

From the  
PRESIDENT & CEO:

## A special invitation



by Craig Eccher

I would like to invite you to attend Tri-County's 2006 annual meeting, which will take place July 8 at Williamson High School near Tioga.

The annual meeting gives you the chance to exercise your rights as a cooperative member. You'll have the opportunity to share your comments, criticisms, compliments, and concerns about the operations of your electric cooperative. Our employees, management team, and board of directors will all be on hand for the event, so think of the annual meeting as a one-stop shopping place for all of your cooperative questions.

Dialogue with members at this annual event proves very valuable to those of us who manage and govern your local electric cooperative. We are able to gain insight into your wants

and concerns. And in turn, we hope we are able to provide you with a better understanding of Tri-County and its operations.

That's why it is so important for you to join us at the cooperative's annual meeting. As a member-owner, this is your cooperative, after all.

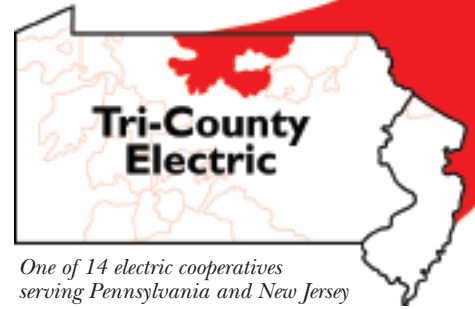
While there, you will not only have a chance to talk with your elected directors and Tri-County personnel, you can also:

- Learn about what's new at your cooperative.
- Hear director election results. Director seats are up for grabs in districts 1, 4, and 7. The successful candidates will be announced during the business portion of the annual meeting.
- Obtain information about products and services Tri-County offers to members, such as surge protection, energy audits, and electric water heaters.
- Win one of the great door prizes that will be awarded to those in attendance.
- Take part in a mini-health fair hosted by Laurel Health System.
- Enjoy a terrific chicken dinner.

We've also lined up a top-notch speaker for the meeting in Dave Rowe, a 13-year NFL veteran who played for the Oakland Raiders when they won Super Bowl XI in 1977. A Penn State University graduate, Rowe has served as manager of member and public relations for Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, an electric cooperative in central North Carolina, for nearly two decades.

I'm sure you will enjoy Dave's colorful recollections of his professional playing days, as well as his post-football career working for an electric cooperative.

In addition, we will again offer a



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high-voltage safety demonstration to show the hazards associated with working with energized lines as well as the safety precautions required by our line crews when working on those lines. We have also invited local entertainer Andy Boardman to perform prior to the meeting, which gets under way at 10:30 a.m.

Remember, the kids and grandkids are invited too. We've got a number of special activities planned just for them, including bucket truck rides, and will be giving away children's bicycles to three lucky kids in attendance.

I look forward to seeing you next month.

### Join Us at the 2006 Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 8, 2006  
Williamson High School,  
Tioga, Pa.

#### Highlights

- Former NFL player Dave Rowe to speak
- Door Prizes
- Lunch
- Director elections
- Children's activities
- Entertainment
- Bucket truck rides

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James R. Davis	<i>Chairman</i>
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### Summer Hours

7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

# Director elections slated for Districts 1, 4, 7

**D**emocracy will take center stage at Tri-County's 2006 annual meeting, with director elections highlighting the agenda.

This year, board seats are up for election in Districts 1, 4, and 7. Only members of those three districts may vote in this year's election.

In accordance with Tri-County's bylaws, director elections take place on a rotating basis, with three of the cooperative's nine districts electing directors each year.

If your account is located in one of this year's voting districts, you will find a mail-in ballot included with the annual meeting notification that Tri-County mails members in June. Please review the ballot, cast your vote and mail it back to Tri-County.

Election results will be announced at the 2006 Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting, set for Saturday, July 8, at Williamson High School near Tioga, Pa.

Elected candidates serve three-year terms. Tri-County directors are responsible for representing the needs and concerns of members in their districts. They also establish cooperative policies and oversee business operations.

All three candidates running for election this year are incumbents, and all are running unopposed. A profile of each candidate follows.

## District 1

*District 1 serves members in East Fork District, Homer, Keating, Portage, Summit, Sylvania, and Wharton townships in Potter County; Liberty and Norwich townships in McKean County; and Grove and Lumber townships in Cameron County.*



### Gerald A. Kite

Incumbent Gerald A. Kite is seeking his sixth consecutive term as District 1 director. He currently serves as vice

chairman of the Tri-County board.

A Keating Township supervisor active in local affairs, Kite serves on the boards of directors for two of Tri-County's utility affiliates, Valley Energy and private power company Citizens' Electric Company.

A retired innkeeper, Kite and his wife, Carol, reside in Keating Summit in Potter County.

"District 1 has a large percentage of seasonal accounts," notes Kite. "I understand their concerns as well as those of residential members. Balancing the views of both groups helps me make fair decisions for all members."

## District 4

*District 4 serves members in the Tioga County townships of Chatham, Clymer, Deerfield, Elkland, Farmington, Gaines, Middlebury, Nelson, Osceola, and Shippen.*



### James R. Davis

James R. Davis of Farmington Township is seeking election to his third term on the Tri-County Board of Directors, where he serves as chairman. Davis also serves on the boards of Allegheny Electric Cooperative (Allegheny), Tri-County's wholesale power supplier, and National Cooperative Services Corporation (NCSC), a national cooperative banking operation.

A retired educator, Davis does educational consulting work. He serves on recreational and health advisory boards, is a Pennsylvania Department of Education program monitor, and an educational textbook author. He and his wife, Elaine, reside in Farmington Township. They have three grown sons.

"In the five years I have served on the Tri-County board, I have taken many director training courses leading to my Credentialed Cooperative

Director status and learned the dynamics of the position. I would like to continue putting my education to use." Davis says. "As an area native, I understand the needs and problems of the members here. Serving on the Allegheny and NCSC boards enables me to represent our co-op at both the state and national level."

## District 7

*District 7 serves members in Athens, Ridgebury, Smithfield, South Creek, and Ulster townships in Bradford County.*



### Alston A. Teeter

Alston A. Teeter, incumbent director from District 7, is seeking re-election for a 10th term on the board of directors, where he serves as secretary/treasurer. He previously served as Tri-County board chairman from 1989-93 and as chairman of the board of directors for Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Tri-County's wholesale power supplier, from 1995-2005. He serves on the boards of directors of Tri-County's subsidiary, C&T Enterprises, and private power company affiliate Citizens' Electric Company.

Active in his church, Teeter is a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and a director of the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority. He and his wife, Jenny, own and operate a heifer replacement farm near Milan in Bradford County. They have three grown children.

"My first concern is to serve every member," Teeter says. "I feel with my business experience and cooperative training, I am qualified to meet the challenges of today's business and to maintain a healthy cooperative. With the importance of electricity in our lives today, I strive to keep it reliable and affordable to each member."



# Tri-County selects Youth Tour students

**S**even lucky high school juniors from Tri-County's service territory will join 1,400 students from all over the United States this month for the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour, a week-long excursion to our nation's capital. Participating students will visit historical sites including the Vietnam and Korean War memorials, the Smithsonian museums, National Cathedral, National Zoo, and the World War II Memorial.

Selected on the basis of an application, essay and extracurricular activities, the following students will represent Tri-County on the 2006 Youth Tour: Jessica Barrett, Wellsboro Area High School; Danielle Fulmer, Cowanesque Valley High School; Nicole Lee Karschner, Galeton Area High School; Zachary Kreger, Liberty High School; Sarah Satterlee, Cowanesque Valley High School; Alison Spanner, Liberty High School; and Danek Torrey, Hebron Center Christian School.



**Jessica Rose Barrett**, the daughter of Marvin Edward and Rose Anne Barrett of Middlebury Center, plays basketball, participates in the Business

Services Club and helps out in the high school office through the School-to-Work program. Following high school, she plans to attend a four-year college, with the goal of becoming an elementary education teacher.



**Danielle Fulmer**, the daughter of Daniel and Vicki Fulmer of Westfield, attends Cowanesque Valley High School where she plays on the school tennis team, participates in

band and student council, and serves as the junior class treasurer and historian. She plans to attend a four-year university following high school and hopes to pursue a career in health administration.



**Nicole Lee Karschner**, the daughter of Dennis L. and Laura Karschner of Ulysses, is a varsity member of Galeton Area High School's basketball,

softball, and tennis teams and is active in her church's youth group. Her future plans include attending a four-year college to pursue a career in physical education or special education.



**Zachary Kreger**, the son of James and Nancy Kreger of Morris, plays basketball and football, participates in band, Future Farmers of America,

and Key Club, and is active in his church youth group and Boy Scouts, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. A member of National Honor Society and Tioga County Youth Leadership Program, he plans to attend Penn State University following high school and pursue a career as a dairy farmer.



**Sarah Satterlee**, the daughter of Roland and Annetta Satterlee of Knoxville, attends Cowanesque Valley High School. She is active in cheerleading

and Future Farmers of America and participates in track and field. She also serves on the prom committee. Her career goal is to work as a computer engineer or programmer.



**Alison Spanner**, the daughter of Patricia Spanner of Morris, serves as junior class vice president, student council treasurer, and vice president of

Key Club at Liberty High School. She also participates in jazz band, concert band, concert choir, church choir, Sweet and Lows Madrigal Choir, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and the Yearbook Committee. In addition, she is a tutor with the Student Coalition for the Advancement of Literary Education. Alison plans to attend a four-year college following high school, with a career goal of working in music production.



**Danek Torrey**, the son of Karl and Gay Torey of CouderSport, is a junior at Hebron Central Christian School. He plays varsity basket-

ball and is active in the Ski Club, his church's youth group, serves as treasurer on the school yearbook staff, and is president of his 4-H Club. He plans to attend college with the goal of achieving success and traveling around the world.

*Tri-County's  
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Tuesday, July 4,  
in observance of  
Independence Day*

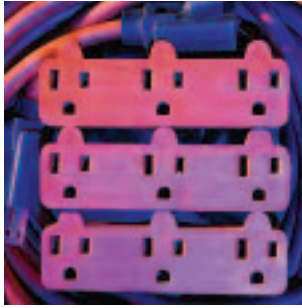


# Play it safe this summer

When working outdoors, please remain aware of electric hazards. Following are some safety tips to help make your summer safer:

- Electric-powered mowers, hedge trimmers, and other tools shouldn't be used in the rain, on wet grass, or in wet conditions.

- Before beginning any outdoor project, inspect electric power tools for frayed cords, broken plugs, and cracked or broken housings.



- Stay clear of electric and extension cords while trimming hedges and bushes.

- Always use an extension cord marked for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your tools.

- Be especially careful when using metal ladders because they conduct electricity! Carefully check the location of all overhead wires before using or extending a ladder. It is

especially important to be extra cautious when using a ladder in the area where

an electric line connects to the house.

- Don't plant flowers or shrubs in an effort to disguise a transformer cabinet on your property. It is dangerous to get close to the cabinets, and our trained crews need to have access to these high voltage lines.

- During an electrical storm, do not use appliances (i.e. hair dryers, toasters) or telephones (except in an emergency); do not take a bath or shower; keep batteries on hand for flashlights and radios in case of a power outage; and use surge protectors to protect your electronic devices and appliances.

## Family-In-Need Fund It's common cents

**W**ith the sharp rise in energy costs this year, we expect to see an increase in the number of cooperative families struggling to keep up with their electric bills. You can help your neighbors in need by signing up to participate in Tri-County's Family-In-Need Fund.

Participating in the program is inexpensive — less than \$1 a month — and helps unite the entire co-op as members help each other through difficult financial times.

### Contributing is Easy

The concept behind the Family-In-Need Fund is simple. You allow Tri-County to "round up" your monthly electric bill to the next dollar

amount. The difference between the round-up amount and your actual bill amount — which can be no higher than 99 cents in one month — goes into this new fund.

For example, if your electric bill is \$100.32, then you would pay \$101. The extra 68 cents goes into our Family-In-Need Fund.

Obviously, participating in the program can make balancing your checkbook a little easier as well.

### A Few Cents Can Make a Difference

Your donation of less than \$1 a month doesn't amount to a large sum of money over the course of the year. On average, you would end up donating about \$6 annually.



But your pocket change, when pooled with contributions from other participating members, can truly make a difference for a family without the means to pay its electric bill.

### Here's How You Can Help

Just fill out the form below and enclose it with your next electric bill. If you decide you no longer want to participate in the program, simply call the office and ask to stop.

The success of this program depends on the generosity of members. Neighbors helping neighbors — it's the cooperative way. Please send in your form today.

### Yes! I want to become a volunteer for the Family-In-Need Fund!

*I understand that my bill will be rounded up to the next dollar amount. My total bill will include my monthly contribution to the program, and I am responsible for paying that amount. I also understand that to stop donating to the fund, all I need to do is call the office and ask to stop.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your donation is tax-deductible. Thanks for helping.*