

Hi-Lites



Temporary Office Location Now Open!

In the May Hi-Lites issue, we gave details about our upcoming remodel of the Mt. Vernon headquarter office. Included in that remodel are plans to make a new drive on the east side of the building. The property adjacent to the cooperative was purchased to make room for the drive. This new access will improve the entrance and exit for our line trucks which will be safer for our employees and members.

While the remodel is taking place, a temporary office will be open next door at 53 Crownview. We are fortunate that we have the option to utilize this space during the remodel. Having a temporary office site will keep our employees and members out of the remodel noise and mess. Better

yet, since our employees are removed from the areas being remodeled, our project can now be broken into fewer phases which translates into a shorter project window and a significant savings.

Once the remodel is complete, the temporary office building next door will be demolished and concrete for the drive and much-needed parking will be placed.

Asbestos abatement took place in June and the remodel of the west side of the building will begin mid-July. Remodeling projects on the east side of building will immediately follow. We anticipate the project to last about 7 months. We will continue to share the progress of the remodel and look forward to the end result!

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

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If You Received Service in 1997, Expect a Capital Credit Check in the Mail!

Your Cooperative understands the hardship that many members may face during the COVID-19 outbreak. To help ease that hardship, Tri-County Electric is sending its members capital credits as planned, despite the Annual Meeting being postponed.

If you received electric service in 1997, you will receive a capital credit check in the mail. If you have not received your check by July 11th, please contact the Cooperative office.

The amount of capital credits that a member receives is determined by how much electricity they used during the years for which capital is being retired and the co-op's cost of distributing the power during that time.

Instead of sharing profits with distant investors, Tri-County Electric Cooperative *returns money to local members* who use electricity.

One of the many benefits of being a member of TCEC is our business model. We are a cooperative and we return excess revenues or margins back to you. We call these capital credits. The board approved paying out approximately \$860,000 in capital credits! It really does pay to be a member!



Reminder: The 2020 Annual Meeting has been postponed until further notice. Your Board of Directors continue to review rescheduling at each monthly meeting. We will keep you updated.



Caramel Biscuit Ring-A-Round

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/3 cup margarine or butter
- 2 Tbsp. water
- 2 (7.5 oz.) cans refrigerated biscuit dough

Directions

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Generously grease 12 cup fluted tube pan. In small saucepan, combine brown sugar, chopped nuts, margarine, and water; heat until margarine melts.

Separate 2 cans refrigerated biscuit dough into 20 biscuits. Cut each biscuit into quarters; place in large bowl. Pour brown sugar mixture over biscuits; toss lightly to coat evenly. Spoon biscuits into pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 3 minutes; invert into serving plate. Serve warm. 10 servings.

This month's recipe was submitted by Administrative Assistant, Shayna Ham. Shayna has worked at the Cooperative since 2016.



Sara Timm Receives IEC Memorial Scholarship



*Sara Timm,
2020 IEC Memorial
Scholarship Recipient*

Each year, twelve \$2,000 scholarships are awarded through the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship fund. Six scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of electric co-op members. A seventh scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial scholarship, is awarded to the son

or daughter of an electric co-op employee or director. Four additional scholarships are presented to students attending a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of co-op members, employees or directors. The final scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, helps pay the costs to

attend the lineworker's school conducted by the AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College.

Criteria for the scholarship is based upon academic achievement and work/volunteer experience. We are excited to announce that out of all of the applicants across the State of Illinois, a student from the Tri-County Electric Cooperative service area was chosen as one of the scholarship recipients.

IEC Memorial Scholarship recipient Sara Timm is a graduating senior of Cisne High School and the daughter of Jason and Jennifer Timm. Sara has been accepted to continue her education at Kaskaskia College. It is no surprise after reviewing her application that she was chosen! Her list of volunteerism truly exemplifies a commitment to community that cooperatives across the nation embody.

Congratulations, Sara! We are proud of your accomplishments.



Cooperative offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.
Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!



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