

Current Conversations

May 2026



Serving Through the Storm

Multiple tornadoes moved through parts of Parker and Wise Counties on Saturday, April 25, leaving significant damage across several of the communities we proudly serve. For many members, it was a frightening and difficult few days. For the employees responding, it became a round-the-clock restoration effort focused on restoring power safely.

Many TCEC employees live in the communities affected by the storms. Some left their own homes, families, and in some cases storm damage at their property, to respond and begin restoring power for other members.

That sense of responsibility and service is part of what makes the cooperative model different. Employees were not responding to strangers. They were working to restore power for neighbors, friends, and the communities they call home.

Storm response is often the most visible part of what electric cooperatives do, but the preparation behind it happens every day. System maintenance, vegetation management, pole inspections, and ongoing infrastructure improvements all play a role in helping crews respond safely and effectively when severe weather occurs.

We appreciate the patience, prayers, and encouragement shown to crews by members throughout the outage response. Those acts of support matter more than most people realize during difficult conditions. While storm response remains top of mind for many communities right now, TCEC also continues focused work on the long-term strength and reliability of the Cooperative.

Last month, we emailed the [2026 Fiscal Year Report](#) to members, and it is also included in this edition of *Current*



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Conversations. The report highlights the progress being made to strengthen the Cooperative's long-term financial health while continuing to focus on safe and reliable service for members.

All of this is achieved in partnership with you. Thank you for being a part of the Tri-County community.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, May 25

TCEC Offices Closed
Memorial Day

JOIN ROUND UP



STAY CONNECTED



After the Storm: The Work Behind Bringing the Lights Back On

On the night of Saturday, April 25, tornadoes moved through North Texas and nearly 13,000 TCEC members lost power. Power was restored by Thursday.

Field crews worked damage sites while scouts located problems ahead of them. Operators ran the control room around the clock. Support staff answered member calls, coordinated logistics, and supported restoration efforts throughout the response.

The physical scope of the damage tells its own story. More than 100 poles were replaced and seventy-two transformers were swapped out. Over 500 wire connections were made in the field. The wire replaced across the affected area stretched roughly nine miles.



IMPROVING FINANCIAL HEALTH

2026 Fiscal Year Report

For five years, Tri-County Electric relied on lines of credit to keep the doors open. That wasn't strategy.

That was survival.

As of April 30, 2026, that balance is \$0. In the past fiscal year alone, the Cooperative reduced total debt by \$80.4 million. That happened because team members across the organization made hundreds of decisions, month after month, to spend less, find savings, and apply every dollar recovered directly to debt reduction.

Lines of credit are no longer how this Cooperative operates. They're a tool, used when appropriate, not something we rely on to exist.

What began as a turnaround is now the standard. And it matters, because every dollar not spent on interest is one that doesn't come from the members we serve.

The 2026 Fiscal Year Report tells that story in plain language.

Read it at tcectexas.com/annual-report.



ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

Announcing the 2026 TCEC Scholarship Recipients

239 applicants. Ten North Texas school districts. Forty graduating seniors. Each walking away with a \$5,000 scholarship to help launch the next chapter of their lives.

The TCEC Scholarship Program is one of the most meaningful ways we live out our cooperative principle of concern for community. And what makes these dollars even more special? They come from unclaimed capital credits, funds that would otherwise leave our community entirely, reinvested right back into the students who call this service territory home.

These young people competed hard for this recognition, and they earned it. Congratulations to this year's recipients and a special thank you to the members of the Golden Triangle Rotary Club who had the tough task of selecting them from a talented pool of applicants.

Meet the 2026 recipients and learn more about the program [HERE](#).



Special thanks to the Golden Triangle Rotary Club of Fort Worth for serving as judges.

Pictured from left to right: *Dan Busby, Kristy Shabout, Brandy Ward, Kenn Wardle, Bev Dixon, Joe Schneider*

Not pictured: *DeWayne Ward, Felix Mira, and Ken Harrison*

ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

TCEC Presents \$15,000 Check to Texas Neighborhood Services

TCEC's mission is to provide safe, and reliable power at the lowest possible cost. But that is just one way the Cooperative serves its members. Our continuing commitment is demonstrated through Cooperative Giving, which provides bill assistance to qualifying members.

This month, even more members will be able to receive some financial relief thanks to an additional \$15,000 recently presented to Texas Neighborhood Services during an April ceremony.

This would not be possible without the generosity of members, employees, and community partners.

Read more [HERE](#).



Summer is Coming. Get Your Home Ready and Get Paid Back

It is starting to warm up in North Texas. Before that true summer heat arrives, make sure your home is ready.

TCEC offers rebates for heat pump tune-ups, new high-efficiency heat pumps, new mini split systems, and Energy Star certified products. You can receive rebates of up to \$125 for a tune-up and up to \$50 for the purchase of a new Energy Star appliance. Having a new heat pump or mini split system installed? You could receive up to \$200. And you can apply for each rebate twice in 2026.

And the best part is your fellow members are not footing the bill. These rebates are fully covered through unclaimed energy efficiency funds that would otherwise go back to the state. Nearly \$37,000 has been paid out already so make sure your home is working efficiently while getting some money back in your pocket.

Read more [HERE](#).



Limited funds available. First come, first served.

ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

TCEC Membership Saves You Money at These Local Businesses

The [TCEC Member Discount Program](#) connects members with local businesses offering exclusive deals. While we don't endorse any specific business, we're glad to pass on savings opportunities as a benefit of your membership. A quick mention of your TCEC account is all it takes at most participating locations. This month, we're featuring four more businesses from our directory.

[The Paisley Heart Boutique](#) in Willow Park has all the spring and summer clothing items and accessories to set you up for a stylish season. Get 10% off all purchases with the code TC10OFF! Find them at thepaisleyheart.com.

[Broligans](#) in Weatherford is an indoor golf simulator facility where you can practice your golf game, no matter the level of experience. Various membership levels are available and TCEC members save 10% on their first visit . Learn more at broligans.com

[Sparks Music School](#) in Granbury offers group and private music lessons for students of all ages and abilities. They also offer instrument repair and rental services. TCEC members receive 20% off registration fees. Find them at sparksmusicschool.com.

[Twisted Scissors](#) in Azle offers hairstyling services including cut and wash, coloring and smoothing. TCEC members can get \$35 off all chemical services and \$10 off hair cuts for new clients. Book now at twistedscissors99.booksy.com.

The full discount directory is available on the [MyTriCountyTX App](#) and is updated as new partners join. Inclusion in the Member Discount Program does not constitute an endorsement by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. These listings are provided as a member benefit and resource only.

Help Us Grow the Member Discount Directory

If you own a local business, or know someone who does, we'd love to add it to the Member Discount directory. Participating businesses offer an exclusive discount to TCEC members and employees. Contact communications@tcectexas.com to get started.



Outage Center



Cooperative Giving



**Power Cost
Recovery Tracker**



Ways to Pay



Office Locations



**Member
Information Center**