



# TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*"Taking Care of Our Member-Owners"*

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

## March right in!

Spring is definitely in the air, and Tri-County Electric Co-op members can find an early Easter basket full of good reading and good recipes in the March issue of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine. Find your account number, call in and you can receive a \$20 credit on your next electric bill!



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## SPRING SAVINGS: *Spend less, enjoy the season more*

Spring is a good time to take a few steps that could save energy and money as the days get warmer.

**1) Tune up your AC.** Hot weather is still a few months away, but if you put off having your equipment serviced, you run the risk of a breakdown on a sweltering summer day. A quali-

fied technician can replace filters, check refrigerant and clean the evaporator coils.

**2) Turn off the heat.** Delay your use of the air conditioner and enjoy the fresh spring air as long as you can. 800601135

**3) Open the windows.** Natural ventilation costs

nothing. On warm spring days, invite spring breezes and sunshine in. It's a great way to air out the house as you begin spring cleaning.

**4) Seal cracks** in your interior drywall. You may find them around outlets, cable lines, windows and doors. The Department of Energy estimates savings of up to 30% on your energy bills by sealing air leaks.

**5) Use ceiling fans.** Cooling with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat several degrees, lowering your bill without sacrificing comfort.

**6) Service large appliances.** The refrigerator is one of your home's biggest users of energy. Keep it clean inside and out, including the back, where

coils collect dust and sap the unit's efficiency. It's also a good time to clean the lint out of that dryer vent.

**7) Let the sunshine in.** During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home. 80072701

**80 YEARS AGO:** Bids for a new office in Azle were tabulated and J.O. Pearson got the job with a base bid of \$5,200.

The board voted to seek a \$4,000 loan from the REA and have the Co-op put up the rest. This building, at 505 West Main in Azle, is now occupied by a law office, but Tri-County Electric Cooperative's cornerstone is still there.

*(taken from the minutes of the board of directors, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, March 7, 1940)*

## Scam Alert

Tri-County Electric Co-op will never call and demand payment.

If you are unsure, hang up and call our offices at 817.444.3201.

Don't fall victim to threatening calls!



## 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:** Detach and mail this form with your recipe to:

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

## Blueberry Cream Cheese Danish

Deborah  
Strain, Azle



1 8 oz. tube of refrigerator crescent rolls  
4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/2 cup fresh blue berries

Unroll dough into 4 rectangles. Firmly press perforation together to seal.

Combine cream cheese and sugar. Spread on dough, leaving 1/2 inch around the edges. Top each evenly with blueberries. Bring opposite corners of rectangles together in center. Press to seal. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. 800640877

Bake at 375 degrees F for 11-13 minutes, or until golden brown. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.

Enjoy!

## St. Patrick's: Time for a spring celebration

March's most notable holiday is Saint Patrick's Day, a feast day that celebrates the patron saint of Ireland.

Born Maewyn Succat in Britain in the 4th century, he was kidnapped at 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped, but returned to convert the Irish to Christianity. He changed his name to Patricius, Latin for "father," when he became a priest.

Among the many legends that grew up around Saint Patrick was that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. The Irish came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts, but over the last few years, the festivities tend to celebrate all things Irish.

Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed

by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has even colored its river green to mark the annual spring celebration.

Irish and non-Irish alike commonly join in the parades, and people all over the U.S. participate in the "wearing of the green," sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock to avoid a pinch.

Some drinking establishments even dye the beer green to celebrate St. Paddy's day. 800691639

So enjoy the 17th -- when we're all a wee bit Irish!



## It Pays To Stay Informed

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**GOOD LUCK!**



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