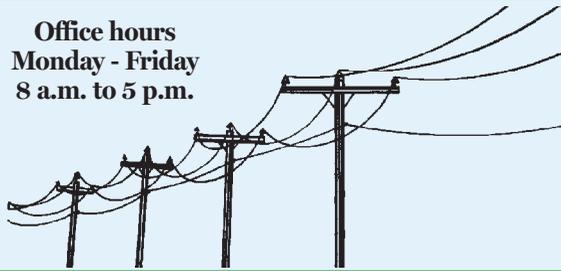


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To report a power outage: 888-256-9858

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 **John Tadena** of rural Leipsic nor **Matthew Williams** of rural Grand Rapids reported spotting their hidden account numbers in the June issue of *Country Living*. Had either done so, they would have won half the jackpot and received a check for \$35.

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 always are in Tricounty's local pages of the magazine. The jackpot now stands at \$90. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it and win!

Principles + values = cooperatives

ALL COOPERATIVE BUSINESSES around the world operate in accordance with the following seven cooperative principles.

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

We talk a lot about the seven cooperative principles, but co-ops have also adopted a set of values that help put these principles into practice.

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-ops believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Let's take a closer look at these values and see how they affect us here at Tricounty.

The founders of Tricounty created it to serve the members who use the electricity and other services we provide, and we continue to do that today. This embodies the values of self-help: doing what needs to be done. We also know we must embrace the value of self-responsibility and be accountable to you, our member. Four Six Eight Seven Zero Zero Zero

Each member has one vote, no matter how much electricity that member uses. This ensures that democracy is practiced the way it is intended, with equality for all members. This is a key difference between co-ops and investor-owned companies, where the number of votes you have depends on the number of shares you own.

For co-op members, equity has two meanings: We strive to treat all

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Brett Perkins
General Manager

Tricounty sponsors area student on trip to D.C.

Alivia Kaufman from Leipsic High School, the daughter of Steve and Janice Kaufman, recently represented Tricounty on the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The high school junior gained a personal understanding of American history, her role as a citizen and insight into the important roles electric cooperatives like Tricounty play in their communities.

Ohio's electric cooperatives have been providing this opportunity since the 1970s.

Alivia traveled to Gettysburg, Pa., and then onto the nation's capital with 37 other students from Ohio and West Virginia. Activities during the weeklong trip grouped them with about 1,700 more students representing electric cooperatives in 43 states, as part of the program that is also sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"Tricounty is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for our local youth," said Brett

Perkins, Tricounty general manager. "These students gained a firsthand understanding of the legislative process and made connections that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and it's an honor for Tricounty to give them the tools to succeed."

The students visited the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, Gettysburg National Military Park, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, the memorials and monuments, the National Museum of the Marine Corps and other attractions.

Alivia even had the opportunity to meet Ohio's U.S. Rep. Bob Latta and Speaker of the House John Boehner, of Cincinnati, during the Youth Tour.

"The fact that two strong political leaders took time out of their hectic schedule to meet with our students sent a strong message about the important leadership role they can play through civic engagement," Perkins said.



2015 Annual Meeting to be at Delta High School

Plans are underway for Tricounty's annual meeting of members on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Delta High School.

Registration will open at 5:30 p.m., with a delicious dinner beginning at 6 p.m. The business meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. and will conclude with a door prize drawing.

This is a great opportunity to visit with your neighbors and friends, elect two trustees to represent you on the Tricounty board and hear reports on the operation of your cooperative.

A gift will be provided for each membership represented in person. We look forward to seeing you Sept. 16.

What: 2015 Annual Meeting

Where: Delta High School, 605 Taylor St., Delta

When: Wednesday, Sept. 16

Who: All Tricounty members are invited to attend!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Tricounty helps 4-H campers build lamps

For over 40 years, Tricounty has provided area youth attending 4-H Camp Palmer with the materials and guidance to build their own lamps. Pictured in the top photo are two of this year's 12 campers from Fulton County, with a counselor, and below is the group from Henry County, all with their finished lamps.

Five Five Zero Six Zero Two



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of our members fairly, and it also means that as a member, you have equity, or ownership, in the co-op.

While each co-op is autonomous, we do act in solidarity with other co-ops and our community. We know that we can do more for you by partnering with other co-ops and like-minded organizations.

By using our values in support of our principles since our founding in 1936, we have been able to serve you for the past 79 years and will do so long into the future. ☺

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COOPERATIVE VALUES

Co-ops have adopted a set of values that helps put the Seven Cooperative Principles into practice.

- 1

SELF-HELP

CO-OPS TAKE ACTION AND GET THE JOB DONE.
- 2

SELF-RESPONSIBILITY

CO-OPS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO MEMBERS.
- 3

DEMOCRACY

EACH CO-OP MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE.
- 4

EQUALITY

DEMOCRACY ENSURES EQUALITY FOR ALL CO-OP MEMBERS.
- 5

EQUITY

MEMBERS HAVE OWNERSHIP IN THE CO-OP.
- 6

SOLIDARITY

PARTNERING WITH OTHER CO-OPS AND LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITS MEMBERS.

Introducing Tricounty's

PAY-BY-PHONE
toll-free number:
1-855-313-7465

If you want to make a payment on your electric bill over the phone using a credit/debit card, you **MUST** call the above number.

The system is automated and all of your personal information, such as card number and payment amount, will be entered by YOU.

At any time, you may hang up and this will discontinue the phone call.

NO ADDITIONAL FEE!

Before you call, you will need your account number.

After dialing, you will go to the main menu. You'll be prompted to press numbers for the actions you wish to complete.

Tricounty must use the automated system in order to be compliant with the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard. These worldwide requirements are designed to help companies that process such payments prevent credit card fraud through increased data controls.

This system ensures our continued ability to accept debit and credit card payments.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE **PAY-BY-PHONE** **TOLL-FREE NUMBER:** **1-855-313-7465**

MAIN MENU

- 1 – to inquire on your account or make payment
- 2 – to update your phone number

LOOK UP INFORMATION

- 1 – using account number
- 2 – using phone number

HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT

Please enter your account number followed by the # sign. (If this is correct Press 1; if not Press 2)

If you are calling regarding your service at _____ (Press 1; otherwise Press 2)

- 1 - to pay total amount due
For example: enter 15003# for \$150.03
(if this is correct Press 1; if not Press 2)
- 2 - to enter a specific amount
For example: enter 15003# for \$150.03
(if this is correct Press 1; if not Press 2)
- 3 – to continue (will take you back to *Main Menu*)
- 9 – to repeat this information

ONCE YOU ENTER AMOUNT TO PAY

- 1 – add another account to payment total
- 2 – process your payments

SELECT PAYMENT METHOD

- 1 – pay by Discover, MasterCard, Visa credit or debit card
- 3 – add another account to payment total
- 4 – exit this menu without making a payment (will take you back to *Main Menu*)
- 9 – repeat these options

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD AS YOUR PAYMENT METHOD

- 1 – enter credit card number; enter expiration date; enter security code on back of card and Press #



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