Welcome Braxton Shaw to Tri County Electric Cooperative! Braxton joined our team on June 11, 2019 as a first year lineman. He is a Schuyler county native and graduate of Schuyler County High School. He obtained his lineman certificate in December of 2017 from Northwest Line College in Denton, Texas. Prior to being hired here, he was employed by Line Brothers and Sons. When not climbing poles, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Congratulations to Cole Tippett, IT/Office Manager at Tri County Electric Cooperative. Cole graduated from the Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program in May. This program is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. MIP participants go through three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative management techniques. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation. Cole is one of only a few electric utility’s management staff that will graduate from the Management Internship Program this year. Participants leave with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it.

Welcome Denton Jones to Tri County Electric Cooperative! Denton joined our team on May 13, 2019 as an apprentice lineman intern for the summer. He is an Adair county native and a graduate of Kirksville Senior High School. He is currently attending the lineman program at State Tech in Linn, Missouri where he will graduate in May of 2020. In his free time, he enjoys truck pulling and hunting.

One-hundred and eight high school students participated in Missouri’s 56th annual Missouri Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14-20. Local delegate was McKenna Robinson of Novinger, Missouri. She was sponsored by Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Lancaster Missouri. The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week for high school students, offering them opportunities to learn first hand what it is like to be involved in politics, leadership positions, community service and today’s pressing issues. “The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students and we’re proud to send our best and brightest to Washington, D.C. this year to participate,” said Chris Massman, vice president of Member Services for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives in Jefferson City. Highlights included the young people visiting with representatives from their congressional districts and touring famous monuments, the Smithsonian Institution’s museums and Arlington National Cemetery. After a 30 year hiatus, the group also went on a tour of the White House. The youth group also took a sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with delegates from other states. Other events of the week included participation in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together with nearly 2,000 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States. The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion. Since 1964, the nation’s cooperative electric utilities have sponsored more than 50,000 high school juniors and seniors for visits to their U.S. congressional delegations, energy and grassroots government education sessions and sightseeing in Washington. For more information about the AMEC Youth Tour program, please go to www.amec.org/content/youth-programs.
Celebrating 80 Years of Cooperation

Memphis, MO - Tri-County Electric Cooperative, a member-owned, locally operated, electric utility that serves 6,300 homes, farms and businesses in parts of Northeast Missouri, held its 80th Annual Meeting of Members on June 27th, 2019. The meeting took place at Scotland County High School in Memphis, MO.

Approximately 150 members registered at the event and 642 cast ballots in the election of directors; 526 mail-in ballots, 86 online, and 30 members voted at the meeting. Members and their families enjoyed a meal prepared by the Scotland County Rotary Club, and received ice cream/drinks from Scotland County FFA. Gift bags were handed out to those who attended upon registration. Energy certificates in the amount of $25.00 were drawn and awarded prior to the meeting.

In addition to bucket truck rides; members watched a slideshow of the 2018-2019 year and visited different booths from the following vendors: Scotland County Health Department, Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative, Associated Electric Cooperative Inc., and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives.

The business portion of the meeting featured reports from Board President Mark Van Dolah, Board Secretary Kelley Church, Board Treasurer Bill Triplett and CEO/General Manager Jane Bahler-Hurt.

During the meeting, members re-elected Kenneth “Kenny” McNamar, Kelley Church and William “Bill” Triplett to the Board of Directors for three year terms.

Following the meeting, the Board of Directors held an re-organizational meeting and selected Mark Van Dolah, Kirksville, as President; Kenny McNamar, Gorin, as Vice President; Kelley Church, Brashear, as Secretary; David Koch, Memphis, as Assistant Secretary; Bill Triplett, Livonia, as Treasurer; Joseph (Joe) Sebolt, Lancaster, as Assistant Treasurer; Rusty Anders, Downing, Karen Farnsworth, Downing; and Harley Harrelson, Kirksville as Directors’ at Large.

Ten $100.00 grand prize certificates were drawn following the business section of the meeting and Two children’s grand prizes were awarded.

Prize Winners

**Early Bird Winners ($25)**
- Gilbert and Judy Schmitter
- Kenneth Kirkham
- Billy and Janie Wernert
- Shawn Phillips
- Jim Kigar
- Max and Judith Sloniger
- Larry and Cheryl
- Calvin Webber
- Carolyn Durham
- Randy Woods
- Martha Sees
- Wanda Hicks
- Gary Warth
- Chris and Mallory Oliver
- Floyd C Baker
- James and Linda McFarland
- Roger and Nancy Lucas
- Donna Moffett
- Nancy McClamrock
- Melody Whitacre

**Regular Drawing Winners ($25)**
- Danny and Karen Egbert
- Dallace and Bonnie Schumacher
- Barbara Smith
- Ellis and Charlotte Speer
- Larry Webster
- Trinity Church
- Ray and Marilyn Howard
- Pat Wiggins
- Rich Weatherly
- Kristy Eggleston
- Robert Campbell
- Jim and Vickie Darnel
- Ralph and Wanita Small
- Howard and Peggy Martin
- Mark Thompson
- Ellen Jarvis
- Richard and Dianna Kinney
- Mary Morgan
- Eugene Yoakum
- Don Fowler

**Grand Prize Winners ($100)**
- Lennie Doscher
- David and Barbara Holton
- Danny Egbert
- Basil and Ramona Anders
- Gwendolyn Lohmann
- Anna Lee Edwards
- Scotland County Fair
- Beulah Jackson
- Bob Garrett
- Mary and David Durham

**Kids Grand Prize Winners**
- (Kindle Fire)
- Ruby Lawrence
- Zaylie Andrews
At the May meeting of the Board of Directors’ of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, the board reviewed the following items:

· The board reviewed and approved the proposed agenda.
· The board reviewed and approved the following board meeting minutes Regular Board Meeting (04/22/2019).
· The board reviewed and approved new memberships.
· The board reviewed and approved write-offs.
· The board heard an update from Associated Electric Cooperative’s David Tudor.
· The board heard an Annual Meeting of Members update.
· The board received a safety report, a member services and a communications report.
· The board received a report of operations.
· The board reviewed financials and expenditures in detail.
· The board heard reports from NEP and AMEC.
· The next board meeting has been set for June 27, 2019.

May 2019 Comparative Operating Report

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**Board of Directors:**

President  
Mark Van Dolah

Vice President  
Kenny McNamar

Secretary  
Kelley Church

Treasurer  
Bill Triplett

Rusty Anders

Dave Koch

Harley Harrelson

Joe Seboll

Karen Farnsworth

General Manager:  
Jane Bahler-Hurt

Editor:  
Carla Ausmus & Amy Farris

**TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:**

Before calling check your breakers or fuses. Check to see if your neighbors have power.

When calling be sure to have the following:

*Your name
*Member number
*Location
*Which account (if you have multiple accounts)

When calling be sure to have power.

**Dates To Observe:**

Office Closed
September 2nd: Labor Day

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**Tri-County Fee Schedule**

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We offer levelized billing. If interested, please call the office at (660) 457-3733

**Manager’s Message**

It’s a new school year and kids of all ages are getting ready for a fresh year of learning! From kindergarten through college, students attend school to gain knowledge about a broad variety of subjects and learn new skills that will prepare them for the future. In a similar vein, Tri-County Electric is continually learning in order to advance technology that improves electric service, reliability, safety and in turn, enhances quality of life for the members we serve in our local communities.

Tri-County keeps abreast of industry trends because the energy sector is rapidly changing. Innovations in technology and energy types are fueling demand for more options. On the consumer front, people are looking for more ways to manage their energy use with smart technologies. Consumers expect more convenient payment methods — whether through automatic bill pay, pre-pay, online or in person. We’re working to help sift through the options for our members in ways that benefit the greater community. At the same time, we never lose sight of the top priority—providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

**Technology improves operational efficiency.** For example, automated meter reading (AMR) is the technology of automatically collecting energy consumption data and transferring it from the electric meter to the co-op. Because this information can be collected remotely, it enhances our system’s efficiency, helps control costs and improves work processes. Similar to AMR, there is another technology called advanced metering infrastructure (AMI). This is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks and data management systems that enable two-way communication between utilities and consumers. In the event of an outage, AMI helps to distinguish between events that impact a single home or multiple outages. This is critical because resolving either issue is a very different process. The two-way communication is integral to AMI because it provides a means to verify that power has been restored after an outage. However, one of the biggest benefits from improved technologies, especially for outages caused by extreme weather is pinpointing the outage location, which helps to reduce risk for crews out on the road during severe weather events. In addition to providing essential information during major outages, Tri-County analyzes AMI data for anomalies including faults, damaged meters or energy theft. Detecting these problems early helps our cooperative save money and improve reliability for the whole community.

**Energy for the future.** Consumer interest in green energy sources and renewables is at an all-time high. Nationally, the increasing use of solar energy is paving the way for new methods of generating and using electricity. That’s why Tri-County continues to research how best to adjust our energy mix. Whether it’s examining green energy options or exploring how emerging technologies can better serve our members, for Tri-County Electric, our “school year” is never over. We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities for the future, and we will continue to study and research the issues so that we can better serve you, now and in the future.

Jane Bahler-Hurt,  
CEO/General Manager

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