



A champion of rural electric cooperatives, former President Lyndon B. Johnson greets Government-in-Action Youth Tour participants at the White House during his administration. The Youth Tour program continues to this day, and area students can apply for the trip to Washington, D.C.

Local Youths Needed To Fulfill LBJ's Vision

Area high school students can apply for all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, A TEXAS HILL COUNTRY NATIVE born in Stonewall and the 36th United States president, was an innovator in a number of ways, though he's known mainly for his "Great Society" reforms and passage of the Civil Rights Act.

As a Texan who understood the value of quality rural life, LBJ also was a champion of electric cooperatives, including Central Texas Electric Cooperative, even helping form neighboring Pedernales Electric Cooperative. Before his presidency, as a young first-term senator, Johnson inspired a co-op youth program that is still going strong after 51 years.

More than 50,000 teens have participated in the Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington D.C., following Johnson's challenge for electric cooperatives across the country to send "youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

CTEC is proud to answer the call to serve by sponsoring three high school students from our service area to participate in the tour.

"It was amazing watching students that, for the most part,

were total strangers when they arrived in Austin, and how fast they became hopefully lifelong friends," said Laura Parson of CTEC member services in Mason. Parson served as a chaperone for the 2015 trip.

"During the tours, the students glowed with excitement even when they had to get up only a few hours after going to bed," she said. "I would randomly inquire if they were having fun and the answer was always a unanimous, 'Yes!'"

Participation is open to high school students who will have completed their sophomore year by May 2017. Students whose parents or guardians are members of CTEC are eligible. The CTEC electric account must be in the name of the parent or guardian.

All expenses for the tour (except the cost of personal items such as souvenirs, etc.) are paid by the co-op.

CTEC holds an annual essay contest to select three participants to go on Youth Tour. This year's essay topic and additional details on submitting an application will be available in the December issue of *Texas Co-op Power*.

Board Position Open at CTEC

A **VACANCY EXISTS** on the Central Texas Electric Cooperative Board of Directors after the District 3 director resigned. The cooperative’s bylaws provide that this vacancy be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors. The CTEC board is seeking applications and résumés from qualified members residing in Mason County who are interested in filling the vacancy. If you have interest in filling this position, please forward an application or résumé describing your qualifications to:

James Low
Board President
Central Texas Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 553
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Qualifications for a seat on the board of directors can be found in the co-op bylaws at ctec.coop. Applications and résumés will be accepted through December 5.

Operation Round-Up Sign-Up Drive Winners Announced

THREE MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR Central Texas Electric Cooperative’s Operation Round-Up program during the recent drive for new enrollees earned \$100 bill credits.



WINNERS INCLUDED:

- John and Tina Brewer** of *Kingsland*
- Art Reinhardt Jr. and Gerry Reinhardt** of *Mountain Home*
- Jo Ann Redden** of *Kerrville*

Operation Round-Up collects funds to help area individuals and families in times of crisis as well as local nonprofit organizations. Program participants agree to have their monthly electricity bill rounded up to the next whole dollar.

The average contribution comes to about 50 cents per month, or just \$6 for an entire year. CTEC members who haven’t signed up for Operation Round-Up yet can do so simply by calling the nearest CTEC office to enroll one or all of their accounts.

One-time monetary contributions to Operation Round Up are also accepted. Just call a member service representative at a nearby CTEC office and tell them your preference. It’s all tax-deductible.

CTEC serves more than 36,000 meters. For less than the cost of a soda pop per month, co-op members can have their account “rounded up,” too. It’s an easy, inexpensive way to become part of a great community program through your co-op membership.



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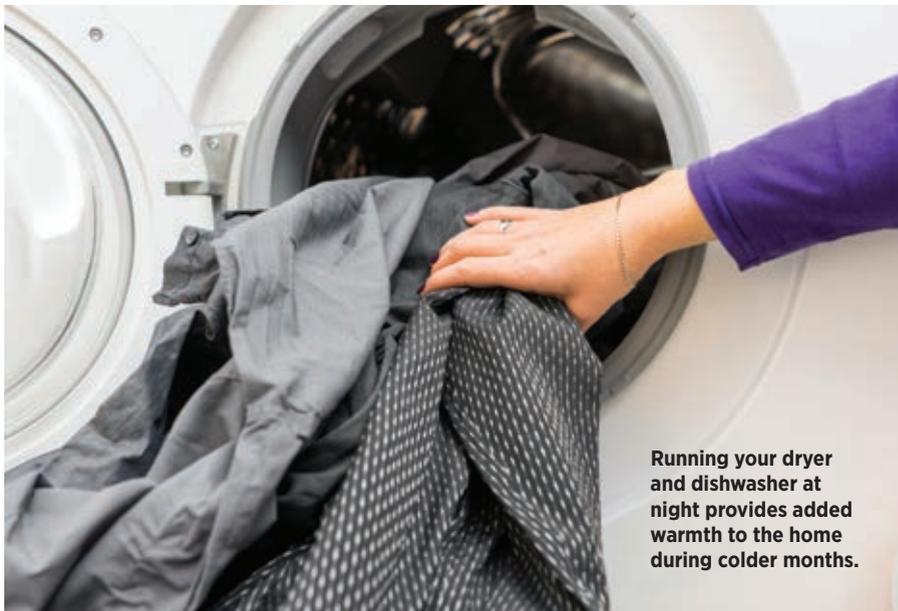
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including McCulloch, Menard and Kimble counties

Lower Home Energy Bills When It's Cold Outside

WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS this winter—without spending a lot to make it happen? Here are 10 low- or no-cost changes you can make:

- 1. Use ceiling fans to make rooms feel warmer.** Most people think fans are just for summer, but ceiling fans running slowly in reverse will circulate the heat that rises toward the ceiling.
- 2. Add weatherstripping or caulk around windows and doors.** Light a match or a stick of incense and hold it near the window frame. If the smoke sways, the window is leaking air. Caulking can significantly reduce heat loss.
- 3. Rearrange furniture.** Move sofas and rugs that are blocking vents, which can cause uneven heating. Situate the most frequently used furniture near interior walls; it's colder to sit near exterior walls, especially those with windows.
- 4. Install a "smart" thermostat** that lets you program it or adjust the heat even after you've left the house. There's no need to heat your home at the same level when it's empty as when your family is home. Turning back your thermostat for eight hours a day can save up to 15 percent on your heating bill.
- 5. Keep the shades open during daylight hours.** The sun heats your home for free all day. Close the curtains at night to keep heat in.
- 6. Check the seams and joints of your ductwork for leaks.** Repair leaks with a duct-sealing compound.
- 7. Pull on a sweater and keep the thermostat at a lower temperature.** You could save at least 1 percent per degree on your electric bill.
- 8. Run your clothes dryer and dishwasher after dark.** They produce heat that can help keep your home warm at the coldest time of the day.
- 9. Install compact fluorescent or LED bulbs in the fixtures you use the most.** These use far less energy than incandescents.
- 10. Limit your hot water use.** Wash clothes in cold water and take shorter showers.



Running your dryer and dishwasher at night provides added warmth to the home during colder months.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



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Cranberry Piecake

- 2 cups frozen cranberries, thawed
- ½ cup walnuts, finely chopped
- ½ cups sugar, divided use
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter, melted and cooled
- 1 cup flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine cranberries, walnuts and ½ cup sugar, and spread over the bottom of greased 10-inch spring-form pan or pie plate.
2. Mix eggs, butter, reserved sugar, flour, salt and almond extract until smooth, then pour over cranberry-walnut layer.
3. Bake 40 minutes or until inserted toothpick comes out clean.

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