October is National Co-op Month.
Electric co-ops are proud to power more than 20 million American homes, businesses, farms and schools in 48 states.

Be sure to watch our social media posts during the We will have contests and drawings to celebrate National Co-op Month.

Follow us on Social Media!

Tri-County Electric Co-op | @TCEC_MO
Tri-County Electric Cooperative MO | @TCECMissouri

We need your help! 
#SpreadTheWord to your local commerce today!

Visit Connections.coop today!
EDUCATOR TRAINING
Coley Hanes, teacher at Schuyler County R-I and Carla Ausmus, Member Services at Tri-County Electric Cooperative attended the Energy in Today’s Classroom course at the University of Missouri-Columbia on July 30-31, 2019. Course topics included energy basics, energy sources, energy efficiency, economics of energy production, and power generation and transmission. Course attendees increased their understanding of electricity from generation to consumption. This will allow them to provide factual information in the classroom setting. In addition to classroom instruction and a hands-on lab, attendees toured Boone Electric Cooperative’s community solar array and the University of Missouri’s Power Plant.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT
This month’s featured employee is Ryan Bushnell. Ryan started his career at Tri-County Electric Cooperative on October 1, 2009 as a first-year lineman and was promoted to journeyman lineman in 2013. He is a lifelong Schuyler County native and graduated from Schuyler Co R-I in 2007. He attended Linn State Technical College and graduated in 2009 with an AAS in Electrical Distribution Systems. He is currently furthering his education online through the University of Phoenix. Ryan resides on the family farm with his wife and three children where they raise cattle, butcher hogs, and chickens. He is actively involved with his community and church. When he is not climbing poles or farming, Ryan enjoys spending time with family and traveling.

COMMUNITY
Several Tri-County Electric board members and employees could be seen volunteering at area fair gates and concession stands this past summer. Pictured on the right is Barbi Akers and Kenny McNamar at the NEMO Fair in Kirksville. Additionally, volunteers spent time at the Scotland County Fair in Memphis, Pioneer Days and the Jr. Livestock Show in Queen City, the Putnam County Fair in Unionville and Downing Appreciation Days in Downing.
Do you like to cook?  If so, we need your recipes!  Beginning this month and every month thereafter, we will feature our members’ favorite recipes. Whether it’s an age old family tradition or something you whip up for that carry in dinner, we want to share your recipes with our viewers. It’s as simple as mailing your recipe to Tri-County Electric, PO Box 159, Lancaster MO 63548 or e-mailing it to tricountyelectricmo@gmail.com. If you would like, tell us a little bit about your recipe and why it’s one of your favorites.

Our first recipe is from Maggie Bushnell. In her words:  “If you are or were anything like me, I loved to bake but working with yeast was always trying. That’s why when I found this recipe, all the obstacles were gone! It is simple, quick, and oh so delicious. I went from never making rolls to making them any chance or reason I get. I love to share my baked goodies, so it didn’t take long before my family was requesting them at every get together.

Break out your stand mixer and give it a try!

**From the kitchen of Maggie Bushnell**

**ONE HOUR CINNAMON ROLLS WITH BUTTERCREAM FROSTING**

**Dough:**
- 3 1/2 C warm water
- 3/4 C sugar
- 1/2 C oil
- 6 T yeast
- 1 T salt
- 3 eggs
- 10 1/2 C all purpose flour

Mix warm water, sugar, oil, and yeast in large mixing bowl. Let sit for 15 minutes. Add salt, eggs, and flour. Mix for 10 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes. Divide dough in half. Oil countertops and roll out dough into a rectangle about the size of a sheet cake pan. Brush with melted butter. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon. Spread half of the mixture onto the rolled out dough. Roll up and cut into 12 rolls. Repeat with the half of the dough. Tip: use oiled thread to cut rolls so as to not smash them. Put rolls in large sheet cake pan. Bake at 400 degrees in a preheated oven for 12-15 minutes.

**Frosting:**
- 1/2 C butter, softened
- 4 C powdered sugar
- 2 t vanilla extract
- 3-5 T milk or cream

Place butter in mixer with whisk attachment. Reduce mixer speed to low. Mix for 3 minutes on medium speed. Add vanilla, powdered sugar, and milk or cream. Slowly increase mixer until fluffy. Add more milk or cream for less stiff frosting.

**Going the Extra Mile**

Electric co-ops maintain more miles of power lines per consumer than other types of electric utilities. Even though they serve fewer consumers and acquire less revenue, electric co-ops always go the extra mile to power the communities they serve.

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Sources: EIA, 2017 data. Includes revenue and consumer averages per mile of line.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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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)

Dates To Observe:
Office Closed
November 11: Veteran’s Day
November 28 & 29: Thanksgiving

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Tri-County Fee Schedule
Late Payment Fee $10.00
Meter Test Fee $50.00
Returned Check Fee $30.00

Trip Fee for Member’s Side
Outage
Office Hours $60.00
After Hours $225.00

Reconnect Fee
Office Hours $60.00
w/in 12 months $185.00
After Hours $120.00

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

MANAGER’S MESSAGE

By the Community, for the Community
October is National Co-op Month.

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason – it’s National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Tri-County Electric Cooperative, celebrate who we are and more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different than other types of businesses. When the market declines to offer a product or service, or does so at a very high price, co-ops intervene to fill the need.

Similar to how Tri-County Electric Cooperative was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives are conveners for the common good. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Tri-County Electric Cooperative’s leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

We know our members (that’s you!) have a valuable perspective. That’s why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you.

Another feature that sets our co-op apart from a traditional utility is one of our core principles, “Concern for Community.” We participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, where we take our community’s brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We hope you will think of Tri-County Electric Cooperative as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you – because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.

July 2019 Board Report

At the July 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 (06/27/2019), Annual Meeting of Member Minutes (06/27/2019) and Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes (06/27/2019).
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The board received a safety report, a member services and a communications report.

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