



# TRI-COUNTY

## Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*"A Commitment to Service and Savings"*

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

## 2019, a Year to Celebrate!

2019 is here and we are ready to celebrate! Tri-County Electric Cooperative celebrates 80 years of serving our member-owners this year.

A lot has happened since 1939. While the past established who we are today, we are more excited about what is to come.

Improved efficiency, elevated reliability and added services to enhance the member-owner experience is ahead in this new year. We will deploy our new metering system, launch a new website, and add manpower to our force to better serve you, our member-owners. 3974800001

**Want to stay up-to-date with your cooperative and engage with our 80th celebration? Check out the opportunities to the right!**

**1. Member Bulletin.** You're looking at it! This handy piece of paper comes with your monthly bill and is PACKED with information. It also includes a recipe and hidden account numbers.

**2. Texas Co-op Power.** This magazine comes around the first of the month. It includes information from around the state, local co-op news and hidden account numbers. 800685674

**3. Facebook.** Like and follow us at @TCECTexas for updates, energy efficiency and safety tips!

**4. Web.** Visit us on the web at [tcectexas.com](http://tcectexas.com) for information on your co-op. Utilize the member portal to view your usage and pay your bill online!

**5. Mobile Member App.** We have gone mobile! Download our app on the Apple Store or Google Play by searching TCEC Connect. You can view your usage, report an outage, pay your bill and more!

## Happy New Year from our Tri-County EC family to yours!

Check out what is happening at your cooperative in this month's **Texas Co-op Power!** Make sure to look for your account number in the **Co-op News section** each month for a chance to get a **\$20 bill credit!**

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# Kathleen's Tamale Soup

Kathleen Kechnie of Weatherford



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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 chopped green pepper              | 1 pound ground beef   |
| 1 15-ounce can corn, drained        | 1 chopped onion       |
| 1 tablespoon chili powder           | 2 tablespoons oil     |
| 1 teaspoon cumin (optional)         | 2 beef bouillon cubes |
| 10 tamales, frozen                  | 2 cups water          |
| 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes       | 1 teaspoon salt       |
| 1 15-ounce can tomato sauce         | Grated cheese         |
| 1 15-ounce can pinto beans, drained |                       |

Brown beef with onion and pepper in oil in a large skillet. Drain off grease. 8929600001

Add corn and bouillon that has been dissolved in water. Add Other ingredients except tamales and cheese.

Cook on low heat until flavors are blended. Thirty minutes before serving, cut the frozen tamales into one-inch pieces and add to soup. If tamales are not frozen, they will fall apart after a short time.

Top servings with cheese and serve with tortilla chips.

Enjoy!

## 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 our Member Services Representatives by calling the number to the right.

It Pays to stay informed!

## Recipe Submission Form

Please submit your favorite recipe and this form to the Communications Department. 49601004

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. As we have more than 88,000 members, we may receive high volumes of submissions. Recipes must be submitted before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be considered for the next issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* (i.e., January 20th for the March 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: Please include the above information with your recipe and send to [pr@tcectexas.com](mailto:pr@tcectexas.com)

Mail service: Please detach and submit this form with your recipe and mail to

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