

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Hi-Lites

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. **2018 Annual Meeting**

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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.*



President's Invite

by Larry Manning, Board President

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Annual Meeting of Tri-County Electric Cooperative to be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Mount Vernon facilities of the Cooperative.

Each year, members come to celebrate the Cooperative way of doing business with one another - family, friends and neighbors. You will enjoy good food (breakfast, lunch, and lemon shake-ups), games for the children, a live line demonstration and drawings for attendance prizes. Members registering before the business meeting begins will receive a \$10 credit on their August electric bill. Patronage credit checks will also be given to members (or their heirs) who received electric service from the cooperative in 1995-1996. Those not in attendance will receive their checks by mail. In addition, reports from officers of the board and management will be given and three directors will be elected to three-year terms.

The official notice of the annual meeting was sent to the membership in the June 2018 *Hi-Lites*, according to our bylaw requirements.

The success of our Cooperative depends upon a well informed and involved membership. We look forward to seeing you on July 14th to join us in celebrating our 80th Annivesary!



Mandarin Orange Cake

This recipe was featured in the 1995 Tri-County Electric Cooperative Cookbook 'Sharing Our Best'.

Ingredients

1 box yellow cake mix
3/4 c. oil
4 eggs
1 can mandarin oranges with syrup
1 (8 oz.) carton whipped topping
1 sm. box instant vanilla pudding
1 (15 oz.) can crushed pineapple with syrup

Instructions

Combine cake mix, oil, eggs and mandarin oranges. Mix well (about 4 minutes) with mixer. Bake in 3 (9 in.) prepared pans at 350 degrees for 20 minutes; cool.

Combine whipped topping, vanilla pudding and crushed pineapple. Use as filling between layers of cake and on top.

Recipe submitted by retired Tri-County Electric Cooperative employee Pam Stout.

Annual Meeting Reminder

WHEN?

Saturday, July 14, 2018

WHERE?

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

WHY?

Take this opportunity to discuss and learn more about the state of your Cooperative. It's also the time for you to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of an electric cooperative, by voting for the upcoming year's board of directors. Voting will take place during the business meeting, which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Special Events

Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.

Live Line Demonstration - 8:45 a.m.

Children's Activities - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

and after business meeting:

Free Child ID Finger Printing, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Bounce House, & Games!

Patronage Checks Distributed

Informational Booths

Election of Directors

Prize Drawings & 80th Anniversary Video

Must be present to win.

Lunch & Lemon Shake-ups After Business Meeting

Don't miss the chance to see the live line demonstration, which teaches the importance of safety and electricity. This is a great program for people of all ages! The live line demonstration will take place at 8:45 a.m.



Tri-County Electric Cooperative Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

2018 Youth to Springfield Tour



Sen. Kyle McCarter, Sen. Paul Schimpf, Rep. Terri Bryant and Rep. John Cavaletto met with students representing Tri-County Electric Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day in Springfield. More than 240 students from around Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Old State

Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Students were given a test in early February to determine the Tri-County Electric Cooperative participants to go on the Youth to Washington Tour from June 9-16, 2017.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 25 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.



(From left) Rebekah Marlow, Karli Rose, Dusk Donoho, Abigail Kempfer, Sen. Paul Schimpf, Rhett Ellis, and Dir. of Member Services Lynn Hutchison



(From left) Abigail Kempfer, Karli Rose, Dusk Donoho, Rep. John Cavaletto, Rhett Ellis, and Rebekah Marlow



(From left) Dusk Donoho, Karli Rose, Abigail Kempfer, Rhett Ellis, Rebekah Marlow, and Sen. Kyle McCarter

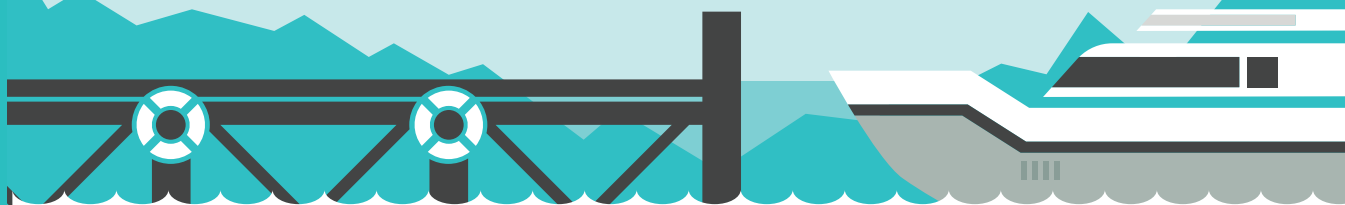


(From left) Rhett Ellis, Dusk Donoho, Karli Rose, Rep. Terri Bryant, Abigail Kempfer, and Rebekah Marlow

HOW TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING



Each year, 3,800 people die from drowning. Electric shock drowning occurs when an electric current escapes boats, docks and lights near marinas, shocking nearby swimmers. There are no visible signs of current seeping into water, which makes this a hidden danger. The electric shock paralyzes swimmers, making them unable to swim to safety.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR:

Swimmers

- **Never swim near a boat or launching ramp.** Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring, potentially putting anyone in the water at risk of electric shock.
- If you feel any tingling sensations while in the water, **tell someone and swim back** in the direction from which you came. Immediately report it to the dock or marina owner.

Boat Owners

- **Ensure your boat is properly maintained and consider having it inspected annually.** GFCIs and ELCIs should be tested monthly. Conduct leakage testing to determine if electrical current is escaping the vessel.
- **Use portable GFCIs or shore power cords** (including "Y" adapters) that are "UL- Marine Listed" when using electricity near water.
- Regularly have your boat's electrical system inspected by a certified marine electrician. **Ensure it meets your local and state NEC, NFPA and ABYC safety codes.**

IF YOU SEE ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING TAKING PLACE:



TURN POWER OFF



THROW A LIFE RING



CALL 911

DO NOT enter the water. You could become a victim, too.