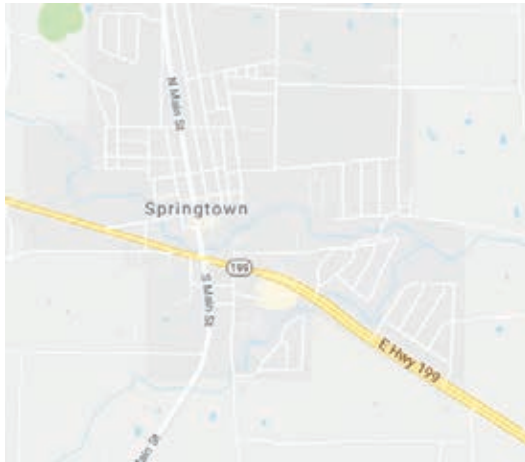


2019 DISTRICT MEETINGS

**District 5 Meeting****Friday, July 12 | Springtown Senior Center**

Registration opens at 6 p.m. with meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Member-owners who reside in District 5, as designated by the board of directors, will receive an invitation in the mail in early June to attend this meeting. The purpose of this district meeting is to nominate a director to the board to represent members of District 5.

Director **Steve Harris** has indicated his intention to seek reelection to the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. 105900103

**District 9 Meeting****Tuesday, July 9 | Byron Nelson High School**

Registration opens at 6 p.m. with meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Member-owners who reside in District 9, as designated by the board of directors, will receive an invitation in the mail in early June to attend this meeting. The purpose of this district meeting is to nominate a director to the board to represent the members of District 9.

Director **Max Waddell** has indicated his intention to seek reelection to the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

**District 10 Meeting****Monday, July 8 | Seymour High School auditorium**

Registration opens at 6 p.m. with meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Member-owners who reside in District 10, as designated by the board of directors, will receive an invitation in the mail in early June to attend this meeting. The purpose of this district meeting is to nominate a director to the board to represent the members of District 10.

Director **Larry Miller** has indicated his intention to seek reelection to the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

If you have questions regarding district meetings, please contact Annie McGinnis, communications specialist, at (817) 752-8116 or amcginnis@tcectexas.com.

Meet Your Board Members Seeking Reelection



Steve Harris, District 5

District meeting: Friday, July 12 | Springtown Senior Center
Harris represents the member-owners of District 5 and has served on the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since February 1998. Harris, a lifelong resident of the Agnes community, is active in his community and church. He owns a construction business, operates a hay and cattle operation, and serves as general manager of Walnut Creek Water District.



Max Waddell, District 9

District meeting: Tuesday, July 9 | Byron Nelson High School
Waddell represents the member-owners of District 9 and has served on the Tri-County EC Board of Directors since June 2010. He completed training requirements for his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate in November 2011, obtained his Board Leadership certificate and completes yearly training to maintain his Director Gold credential. Waddell has run a private practice chiropractic clinic in Keller since October 1994 and is an active member of his church and community. He has served on multiple boards, including those of the Society of Chiropractic Orthospinology and Keller Chamber of Commerce. Waddell has served the Keller Rotary Club as a board member and president. 800796970



Larry Miller, District 10

District meeting: Monday, July 8 | Seymour High School auditorium
Miller represents the member-owners of District 10 and has served on the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since August 2005. He completed training requirements for his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate, obtained his Board Leadership certificate and completes yearly training to maintain his Director Gold credential. Miller is a graduate of Texas Tech University and an active farmer and rancher in the Seymour area. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service after 30 years of service and has served on the boards of Farmers Cooperative, First AG Credit FCS and Wichita Falls Production Credit Association.

2019 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Help Us Beat the Peak

Timing is everything when it comes to summer electricity use

YOU CAN HELP KEEP ELECTRICITY RATES LOW BY USING POWER WHEN IT'S NOT IN HIGH demand.

During the summer, peak load demands occur at the times of day when most people use the most electricity, like in the middle of a hot afternoon when everyone runs air conditioners and around dinnertime when families are cooking, taking showers, washing dishes and doing laundry.

Off-peak hours usually are early in the morning, after dark and on weekends.

The less electricity you and your neighbors use during peak times, the less overall demand there is. That lowers the strain on the power grid and reduces the need for building additional—and expensive—power plants.

Lower demand means Tri-County Electric Cooperative can lock in lower rates and pass those savings on to our members. So everyone saves.

You can do your part by scheduling tasks during off-peak hours and keeping electricity usage to a minimum between 3 and 7 p.m.

Here are some simple tips for adjusting your schedule to beat the peak:

- ▶ Wait until off-peak hours to run your dishwasher. 800796567
- ▶ Run full laundry loads during off-peak hours on weekdays or on weekends.
- ▶ Wait for off-peak hours to run your pool pump, which can use more electricity than any other appliance—except for the air conditioner.
- ▶ Install a timer on your water heater so it won't come on during peak hours.

You'll still have plenty of hot water in the morning because it can run overnight.

If we all work together to help reduce demand during peak times, we can reduce Tri-County EC's power costs, which in turn helps keep your cost down.



Turn Out the Lights Without Making a Move

IF YOU'RE TIRED OF REMINDING EVERYONE in your house to turn off the lights when they leave a room, install light switches that do it for them.

Motion-sensing light switches contain small sensors that detect movement in a room. When they sense motion, they keep the lights on, and when all is still for a set amount of time, they switch the lights off.

Buy a good-quality model that is not so sensitive that it will flick on the lights every time a fly buzzes into the room. On the other hand, avoid models that only sense major movements, or you'll wind up waving your hands at the sensor every time you're working at your computer or watching TV and the switch thinks the room is empty.

The switches are easy to install on your own by first shutting off the breaker to the switch and testing to confirm that it's off. Then remove your existing switch and faceplate, disconnect the wires, reconnect the wires to the motion-activated switch, screw it back into the wall and reattach the faceplate.

For rooms that you use most often during the day, install a motion-sensor switch that also detects daylight. It will switch the light on only when there is motion and the room is too dark.



Shifting chores to off-peak hours can add up to big savings for your co-op and you.

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SAVE THE DATE

TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 7 p.m. | Weatherford High School

Please plan to join us at Tri-County EC's 80th Annual Meeting of the Members! This year marks 80 years of serving you, our member-owners. In celebration of our membership, we will have entertainment, dinner, booths, demos, door prizes, bill credits and more!

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Southlake Carroll High School
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CHASE TORGESEN
Azle High School
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Seymour High School
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Brazos EPC Representative

2019 MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS THAT Tri-County Electric Cooperative has participated in the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Seven lucky high school students will get the chance to represent Tri-County EC on this trip to our nation's capital this month.

The trip kicks off June 12 in Austin, where our young representatives will meet up with some 150 other high school



students from around the state. On June 14, the group departs for Washington, D.C., for six action-packed days of learning, exploring and personal growth. 800753053

You can follow these young adults on Tri-County EC's Facebook page as they learn about our nation's history and government and gain leadership experience.



During warm weather, prepare a cool meal instead of using your oven.

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Give a Wedding Gift That Promotes Energy Efficiency

WHAT GIFT COULD BE BETTER FOR A newlywed couple than one that helps them save energy and money?

Here are a few ideas:

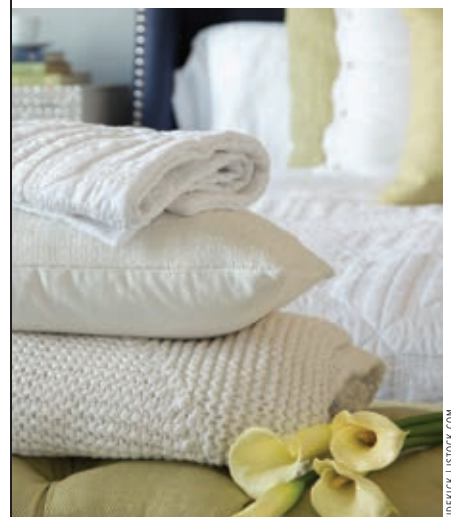
- ▶ Microwave ovens, pressure cookers and slow cookers use less energy than the oven or stovetop to cook meals, and they often require less effort.

- ▶ Everyone loves a cozy, warm blanket, and while we don't often consider them an energy-saving device, finding alternatives to boosting the heat is one of the best ways to save money in the winter. Wrap up a cozy traditional or electric blanket as a gift to help the new couple stay warm.

- ▶ A programmable thermostat will help the new couple save money and energy, and newer models have tons of bells and whistles that can be fun to tinker with as the newlyweds start to automate their new home.

- ▶ Look for the blue Energy Star logo on electronic devices, from TVs and home theater systems to tablets and computers. 8001356404

- ▶ Light up their world with an LED lamp. From night lights to desk lamps to motion-activated fixtures, these long-lasting light sources are highly efficient.



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10 Ways To Save on Energy Bills

1. INSTALL A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SAYS you can save up to \$150 a year on heating and cooling bills if you do—and if you program the thermostat properly. Some homeowners who buy programmable thermostats continue to manually adjust the temperature instead of setting the device to automatically raise and lower the temperature for maximum savings.

2. Raise your air conditioner's temperature to 78 degrees. If you usually leave it at 72 degrees, this change could save you up to 18% on your cooling bill.

3. Turn off your computer. You could save \$75 a year if you shut it down when you're not using it. A tip: Plug your computer, printer and scanner into a power strip or surge protector and shut the whole thing down when you're finished using it for the day.

4. Don't use your oven. Especially when the weather is really warm, prepare unheated meals instead, or heat your food in a microwave or toaster oven.

5. Lower your water heater's temperature to 120 degrees. The DOE estimates that heating water accounts for up to 25% of the energy your home consumes.

6. Use ceiling fans. But turn them on only while you're in the room. A fan circulates the air so you feel cooler, but it doesn't actually cool the room. So leaving a fan on in an empty room is a waste of electricity.

7. Plant trees around your house to shade windows from the sun and to block wind from blowing into the house through cracks and crevices.

8. Replace all incandescent and CFL bulbs in your house with LEDs. These modern lightbulbs are more energy efficient because more of the electricity they consume is used for light rather than heat.

9. Move your lamps and TV away from the thermostat. The heat they emit can trick the thermostat into working overtime to cool your home.

10. Wash only full loads of laundry and wash clothes in cold water to save as much as \$63 a year.



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Lightning Safety Enlightenment

NATIONAL LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK WAS LAUNCHED IN 2001 TO CALL attention to this often underestimated killer. Since then, U.S. lightning fatalities have dropped from about 50 per year to about 30. This decrease in deaths is largely due to greater awareness of the danger lightning poses and to more people seeking safety when thunderstorms threaten.

This year, Lightning Safety Awareness week is June 23–29, and we encourage you to heed these tips and raise your awareness of the dangers of lightning.

Protect Yourself

Use the 30/30 rule: When you see lightning, count the seconds until you hear thunder. If fewer than 30 seconds pass, the thunderstorm is within 6 miles of you and is dangerous. Immediately seek shelter indoors or in a hardtop vehicle and remain until you have not heard thunder for 30 minutes.

Don't touch concrete surfaces, including those in a garage. Lightning can travel through the metal wires in concrete walls and flooring. Stay off corded phones and plugged-in electronics.

Avoid plumbing and water, including bathing or doing laundry.

Never seek shelter under trees, poles or other tall structures as they are more likely to be struck by lightning.

Protect Your Property

Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and TVs to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes.

Surge protection can help prevent damage to your electronics. **There are two types of surge protection:**

- ▶ **Point-of-use:** Protects devices that are directly plugged into the surge protector from most electrical surges.
- ▶ **Whole house:** Located at your main electrical panel or the base of the electric meter, this device provides protection for your entire electrical system.

However, neither type can safeguard against a direct lightning strike. If you live in an area prone to lightning, consider a lightning protection system.

Buying Dad a TV for Father's Day?

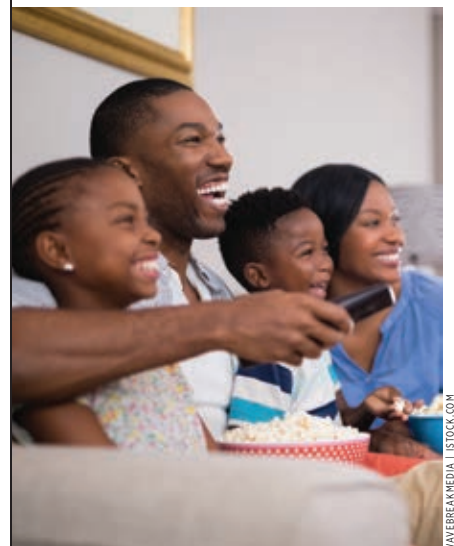
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO BUY DAD A TV for Father's Day—Sunday, June 16—shop wisely. Here are four things to consider:

1. Screen size. Plenty of shoppers make the mistake of buying the biggest screen they can afford, but that's not always best. If you like to sit close to the TV while watching, for example, a large screen may not be the best fit. Optimal viewing for bigger screens requires some distance. The pros recommend buying a TV that's between 40 and 65 inches, depending on the size of the room. 800678865

2. 4K or 1080p. Ultra-high definition TVs—or 4K—have four times greater resolution but also cost a lot more than regular high-def sets—also known as 1080p. So if Dad likes to see every detail, 4K might be the better choice.

3. Smart TV. A TV that's connected to the internet can access online streaming video services such as Netflix. Higher-end models have apps, and some can even recognize voice commands.

4. HDR. Product reviewers say a TV with high dynamic range compatibility has superior color and contrast—the brightest whites and the darkest blacks. While little HDR content is available now, it could be the next big thing.



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Friday, June 14



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16

WHY MY CO-OP MATTERS

Being a mom is a full-time job—in addition to my full-time job. By the time dinner is on the table and dishes are washed, I don't want to think about paying bills or other household tasks.

My electric co-op matters to me because the folks there care about my time. With online billing and automated payments, budget plans and easy energy-saving tips, they provide lots of options that make my life easier. 8002116401

My co-op's commitment to convenience matters to me.



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Strawberry Lemonade Cake

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CAKE

2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, at room temperature
1¾ cups sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon zest
4 eggs
½ cup fresh lemon juice

1 cup buttermilk
8-10 strawberries, hulled and sliced

FROSTING

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
5 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons whole milk
2-4 large strawberries, chopped



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1. CAKE: Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a bowl, and set aside. 138203002

2. In a separate bowl, add butter, sugar and lemon zest. Beat until light and fluffy. With a mixer on low speed, add the eggs, one at a time, combining thoroughly in between. With the mixer still running, add the lemon juice. Batter will look curdled, but it's not.

3. Add ⅓ of the dry ingredients and ½ cup of the buttermilk, and mix. Stop to scrape the sides of the bowl. Repeat, adding another third of the dry ingredients and mix until completely combined and the batter is light and fluffy.

4. Spray two 9-inch baking pans. Divide the batter evenly and pour into each pan. Bake at 350 degrees 25-30 minutes, or

until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let the cakes cool before removing from the pans.

5. FROSTING: While the cakes are cooling, combine butter and powdered sugar in a large bowl or stand mixer. Mix on medium speed until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes.

6. Add the milk and strawberries and mix on high speed until the frosting is very fluffy and pale pink in color, with flecks of strawberry.

7. Invert one of the cake rounds onto a cake plate. Generously spread with frosting and top with strawberry slices. Repeat with the remaining layer of cake and frosting. Frost the sides of the cake.

8. Put in refrigerator about 30 minutes to allow frosting to set. Serve at room temperature. Enjoy!

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