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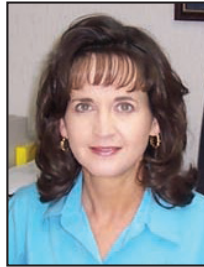
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Mission Statement

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

Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors



Marcia Scott,
General Manager

One of the most valuable principles of the cooperative business model is democratic control. Boards of cooperatives are democratically elected by the membership to govern and direct the affairs of the cooperative.

Tri-County Electric Cooperative has a 9-member board with three directors from each district. The territory of the cooperative has three districts, each of which contains one of the primary counties (Jefferson, Marion, and Washington) of the Cooperative. The membership elects one director for each district at the annual meeting each year, and the directors serve three-year rotating terms. This year's annual meeting will be held on July 11, 2020.

At our most recent annual meeting held in July 2019, the membership approved resolutions to update the Bylaws

of the Cooperative. One of the articles in the bylaws that was updated was Article IV, Board Members, Section 2, Election and Tenure of Office and Section 3, Nominations. This is the first year that these changes will be in effect. Information regarding the nomination process can be found below.

Board candidates can be nominated by petition signed by at least 25 members, and signatures may come from the entire Cooperative membership. A joint membership constitutes of only one member - meaning if both the member and the joint member sign the petition, it counts as one signature.

Petitions can be picked up as early as February 12, 2020 and filed in person along with an affidavit stating that the person filing the petition meets the qualifications to become or remain a board member. Petitions must be filed in person at our Mt. Vernon or Salem office no later than close of business on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Petitions may be picked up in person, sent to a member by e-mail or mailed to a member,

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but must be filed in person. If you would like to receive an official petition along with the affidavit, please contact Lynn Hutchison, Director of Member Services at 618-244-5151 or by e-mail at lhutchison@tricitycoop.com.

The Credentials and Elections (C&E) Committee (formerly known as the Nominating Committee) will meet to review the qualifications of petitioning nominees and supervise nominations of board members. If there are no nominations by petition for the district in which a director is to be elected, it is the duty of the C&E Committee to select a nominee(s) for that district. The C&E Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, and the members of the committee are: David Ibendahl, Ruth Harre, Cindy Leeck, Tonya Lowery, Ralph Hilmes, & John Richardson.

If you would like to review the qualifications to become or remain a board member, or the section regarding nominations, the Bylaws of the Cooperative can be found on our website, or you can contact us at 618-244-5151, and we will mail a copy to you.

Get geothermal tax credits while you can!

As a reminder, a 26% (formerly 30% in 2019) geothermal federal tax credit can be applied to installations placed in service on January 1, 2017 or later. If you are interested in installing a geothermal system in your home, you will want to act quickly—this federal tax credit is set to further decrease in 2021 to 22%.

Geothermal heat pumps are similar to ordinary heat pumps, but use the ground instead of outside air to provide heating, air conditioning and, in most cases, hot water. Because they use the earth's natural heat, they are among the most efficient and comfortable heating and cooling technologies currently available.

SHINE A

LIGHT ON

SAFETY

Thank you to everyone who attended our Second Annual Safety Luncheon for Farmers, First Responders, and Large Equipment Operators! We would also like to extend a special thank you to our guest speaker, Gerry Kinney, for taking the time out of his day to join us and share his powerful message.



Journeyman Lineman Gerry Kinney shared his message of safety and perseverance.



Journeyman Linemen Jason Carroll and Brannon Dasch gave a Live Line demonstration.



Did you get a new electric pressure cooker for Christmas? Maybe you have one sitting in the pantry and need ideas! Below you will find the easiest potato recipes for your electric pressure cooker. Enjoy!

“Baked” Potatoes

Ingredients

- 4 Idaho Potatoes
- 1 cup water

Directions:

1. Wash potatoes and dry.
2. Pierce potatoes on all sides with a fork
3. Place potatoes on trivet in pressure cooker.
4. Add water to pot.
5. Cook on high pressure for 15 minutes.*
6. Allow pressure to release naturally.

“Baked” Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients

- 4 small sweet potatoes
- 1 cup water

Directions:

1. Wash potatoes and dry.
2. Pierce potatoes on all sides with a fork
3. Place potatoes on trivet in pressure cooker.
4. Add water to pot.
5. Cook on high pressure for 15 minutes.*
6. Allow pressure to release naturally.

**Medium sized potatoes cook for 25 minutes, large potatoes cook for 30 minutes.*

High school students* have a great opportunity to win a **FREE**, well-chaperoned, educational **trip to Washington, D.C.** Up to 6 finalists will travel by charter bus to Youth Day in Springfield in March 2020. One finalist from each county served by Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Jefferson, Marion, and Washington) will be chosen to travel by charter bus June 19-26, 2020 for an all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C.

Students will create lasting memories while visiting the Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg, the National Cathedral, Smithsonian Museums, George Washington’s home, Supreme Court, Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Holocaust Museum, among many other sites.

This well-chaperoned, educational program is sponsored by electric cooperatives throughout the nation.

Requirements to earn the trip are simple. After studying the Youth Tour Study Booklet, the student must take a test consisting of true/false, multiple choice, and one essay question. The test is available online at:

www.tricountycoop.com/youthtour.

*Students must reside in a home served by Tri-County and must be attending one of the high schools in Marion, Jefferson or Washington County. Home School students may participate as well! *Questions? Contact Lynn Hutchison, Director of Member Services at 618-244-5151 ext. 234 or lhutchison@tricountycoop.com.*



Touchstone Energy®

2020 Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grant Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the \$500 Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants!



Mrs. Colene Stanley (left), Waltonville Grade School



Mrs. Melissa Hefner, Woodlawn Grade School



Mrs. Linda Klingenberg, Nashville Dist. 149



Ms. Becky Schuler, Salem Community High School



Ms. Megan Hargett, Woodlawn Grade School



Mr. Dustin Foster, Mt. Vernon Township High School



Ms. Lynette Baity, Alternative Learning Academy



Ms. Angie Wielt, J.L. Buford Intermediate School