



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 18th in Azle, and August 28th at the Garner School. 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 3,225 members. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting on October 7, 2008. 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 15th. 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 7, 2008

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 7, 2008 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.

September 2008 Member Information Bulletin

Please Never Mount Personal Property On Utility Poles



Thousands of poles are responsible for providing electric service to our Cooperative Members. At any given time utility crews may be required to climb that pole to replace insulators, transformers, fuses or make repairs to electrical connections. Pole climbing is dangerous enough without having to worry about climbing around a new satellite dish, basketball goal, clothesline or television antenna. Even garage sale signs can pose a danger to emergency crews.

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That nail that was used to secure the sign will probably be there for as long as the pole is in service. A protruding nail head can leave a nasty scar on a utility worker who is attempting to go up or down that pole to make repairs. They are almost impossible to see and can cut like a knife.

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Attaching items to a utility pole can be dangerous for the person doing the work. Utility poles all have high voltage power lines attached to them. Accidental contact with an energized line can result in severe injury or even death.

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Help us keep you and our employees safe, and never use a utility pole for something other than its intended purpose. With your support we can keep the power flowing and avoid costly accidents.

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!

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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From The Cooperative Kitchen



This month's recipe was provided by Kathleen Kechnie from Weatherford. She will receive a 60 Years of Home Cooking Cookbook, compliments of TCEC.



EASY OREO & FUDGE ICE CREAM CAKE

*** INGREDIENTS ***

- 1 - Box (12) Ice Cream Sandwiches
- 12 - Oreo Cookies
- 1 - 8 Oz. Tub Whipped Cream
- 1 - 4 Oz. Package Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 1/2 - Cup of Chocolate Fudge Topping

*** DIRECTIONS ***

Mix 1/2 cup of warmed fudge topping with 1 cup whipped topping using a wire whisk.

Add the package of vanilla pudding (dry). If too thick, add a small amount of milk. (Mixture should be runny.)

Add 12 chopped oreos to mixture. Lay four unwrapped ice cream sandwiches side by side on a large plate or tray.

Spread 1/2 mixture over four of the ice cream sandwiches.

Layer four more ice cream sandwiches and cover the rest of the mixture.

Add the remaining four ice cream sandwiches on top.

Then ice all the cake with the remaining whipped topping.

Place 2 long sheets of aluminum foil under the platter or tray (crisscrossed). Fold up over the cake in a pointed style and double fold to seal. Foil should not touch whipped topping.

Place in freezer for at least four hours. This is a tasty desert that will bring a chill to a hot summer day.



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