



Hi-Lites

11-Year Safety Milestone Reached!

Marcia Scott, *General Manager*

Along with Tri-County Electric Cooperative’s Board of Directors, I wish to congratulate and commend the cooperative employees on reaching another significant milestone in working safely. They have worked 11 years without a lost-time accident by a full-time Tri-County Electric Cooperative employee. This is a major accomplishment and we thank the cooperative employees for their dedication to working safely.

Electrical safety is of utmost importance here at the Cooperative. That is why our employees are required to attend regular safety meetings and our linemen have extensive training before they are allowed to work on electric lines. We know how dangerous electricity can be, so we stress safety for both our employees and the public.

All of the Cooperative employees have one goal - to provide safe, reliable electric service to our members.

Our employees must be ready to respond when our members need them. Employees that restore your power do so because they know that without

their commitment, many of the conveniences that we have come to expect - heating, air conditioning, hot and cold food, lights, computers, television - wouldn’t be possible.

Typically, we would feature a photo of each employee that has contributed to our over 1 million hours safety record. However, due to social distancing guidelines, we have decided not to gather our employees for a photo this year.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the employees and directors of Tri-County Electric Cooperative for their dedication to safety and for their commitment to ‘keep the lights on’.

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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Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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Fax: 618-244-1496
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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.)

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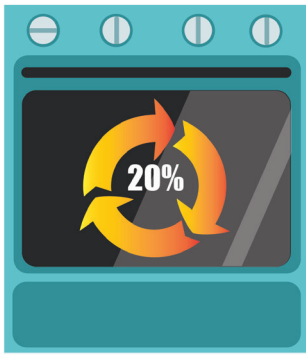
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Convection ovens use **20% less energy** a month compared to a standard oven.

Source: Energystar.gov



Do you have a convection oven feature on your stove? Try it out! It uses 20% less energy a month compared to a standard oven. A convection oven contains an additional fan and exhaust system that blows the heated oven air through the entire space evenly while your food is cooking.



Cooperative offices will be closed on:
November 11th - Veteran's Day
Veterans, we appreciate your service to our country and thank you for your sacrifices.



Cooperative offices will be closed on:
November 26th-27th - Thanksgiving
Have a safe and happy holiday!

Apple Cranberry Pecan Salad

Ingredients

- 6 cups salad (arugula, baby spinach, or any spring green mix)
- 1 medium red apple, chopped
- 1 medium green apple, chopped
- 1/3 cup feta cheese
- 1 cup pecans
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 5 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Dressing Ingredients:

- 1 cup apple juice
- 4 Tbsp. Apple Cider Vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. Honey
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp. Black Pepper
- 1/4 cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Instructions

1. Core and chop apples (thin slices or 1 in. chunks)
2. Toss lettuce, apples, pecans, feta, cranberries, and bacon together in a large bowl.
3. Whisk together all dressing ingredients. Toss with salad immediately before serving.

**Recipe can be doubled or tripled for a larger group.

Need shelled Georgia pecans? Tri-County Electric Cooperative is selling them at both offices for a limited time! (See back page for more details.)



Interior Phase One of Two Almost Complete!



The image on the left is the billing department immediately after the demolition crew removed walls to allow the space to be reconfigured. The image on the right is after the new walls were placed. Members can expect the lobby at the Mt. Vernon office to be open at the beginning of January.



The image on the left shows what the north end of our parking lot looked like before concrete was added to provide a safe, new entrance/exit for our trucks. The image on the right is the north end of our lot after the concrete work was completed. Exterior phase two is now complete. Phase three will begin in the Spring. Phase three includes demolishing the temporary office at 53 Crowview and adding more parking.



Prepared For Inevitable Outages

On September 30th, 2020, a new generator was set at the Mt. Vernon office. The previous generator was only able to provide power to a portion of the building, excluding the garage doors and a few key computer systems.

The new generator will now cover all functions of the building in the event of an outage. As you are well aware, when inclement weather causes outages in our territory, we need trucks to be ready and accessible, and computer systems to report and track outages. This addition to our facility will allow us to continue operations uninterrupted during widespread outages.

Any business or home that cannot be without electric service should consider a backup generator.

Deadline for IEC Memorial Scholarship Applications

The deadline to apply for scholarships awarded by Illinois electric cooperatives is December 31, 2020. A total of twelve scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded.

- Six scholarships to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members receiving service from the cooperative.
- One scholarship to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director.

- Four scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

- The final scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL.

Visit www.tricountycoop.com for more information.

Shelled Georgia Mascot Brand Pecans are in stock at Tri-County Electric Cooperative!

In stock:

16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves \$9.50

16 oz. Medium Pecan Pieces \$9.25

Other nuts to be shipped in November include:

12 oz. Roasted & Salted Jumbo Cashews \$7.50

4 oz. Pecan Log \$3.50

8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters \$6.00

12 oz. Chocolate Covered Pecans \$7.00

Nuts are available, while supplies last, during regular business hours at both office locations of the cooperative.

Mascot Pecans are great for baking, gift-giving, or snacking!

The proceeds from the employee Mascot Pecan Fundraiser are donated to community organizations that serve the membership of Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

