



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# Hi-Lites

## Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. **2023 Annual Meeting**



### President's Invite

*by Donnie Laird, Board President*

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Annual Meeting of Tri-County Electric Cooperative to be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, 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 (BBQ lunch and lemon shakeups), activities for the children, a live line demonstration, and drawings for attendance prizes. Members registering before the business meeting begins will receive a \$15 credit on their August electric bill. 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 2023 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 Saturday, July 8th!

**Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
Annual Meeting of Members**

Saturday, July 8th, 2023  
Registration: 8:30 a.m.  
Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

3906 Broadway  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

618-244-5151  
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855-385-9902

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

Salem  
Office Hours  
Tuesday - Thursday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President  
Donnie Laird - Waltonville

Vice-President  
Doug Knolhoff - Hoyleton

Secretary/Treasurer  
Sam Phillips - Salem

Michelle Barbee - Salem  
Tom Beyers - Odin  
Jordan Brink - Richview  
Phil Carson - Oakdale  
Larry Manning - Belle Rive  
Kathy Withers - Mt. Vernon



**Lemon Shakeups**



**Live Line Demonstration**

**85<sup>th</sup>**  
*Anniversary*

**FREE** **COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS**

**STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.**

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts will be served by local 4-H groups!

## Annual Meeting Agenda

**2023 TCEC Business Meeting**  
3906 Broadway ST, Mt. Vernon, IL

**8:30 a.m.**

Gates Open / Registration

As a celebration of our 85th Anniversary, we will have Krispy Kreme doughnuts! Children's activities open until 10 a.m.

**9:00 a.m.**

Live Line Demonstration

**10:00 a.m.**

Business Meeting Begins

Verify Quorum and Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Approval of 2022 Minutes

2023 C&E Committee Report

2023 Election of Directors

Treasurer's Report

Manager's Report

Unfinished & New Business

Prize drawings at the end of the meeting

Adjournment of Business Meeting

*Prize drawings will take place at the end of the meeting. After the meeting, box lunches will be served. You have the option to take yours 'to go', or enjoy it along with great company. Don't miss your opportunity to have a lemon shakeup!*

**YOUR COOPERATIVE. YOUR VOICE.**



**YOUR  
VOTE  
MATTERS**

## Capital Credit Checks Will Be Mailed to Members Prior to Annual Meeting

If you received electric service in 2000, 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 during normal business hours.

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 \$1,030,000 in capital credits in 2023! It really does pay to be a member!

*Capital Credit Checks will be mailed out before Annual Meeting and will not be available for pickup at the meeting.*

## Bring the kids to Annual Meeting!

We will have a 'Lineman-For-A-Day' photo opportunity, life-size CONNECT 4 game, robotics demonstrations, facepainting, 'Meet a Lineman' station, and free Child ID kits. Four lucky kids will win a robotics kit!

**WIN PRIZES!**



Don't miss your chance to see a 1939 Model A next to a new all-electric Rivian truck at Annual Meeting. So much has changed between now and then!



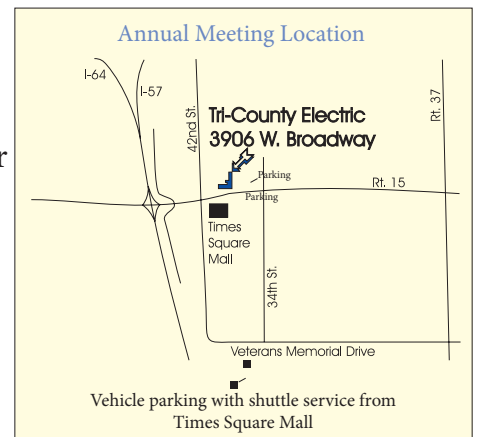
Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Register before 10:00 a.m. for \$15 credit on your August 2023 electric bill.

2023 Official Registration - \$15 Value



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_





## We wish you a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Cooperative offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.

### Three-Ingredient Dump Cake

#### Ingredients

- 1 Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 Stick of Butter
- 1 can (12-20 oz.) any fruit with juice

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Grease the bottom of a 9"x 13" cake pan.
3. Take your can of fruit with juice and spread it along the pan. Some larger fruits may need to be diced.
4. Spread the fruit and pour the dry cake mix evenly over the fruit and juice.
5. Melt butter and pour it over the top evenly.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for about 50 minutes and serve cake warm. It's great with ice cream!

### Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars

#### Ingredients

- 1 Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 Stick of Butter
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Bag Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Melt butter in a bowl, then beat in eggs.
3. Mix in cake mix, and then mix in chocolate chips.
4. Press into a 9"x13" baking dish.
5. Bake for 20-22 minutes or until golden brown.

### Mexican Street Corn Pasta Salad

#### Ingredients

- 12 oz. bowtie pasta (or pasta of choice)
- 6 ears of corn (grilled)
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/2 cup Cotija cheese
- salt and pepper, as desired
- Optional add-ins: jalapenos, black beans, or avocados

#### Dressing

- 1/3 cup mayo
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 tsp. fine sea salt and black pepper, as desired

#### Directions

1. Cook the pasta using the directions on the package and let the noodles cool.
2. Grill the corn. Once cooled, cut the kernels off of the cob, and place into a bowl.
3. Prepare the dressing: In a bowl, whisk together all the dressing ingredients.
4. Prep herbs and veggies: chop cilantro, green onion, and any add-ins you desire.
5. Assemble the pasta salad. Combine all the ingredients, toss with the dressing, and adjust spices as desired.
6. Enjoy immediately.