



POWERLINES

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Congratulations, High School Graduates!

Tri-State EMC would like to congratulate Luke Callihan, who will be graduating from Fannin County High School in May.

Luke is the son of Tri-State EMC Meter Reader Sterling Callihan and his wife, Kimberly.

Congratulations on your graduation, Luke! Tri-State EMC wishes you all the best for your future.



Luke Callihan



HAPPY
Mother's Day
SUNDAY, MAY 12



MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

Holiday Office Closing

Tri-State EMC's office will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. This is a day to remember those who died serving our country.

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Set the A/C at 78 Degrees



The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and most electric utilities recommend you set your thermostat at 78 degrees during the summer.

Before you leave for work, crank it up to 85 degrees, and before you turn in for the night, nudge it up to 82 degrees, the DOE recommends.

If that sounds a bit toasty for summertime, consider inching your thermostat up 1 degree at a time rather than all at once if you usually keep yours set at 72 in the summer—as most Americans do.

And consider replacing a manual thermostat with a programmable model so the settings will change automatically.

Have a Safe Father's Day



Keeep Father's Day happy by keeping dad safe, even as he tries out his new electric gifts. Home repairs can be a dangerous undertaking when electricity gets involved, so be sure your dad uses care with electrical equipment and steers clear of power lines. A bit of common sense and caution while working outside this spring and summer can also keep everyone safe.

Here are a few safety tips:

- A ladder—even a wooden one—can cause a fatal shock if it touches a power line.
- Inspect power tools and cords for frayed or broken wires and cracked cases before plugging them in.
- Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when you're not using them. Store them out of reach of children.
- Wait for things to dry off before working outdoors after it rains. Even damp grass can be dangerous when using electricity.
- When carrying ladders, aluminum siding, poles and other long objects, don't forget to look up. More than 20% of people who die in electricity-related home repair accidents have touched a power line with a ladder or building material.
- Keep your projects at least 10 feet away from power lines.