



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

“Taking Care of Our Member-Owners”

Member Information Bulletin

January 2021

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Azle - 600 NW Parkway

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We are here for you during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Highlighting your January Texas Co-op Power

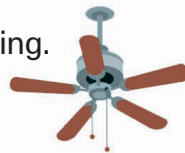
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Look for your account number in the Co-op News section for a chance to claim a \$20 bill credit!

Resolve to be Energy Efficient

It's time to make New Year's resolutions. Why not include energy efficiency as of your 2021 goals? Some of the best ways to conserve energy in January include:

- ▶ Take down your Christmas lights.
- ▶ Turn down the thermostat to the recommended 68 degrees.
- ▶ Switch your fans to turn clockwise. 20487001
- ▶ Close your fireplace damper when a fire isn't burning.
- ▶ Let the sun shine in through the windows.
- ▶ Use space heaters selectively.
- ▶ Wear warmer clothes.
- ▶ Limit the use of exhaust fans.
- ▶ Eliminate drafts.



Tips to Avoid Scams

Scammers can threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams. Here are a few reminders from your electric co-op:

- ▶ Tri-County Electric Cooperative employees will never show up at your door and demand payment. 800839004
- ▶ Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Real co-op representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- ▶ Demands for immediate payments by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or reloadable cash cards should immediately raise red flags. 11797001
- ▶ If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please let us know as soon as possible.

Amish Ham Stew

A.M. Stein of Keller

4-5 lb. smoked ham, preferably bone-in
4-6 russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
2, 12 oz. frozen packages of Italian green beans
2 large onions, peeled and sliced into ¼ inch slices
1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
1 tablespoon original Mrs. Dash seasoning
Water

Cut rind off ham and trim excess fat. Place trimmed ham into large stock pot. Fill with water until ham is covered. Add onions, pepper and Mrs. Dash seasoning.



Bring water to boil and reduce to medium-low heat. Check occasionally to make sure the water covers the ham. Cover and cook 2-3 hours until ham easily breaks apart and comes off the bone.

Remove ham and place on a cutting board. Debone the ham and cut into bite sized pieces. Cover with foil and set aside.

Place potatoes into broth and boil until par-cooked. Add green beans. Once potatoes and beans are cooked through, add ham back into broth. Cook until ham is reheated thoroughly.

Enjoy!

COOK'S TIP: Serve with crusty bread to soak up the broth.

Wired in History:

Manager Johnnie Ammons told the board the co-op has not been able to keep up with tree and brush growth in the right-of-way, and suggested they hire a contractor and evaluate progress after a few weeks on the job. He noted extensive tree growth has a major effect on service outages.

From the Tri-County Electric Co-op minutes, Jan. 14, 1980

It Pays to Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin or the *Texas Co-op Power* and you will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill! **Simply contact our Member Services department by calling 817-444-3201.**

Share your Favorite Recipe!

Please submit your favorite recipe and this form to the Communications Department.

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. As we have more than 94,250 member-owners, we may receive high volumes of submissions. Recipes must be submitted before the 20th of each month to be considered for the next Member Bulletin or issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* (i.e., January 20th for the February issue). We reserve the right to refuse any recipe. Please submit recipes through the postal service or email and not on the back of your payment stub. These stubs are processed automatically because we receive hundreds daily. 130707401

Name: _____

Town: _____

Recipe Name: _____

Email: Please include the above information with your recipe and send to pr@tcectexas.com

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