



# TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*" A Commitment to Service and Savings "*



The TCEC Annual Meeting of Members is an opportunity for Cooperative Members to become more informed about their Cooperative. In the year 1939, TCEC was just beginning the task of delivering electricity to farms and ranches in a three-county service area which included Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties. The Cooperative was organized by community leaders with a desire to build a better life for their families and friends. Over the years, TCEC has grown to service portions of sixteen counties in North Central Texas. Our Members are our strength and the District and Annual Meetings help us stay in touch.

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Presently, the Cooperative's service area is divided into nine districts. District meetings are held within each district on a three year rotation. At the District Meetings, Members are given the opportunity to meet and nominate a Director to represent their District on the Cooperative's Board of Directors. This year, District Meetings were held on August 9th in Seymour, August 15th in Springtown, August 30th in Weatherford and September 6th in Southlake. Members from these districts were provided the opportunity to nominate a Director for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

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The Cooperative's By-Laws require a minimum attendance or by proxy of 5% of the total membership to conduct business at the Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will require the participation of approximately 3,060 members. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting on October 9, 2007. Registration and dinner will start at 6:00 PM and the meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM. All members will be mailed a meeting notice and ballot on September 14th. If you can't attend the Annual Meeting, mark and return your ballot using the postage paid envelope mailed with the ballot. Ballots returned by mail will be given a \$2.00 credit on the electric bill. Remember you can and do make a difference.

## Annual Meeting Of Membership

**October 9, 2007**

The Cooperative's Annual Meeting is a special event and fun for the whole family. Members are the reason for the Cooperative's existence and the Annual Meeting has been a major event every year since 1939. Make plans to participate in this year's Annual Meeting.

## Annual Meeting

**Date: October 9, 2007 Time: 7:30 PM**

**Place: Church of God Campground**  
2240 Fort Worth Highway (Hwy 80), Weatherford, TX

**Live**

**Entertainment**

**Under the Big Tent:**

**Dinner Under the Tent**

**Cooperative Employees will serve a sliced Bar-B-Que sandwich, soft drink, chips & pie for \$3.00 per plate. Dinner Begins 6:00 PM**

**Door Prizes**

**\$10.00 Attendance Credit on Bill**  
**\$3,000.00 in Electric Credit Certificates and Donated Prizes from TCEC Suppliers.**

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## Make Smart Choices When Purchasing Household Electronics

It is quickly becoming a popular trend to purchase the biggest, brightest television available without consideration for operating cost.

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New plasma TVs offer a great picture, but in general they consume four times the amount of electricity used by the older cathode ray tube television. A typical 55 inch plasma TX consumes 507 watts of electricity when turned on, about what a typical refrigerator uses.

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Luckily, not all flat screen televisions are quite so energy hungry. A similar size LCD flat screen TV uses 307 watts, and if you're willing to buy a slightly bulkier unit, a new rear projection model uses just 150 watts of electricity.

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The best way for people to reduce the energy household electronics use in their homes is to select the most energy efficient models and use them wisely. Even when electronic devices are switched off, many still pull electricity. For example, a microwave oven may have a clock running continuously. It's best to unplug some of these devices when you are not using them. Many new televisions and computers also come with power saving modes that can help reduce electric consumption.

It also helps to turn down the brightness on your television set so it doesn't use as much energy. Watching TV with room lights turned down can allow you to greatly reduce the brightness of your set resulting in reduced energy consumption.

Helping our members understand how energy is being used is the first step in taking back control on your family's energy needs. To learn more about your home, contact one of our offices and inquire about a free home energy audit. One of our representatives will come to your home and explain what needs to be done to reduce energy needs for your family.

## It Pays To Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin and you will receive a \$20.00 credit on your electric bill. Simply contact one of the offices listed below and make them aware of your discovery.

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Central Headquarters Office (817) 444-3201 or (817) 523-7231  
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## From The Cooperative Kitchen



This month's recipe was provided by Kay Fairrel from Weatherford. She will receive a Texas Co-Op Power Cookbook, compliments of TCEC.



# FESTIVE CRANBERRY SALAD

### ... INGREDIENTS ...

- 4 - Cups of Raw Cranberries
- 4 - Large Ripe Apples
- 2 - Large Oranges
- 1 - Cup of honey
- 1 - Cup of Chopped Pecans
- 1 - Teaspoon Ground Cloves
- 2 - Teaspoons Cinnamon Powder

Peel outer skin of oranges with a vegetable peeler.

Section and remove seeds from oranges.

Core unpeeled apples.

Chop fruit with cranberries in a food processor.

Add honey, spice and pecans.

Marinate overnight in refrigerator, serve cold.

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## Caution!

### Will Earn You An A+ When Driving

Just a reminder, our kids are back in school and school zones and buses require our constant attention. Never attempt to pass a school bus unless the driver is waving traffic around. Watch your speed in school zones to avoid a costly ticket or worse yet an accident involving a child. Talk with young teenage drivers and make sure they respect both buses and school zones. Showing off can be deadly!