



# TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*"Taking Care of Our Member-Owners"*

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## FEBRUARY ALREADY?

January has flown by, and with the February issue of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine already in your mailbox, it's got to be almost springtime! There's a smorgasbord of good stories and good food in this month's issue, starting with that mouthwatering crawfish platter on the cover. And there's even more goodies in your Tri-County Electric Cooperative section!

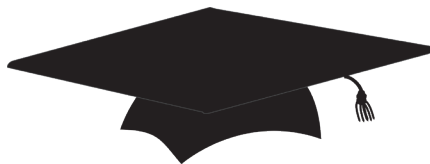


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## Deadline is March 6 to apply for scholarships

Tri-County Electric Cooperative will award eight \$4,000 scholarships and eight \$2,000 scholarships this year to help our members in their educational pursuits. 80055724



Electric Co-op are encouraged to apply.

Scholarships can be used to pursue an academic degree at an accredited university,

college or junior college, or certification in a vocational field through a technical school.

Those wishing to be considered must complete and submit an application by March 6 with an essay of 300 to 500 words on the topic, "What is the importance of the electric cooperative business model?" The application must include two letters of recommendation, a current high school transcript, and a high-resolution photograph -- preferably a school photo.

Let Tri-County Electric Cooperative help power your future! 800629449

Graduating high school seniors who live in homes powered by Tri-County

**80 YEARS AGO:** After a special meeting at which they learned more about the low bidder, the board sent an urgent telegram to Washington, asking the REA's okay to reject the low bid and go with the next low bidder on the B Unit. As a result, Uvalde Construction was able to finish the first unit and start immediately on the second, building 160 miles of line for \$82,202.

*(taken from the minutes of the board of directors, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Feb. 9, 1940)*

Find the application at [tcectexas.com/scholarship](http://tcectexas.com/scholarship), and get started today.

## HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

Tri-County Electric Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, February 17.



# Cherry Upside-Down Pudding

Bonnie Pleuss, Keller

1 can tart red cherries and juice  
1 can of water  
1 3/4 cup sugar  
1 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup shortening  
1 cup milk

In a small sauce pan, combine cherries, water and 3/4 cup sugar. Heat to boiling point.

In a bowl, sift flour, baking powder, salt and 1 cup sugar. Cut in shortening. Add milk and stir just enough to blend.

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Spread mixture on the bottom of a greased baking dish. Pour hot cherries on top.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown.

Enjoy! Makes a wonderful cobbler-type dessert.



### Baker's Tips:

- Can also use black cherries or canned, sliced peaches
- For fresh or frozen berries, use 1 1/2 cup water

## Recipe Submission Form

Please submit your favorite recipe, along with this form, to the Marketing/Business Development Department.

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. If your recipe doesn't get printed, please remember, we have more than 90,000 member-owners, so we get LOTS of recipes! Recipes must be submitted before the 20th of each month to be considered for the next Member Bulletin or issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. We reserve the right to reject any recipe. Please submit recipes through the postal service or email, not on the back of your payment stub. These stubs are processed automatically because we receive hundreds daily.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** Please include the above information with your recipe and send to [pr@tcectexas.com](mailto:pr@tcectexas.com)

**Mail:** Please detach and mail this form with your recipe to:

Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
Attn: Recipe Submission  
600 NW Parkway  
Azle, TX 76020

## Leap year is here!

If you've peeked ahead at the calendar, you've noticed that 2020 has an unusual date: Feb. 29.

That's right. This is a leap year. 8000684401

Leap years have 366 days instead of 365, because the actual length of a year is 365.242 days. So, every four years the calendar plays catch-up.

There's one exception: Since a year is slightly less than 365.25 days long, adding an extra day every four years means that in 400 years, we've added one too many. Back in 2000, we did have a leap year, but in 2100, 2200 and 2300, we'll skip it. (Mark your calendar!)



Julius Caesar originated all this in 45 BC to get away from the old 355-day calendar, which required the Romans to add an extra 22- or 23-day month every other year. He added an odd day or two to most months (yes, that's Caesar's fault) to get to 365. Then his astronomer, Sosigenes, came up with the idea of adding a day to Februarius, every fourth year.

So if you were born on Feb. 29, *Happy Birthday* – and please feel free to celebrate four times as hard!

## It Pays To Stay Informed

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!**



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