and savings with weatherstripping. Check for air leaks around your windows and doors and install weatherstripping where needed. Prevent drafts to reduce energy loss and lower your heating and cooling bills, improving energy efficiency year-round.

Safe Electricity.org

'Strawberry' LEMONADE POPSICLES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled
- 1 cup lemonade
- 1 tablespoon honey (optional)
- ½ cup vanilla Greek yogurt (optional for a creamy swirl)

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Blend strawberries, lemonade, and honey until smooth.
- 2 If desired, gently swirl in the Greek yogurt for a creamy texture.
- 3 Pour mixture into popsicle molds.
- 4 Freeze for 4–6 hours or until solid.
- 5 Run molds under warm water for a few seconds to release and enjoy!

SUMMER TIP

Try mixing in blueberries for a patriotic red, white, and blue treat that's perfect for Fourth of July celebrations!

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**Register before 10:00 a.m. for \$15 credit on your August 2026 electric bill.*

2026 Official Registration - \$15 Value

Name: _____
 Account #: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

