



TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

"Taking Care of Our Member-Owners"

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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It's application time!

Tri-County Electric Co-op is sending six high school students to Washington, D.C. on the **2020 Government-in-Action Youth Tour!**



The tour, which runs June 17-26, gives students a chance to see our nation's Capitol and meet government leaders, including their Congressional representatives, as well as visiting national monuments, museums and other historic sites. 800641906

Each participant will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship for college or trade school.

Those who apply must be sophomores or juniors in high school, reside in a home powered by Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and submit a completed application by **Friday, Jan. 17, 2020**. Visit tcectexas.com/youth-tour for information.

TCEC will also award eight \$4,000 scholarships and eight \$2,000 scholarships to assist in the educational pursuits of our member-owners. 8000245202.

Graduating seniors who plan to pursue an academic degree or certification from an accredited university, college, junior college or technical school, and who live in a home powered by Tri-County Electric Cooperative, are eligible. The deadline to apply is **Friday, March 6, 2020**.

Call Annie McGinnis at 817-752-8116 or visit tcectexas.com/scholarship for more information.



80 YEARS AGO: Dec. 20, 1939, the board of Tri-County Electric Cooperative awarded a contract to Universal Electric Construction to build approximately 160 miles of electric transmission line for \$82,060.



Seasoned Crackers

Joe C. Young, Granbury



- 1 box saltine crackers
- ¼ cup canola oil (or peanut or olive)
- 1 package dry ranch dressing mix
- 2 tablespoons dry crushed red pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder

Mix oil dressing, garlic powder and red pepper flakes. 800737393

Place crackers in a large bowl with a lid. Pour mixture over crackers and mix. Turn mixture every 15 minutes for 2 hours.

Enjoy!

Fireplace safety tips

A fireplace can make your home cozy and comfortable for the holidays. But make sure you keep smoke and fire where you want them!

Here are a few solid safety reminders:

▶ **Open the flue before you burn:** Don't fill your house with smoke – and don't close the flue until the fire is cold.

▶ **Burn only seasoned hardwood:** The fireplace is not the place to burn trash. 8002482045

▶ **Go for a slow burn:** Though a roaring

fire looks nice, it's not as safe as a slower, steadier burn.



▶ **Open fireplace doors:** Glass doors are meant to keep drafts out when there's no fire, but can shatter if exposed to high heat. Open them, and use a screen while burning.

▶ **Avoid clutter:** Don't put flammable items near the fireplace. That includes trees, stockings or garlands.

▶ **Keep it clean:** Between fires, scoop up cool ashes and place them in a metal container. NEVER toss out hot ashes.



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Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin or *Texas Co-op Power* and you will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill! Simply contact one of our Member Services Representatives by calling the number to the right.

GOOD LUCK!