


# TCEC TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# Hi-Lites



## Farmers, First Responders, and Large Equipment Operators Safety Luncheon

**Marcia Scott**  
*General Manager*

On Wednesday, December 8th, 2021, your cooperative will be hosting the second annual Farmers, First Responders, and Large Equipment Operators Safety Luncheon. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Mt. Vernon office with our guest speaker, Cody Conrady, farmer and electrical safety advocate. We are grateful that he will be joining us to share his story about farm safety and his severe electrical burn experience. His message of safety and perseverance is both captivating and encouraging.

Later, Tri-County Electric Cooperative linemen will give a live line presentation, which demonstrates the power of a live electrical line when it comes into contact with equipment. Linemen will also talk about what to do if your equipment comes into contact with a line.

I especially encourage anyone who works with farming and large equipment to attend this free safety training event. Lunch will be served to all that are in attendance. We ask that

you RSVP before November 19th. The first 100 registrants will receive an attendance gift. You may RSVP by calling the Cooperative office at 618-244-5151.

Since January 2019, we have had a total of 113 outages that were caused by vehicles or large equipment hitting poles or lines. In my opinion, one is too many. While fortunately these did not result in electrocution, there is always that chance when a wire is in contact with equipment or the ground. That is why we urge you to treat every line as if it is energized.

We care about our community and the people in it. We want you to know how to be the safest you can possibly be. While this event is specifically geared toward farmers, first responders, and large equipment operators, we welcome anyone to attend who is interested in learning more about electrical safety.

More information about the annual safety luncheon can be found on page four of this month's Hi-Lites or by visiting [www.tricountycoop.com/safetyluncheon](http://www.tricountycoop.com/safetyluncheon).

### 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  
Toll-Free: 800-244-5151  
Fax: 618-244-1496  
Pay by phone:  
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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**Attention Teachers and Administrators!**

**Have a project you'd like funded?**

**\$4,000 available through  
Touchstone Energy  
Classroom Empowerment Grants**



Enter **Touchstone Energy's Classroom Empowerment Grant Competition** and your submission could win a \$500 grant for classroom and education enhancement projects!

Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants totaling \$4,000 (8 grants at \$500 each) are being funded by **Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TCEC)** for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information about Touchstone Energy, log on at [www.touchstoneenergy.coop](http://www.touchstoneenergy.coop). To apply for grants, send a **double-spaced typewritten request (not to exceed 3 pages)** that includes the following:

1. A description of the project and what it will accomplish
2. The estimated cost of the project
3. An explanation of why outside funds are necessary to complete the project
4. Whether funding options have been pursued, and if so, how
5. When project will be completed
6. The number of people affected by the project
7. If the project's goals are measurable, and how
8. How the project ties in Touchstone Energy's four core values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community

*Photos and supporting data are optional. Grant applications must be received at TCEC by November 5th, 2021. For questions, please call TCEC at 618-244-5151 or email Lynn Hutchison at [lhutchison@tricountycoop.com](mailto:lhutchison@tricountycoop.com). Applications will be evaluated by an impartial panel of judges. Awards will be announced mid-December.*



# Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. & Touchstone Energy 2021/2022 Classroom Empowerment Grant Application

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Cooperative Territory: **Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc**

Name of Project Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility** is limited to schools located in Tri-County Electric Cooperative service areas. Teachers and administrators of K-12 public and private schools may apply. Eight \$500 grants will be awarded. For more information about Touchstone Energy, log on at [www.touchstoneenergy.coop](http://www.touchstoneenergy.coop). Touchstone Energy and Tri-County Electric Cooperative reserves the right to photograph the grant winners and use the photos for publicity purposes. Projects must be completed by the time school is out for the summer. Incomplete entries will be deemed ineligible and will not be judged. **Recipients must provide written proof of completion detailing how the grant funds were used within six months of the project's completion.**

**Deadline:** Application forms must be received by your local electric cooperative by mail, e-mail or fax no later than **November 5, 2021**. Awards will be announced mid-December 2021.

**For additional questions, please call Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (618) 244-5151 or e-mail Lynn Hutchison at [lhutchison@tricountycoop.com](mailto:lhutchison@tricountycoop.com). Mail grant applications to: TCEC, Attn: Lynn Hutchison, 3906 Broadway St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.**

### **Judging Process:**

Applications will be reviewed by an impartial panel of judges. If necessary, applicants may be contacted for additional information.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher or Administrator)

*If I receive the grant, I pledge to follow all completion requirements and provide written proof of completion within six months of my project's end.*

## Farmers, First Responders, and Large Equipment Operators Safety Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

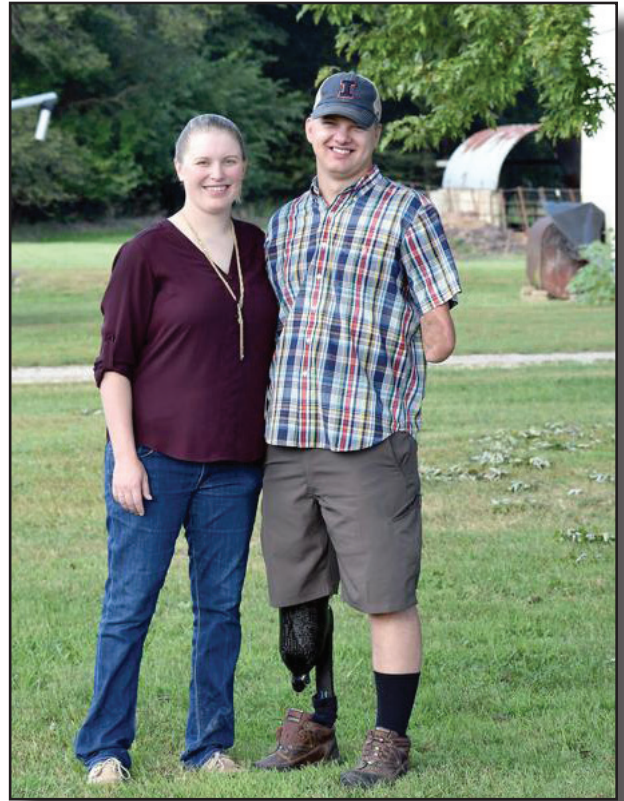
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
3906 W. Broadway St., Mt. Vernon, IL

*Lunch will be served!*

We invite you to join us for a lunch and learn safety presentation given by Tri-County Electric Cooperative employees and Special Guest, Cody Conrady. Topics covered include: What to do if your equipment comes in contact with a powerline, best practices in electrical safety, and a live line demonstration. The first 100 registered attendees will receive a gift!

RSVP by November 20th  
618-244-5151 ext. 234  
or lhutchison@tricountycoop.com.



*Special Guest, Cody Conrady (right)*

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



### In stock:

16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves \$9.75

16 oz. Medium Pecan Pieces \$9.50

Other nuts to be shipped  
in November include:

12 oz. Roasted & Salted Jumbo Cashews

4 oz. Pecan Log

8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters

12 oz. Chocolate Covered Pecans

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.*