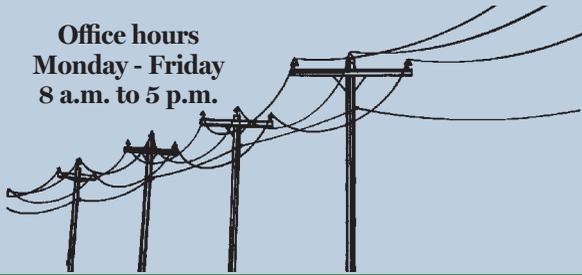


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### To report a power outage: 888-256-9858

Your call will be answered by the Cooperative Response Center. Give them the name on your account, service address, and a telephone number where you can be reached.

They will dispatch a line crew to restore service.

Be sure to check your fuse or breaker system before reporting a power outage.

### Jackpot news!

Neither **April Born** of rural McClure nor **Donovan Weaver** of rural Hamler reported spotting their hidden account number in the September issue of *Country Living*. Had either done so, they would have won half the jackpot and received a check for \$50.

Your account number is on your bill statement. Disregard the zeros at the left in the number, but consider any zeros to the right when converting your number to words.

The hidden account numbers are always in Tricounty's local pages of the magazine. The jackpot now stands at \$80. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it, and win!

# Happy Thanksgiving!



Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative wishes you and your family a happy, safe, and bountiful Thanksgiving.

Our office will be closed  
**Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25.**

EMERGENCY SERVICE ALWAYS IS AVAILABLE  
24 HOURS A DAY BY CALLING 1-888-256-9858.

See inside pages for highlights of your 79th Annual Meeting.



## 2016 Tricounty Annual Meeting Highlights

*Over \$600,000 returned to members in past year*

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BILL PASICK



President Bradley Haupricht



Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Brubaker



Craig Grooms, Buckeye Power

NEARLY 400 MEMBERS AND GUESTS attended Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative's 79th Annual Meeting of Members on Sept. 21, 2016, at Patrick Henry High School near Hamler.

Elected to a four-year term on the board of trustees was David Aguirre of rural Swanton. He represents District V and replaced Bradley Haupricht, who left the board because of term limits.

Board President Bradley Haupricht informed members that within the past year, Tricounty invested \$624,000 in its utility plant. This included equipment upgrades, new line construction, and rebuilding sections of older power lines. About \$582,000 was spent maintaining 616 miles of distribution line. Haupricht noted that maintenance and tree trimming programs are vital for Tricounty to provide the members with the reliable electric service they have come to expect. One zero seven eight zero zero zero.

Haupricht reported that the cooperative's solid financial position had allowed the retirement of over \$606,000 in capital credits the past fiscal year. He also announced the board had approved retirement of another \$416,000 in capital credits. This refund will be 50 percent of the year 2000 allocations and will be made in December 2016.

Since 1950, Tricounty has returned over \$16.1 million to its member-owners.

Craig Grooms, vice president of market operations for Buckeye Power — the generation and transmission cooperative that supplies power to Ohio's 24-member electric cooperative network — advised members that



the organization is seeing a shift to a more diverse supply of energy generation. This includes nuclear, coal, natural gas, and renewable sources. Grooms commented on Buckeye Power's successful implementation of more than \$1 billion in emissions control equipment at the Brilliant, Ohio-based Cardinal Generating Station.

Certified Public Accountant Greg Steyer reviewed the cooperative's financial report with members. He noted operating revenue had decreased nearly 5 percent due to less extreme weather, as compared to the previous year. Nearly 62 cents of the revenue dollar was spent on the cost of purchased power.

General Manager Brett Perkins reported on projects completed in the past year, which included upgrading 1,900 meters, rebuilding 10 miles of older power lines, enhancing equipment at the Maroe Substation, the trimming



Greg Steyer, CPA



General Manager Brett Perkins



Teller Committee Chair Larry Maassel announces trustee election results.



or removal of trees (right-of-way work) for over 150 miles of road, and adding another digger truck.

Perkins also announced the construction of a 25-MW community solar array just east of the office/warehouse complex in Malinta. This installation will allow Tricounty, in conjunction with Buckeye Power, to offer a more diverse energy supply to members via its "Our Solar" program. Three seven nine two one zero zero.

Perkins concluded by urging members to get to the polls in November to cast their ballot in this year's election. A brief video was then shown highlighting "Project Ohio," a collaborative electrification effort in which linemen from across the Ohio electric cooperative network brought power to the remote mountain village of La Soledad in Guatemala.

Rounding off the meeting, President Bradley Haupricht was recognized for his 12 years of service on the board of trustees. During his tenure, he served as board secretary-treasurer for 10 years and board president one year.

The meeting concluded with a drawing for \$600 in cash prizes. ☺



Brett Perkins, right, presents Bradley Haupricht with an engraved meter lamp in recognition of 12 years of service on the Tricounty Electric Board of Trustees.





**Say hello to your new board member**

David Aguirre, District V, was elected to a four-year term on the board of trustees during Tricounty's Annual Meeting of Members on Sept. 21.



**Nov. 11 — Veterans Day**

Tricounty honors all veterans for their service. We thank you for our freedom.