



# TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

" A Commitment to Service and Savings "

## Three Years Without A Lost Time Injury!



Tri-County Electric Cooperative employee Gary Dyess (L) accepting an award on behalf of all TCEC employees from Joe Snyder (R) with Texas Electric Cooperatives. The award was in recognition for working three years without a lost time injury.

Our Statewide Association Texas Electric Cooperatives recently recognized the employees of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for operating without a lost time injury for a period of three years. Operations Manager Slocum Katrycz was quick to point out that the achievement was a team effort of employees working from offices located in Azle, Keller, Granbury and Seymour Texas.

Electric distribution utility work is extremely dangerous. It involves the handling of high voltage power lines and equipment that is large and if not properly handled dangerous.

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Safety coordinator Gary Dyess is credited with keeping a watchful eye on scheduled safety training programs, involving employees at all levels for the Cooperative. Keeping safety a first priority involves not only our line crews, but also includes meter reading crews, engineering crews and office staff.

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Day to day activities such as exiting a vehicle, requires the driver to making sure the vehicle is safely parked and that work in progress signs are set up to warn oncoming drivers. Crews must also watch for family pets who might take exception to Cooperative employees coming on the property to investigate a problem. Dog attacks can be painful and very serious, especially if more than one animal is involved. Please make sure

your pets are secured when expecting assistance from the Cooperative. **224150001**

Weather poses the greatest danger to the electric power grid. Utility crews are called out to remove downed trees during ice storms that make roads difficult to navigate. Removing a downed tree from a power line becomes even more dangerous as surrounding trees groan under the weight of several thousand pounds of ice.

Evaluating your surroundings for potential danger is a serious part of the job planning process. Crews must make sure that everyone understands their assignment; wears the proper safety equipment, and has all the tools and material needed to safely perform the task. Just a few minutes of preparation can make the difference between a job well done and serious injury or death.

Safety training allows employees to review accidents that have occurred all across the state and nation. Instructors stress the importance of following specific work protocols which are designed to maintain safety. Crews are trained to properly use and inspect safety equipment to make sure it is in good working order. Safety demands attention to detail and shortcuts are not an option.

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Gary Dyess accepted the award from Joe Snyder on behalf of all the employees for Tri-County Electric Cooperative. Joe works for our statewide association, Texas Electric Cooperatives, and is responsible for coordinating loss control training for our employees at Tri-County and several other cooperatives in Texas.

Gary and Joe both recognize the achievement of going three years without a lost time accident, and they share a common goal to extend the streak for many years to come.



## SUMMER & FATHER'S Day A HOT TEXAS COMBINATION!

June 21 is a very important day for our planet and its relationship with the sun. It is one of two solstices, days when the rays of the sun directly strike one of the two tropical latitude lines. June 21 marks the beginning of summer in the northern hemisphere and simultaneously heralds the beginning of winter in the southern hemisphere.

The earth spins around its axis, an imaginary line going right through the planet between the north and south poles. The axis is tilted somewhat off the plane of the earth's revolution around the sun. The tilt of the axis is 23.5 degrees; thanks to this tilt, we enjoy the four seasons. For several months of the year, one half of the earth receives more direct rays of the sun than the other half.

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Summer in Texas means that air-conditioners are in heavy use and electric bills are climbing. The difference between the temperature on the indoor thermostat and the outdoor air defines the amount of work that your air-conditioning system must overcome. The quality of insulation, doors, and windows, determines the thermal resistance to heat transfer. It is this improved thermal efficiency that allows some homes to use less energy. Better insulating materials used during construction will reduce the number of Btu's needed to heat or cool a home.

Older homes can update attic insulation, install radiant barriers and replace windows and doors to reduce the number of Btu's needed to keep the interior cool during the hottest days.

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More efficient air-conditioning equipment with a higher SEER rating will provide more Btu's of cooling while using less electricity. Setting long term goals to improve your home's thermal efficiency is an investment that will pay returns for as long as you live there. It is also an investment in our planet's future as families learn how to maintain a standard of living, and at the same time, reduce energy needs. Call your Cooperative and schedule a free home energy audit and learn how to save.



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## From The Cooperative Kitchen



This month's recipe was provided by Sharon Harris from Springtown. She will receive a 60 Years of Home Cooking Cookbook, compliments of TCEC.

# TOASTED COCONUT PIE

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### \*\*\* INGREDIENTS \*\*\*

- 3 - Eggs
- 1 - Teaspoon of Vanilla
- 1 - Cup of Sugar
- 4 - Teaspoons of Lemon Juice
- 1/2 - Stick of Margarine (Softened for easy mixing)
- 1 1/3 - Cups of Coconut
- 1 - Unbaked Pie Shell

Mix the sugar, eggs, lemon juice and vanilla in a large mixing bowl.

Add softened margarine and coconut to the mixture. You may adjust the amount of coconut to your taste and to fit the size of the unbaked pie shell.

Place unbaked pie shell into a pie pan. If you use a pie shell furnished with a foil pan, be certain to place it on a cookie sheet before baking.

Carefully pour the mixture into the pie shell. Place in a preheated 350 degree oven and cook for approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Pie is done when you can insert a knife and it comes out clean. Remove the pie from the oven and allow to cool slightly before cutting.

\*\*\* SIMPLY DELICIOUS! \*\*\*

## It Pays To Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin and you will receive a \$20.00 credit on your electric bill. Simply contact one of the offices listed to the left and make them aware of your discovery.

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