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The Jornada Mogollon people lived in the Three Rivers area more than 700 years ago and left many petroglyphs. PHOTO BY DIXIE BOYLE

A vibrant spring scene featuring a field of purple and yellow flowers under a bright, hazy sky. Three butterflies are scattered throughout: one in the upper left, a large tiger swallowtail in the middle right, and another in the lower right.

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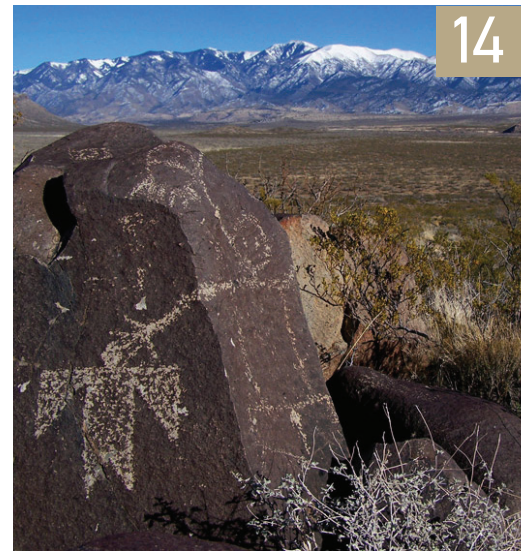
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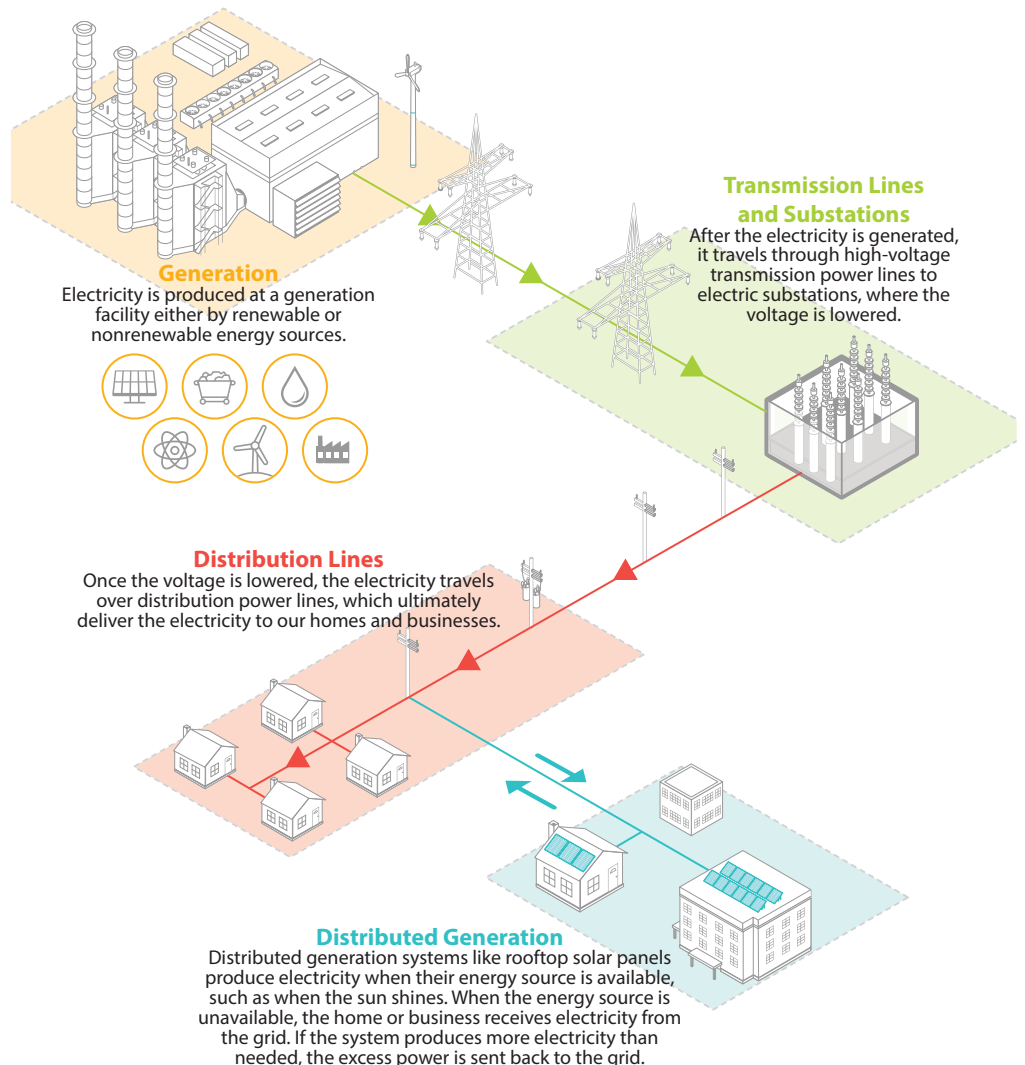
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Mark your calendars today and plan to attend the annual meeting.



## HOW ELECTRICITY REACHES YOU



# Switch to Safety



Remember to check your light switches for any signs they may not be operating safely, and have a licensed electrician inspect your electrical system if you suspect there could be damage.

With the flip of a switch, we can light our spaces. But it's important to remember the powerful electric force the switch controls and make sure it is operating safely.

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- You detect an odor when a switch is used.
- The switch leans to one side or feels loose when operating.
- You experience a shock when operating the switch.
- The home is more than 40 years old and has aluminium wiring but has not recently undergone a safety inspection by an electrician.

If any of these are happening in your

home, have a licensed electrician inspect your home's electrical system as soon as possible.

# Tips for Fireplace Efficiency

Wood-burning fireplaces are charming and romantic, but they can be inefficient

Keep your wood-burning fireplace from sucking the heat out of your home and the money out of your wallet by practicing the following tips:

- Close the damper when you are not burning a fire. Fireplaces can exhaust as much as 24,000 cubic feet of air per hour to the outside and bring an equal amount of cold air back into the house.

Think of your flue or damper like a 48-inch window—you wouldn't keep it open all winter long.

- Seal the fireplace as tightly as possible. Additionally, it is wise to caulk the hearth.
- Find a certified chimney sweep to inspect and clean your chimney every fall. Creosote, a sticky black goo that builds up from incompletely burned wood, can catch fire inside the chimney.

A good sweep can recommend repairs to help keep your chimney and fireplace in good, working order.

- Keep a window slightly open in the room while the fire is burning to prevent a build-up of fumes or gases coming from



**Keep your wood-burning fireplaces from sucking the heat out of your home by following a few simple tips, such as closing the damper when the fireplace is cooled off and not in use.**

the wood.

- Never—even to save warmth and heating costs—close a fireplace damper while there are still hot ashes in the

fireplace. The heat that cannot escape can cause a low-level explosion that can shoot embers out of the hearth and onto fire-prone carpets and other flammables.

## The enchanted CEO

By Charise Swanson

New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association

# Spare Change

Someone once said to me, “Everyone loves the idea of change, but they don’t like the reality of it.” I’ve never forgotten this, because it is usually true. Not because we don’t want change, but because change is hard, though inevitable.

My predecessor spent 26 years leading our statewide cooperative association. He was a wizard at representing our 15 New Mexico electric cooperative members through annual legislative sessions, changing regulatory requirements and collaborating through diverse objectives to arrive at the best solutions for all. I am honored to take the helm and continue our mission to serve our co-ops and their members.

This is a change for me, but I am already enchanted with New Mexico. I grew up in rural America and am committed to understanding the unique challenges of our rural cooperative communities. I have been in the utilities industry for approximately 18 years, serving both public power and electric cooperatives in multiple capacities. While I am a change from Mr. Groenewold and bring new ideas to the table, I will honor what my predecessors have done before me. Sometimes keeping that rearview mirror intact is the best way to navigate forward when forging a new path.

I am grateful to work for a supportive board of directors. I could

not succeed without the invaluable insight and knowledge of our cooperative CEOs and managers. I also get to work with a highly dedicated team who work hard every day to support our mission.

We will always have new challenges, whether economic, regulatory or finding innovative ways to deliver services. With this comes change. Our goals at the statewide association are to seek new solutions to obtain economies of scale across our cooperative footprint, improve our service model to gain efficiency, and increase communication and education content and methods.

I look forward to spending time in all our communities, collaborating with community partners and with all of you. I will be a change from what you are used to, and it is my hope you all might have some change to spare for me as we embrace the opportunities ahead. I am excited and dedicated to serving our rural New Mexico electric cooperatives.

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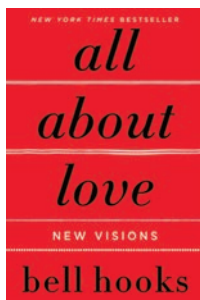
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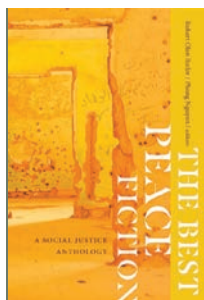
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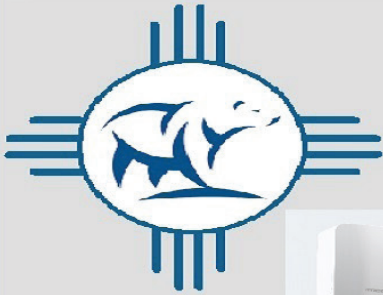
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## Watching Distant Galaxies

March's planet show begins with a bang as our solar system's two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, have a close conjunction in the western sky on Wednesday evening, March 1. Over subsequent nights, Venus continues its climb higher in the evening sky—where it remains for the next few months—while Jupiter continues sinking lower as it disappears into twilight by month's end. Before it does so, however, it has a conjunction with Mercury on the evening of Monday, March 27, then giving a modest evening sky showing early next month.

The red planet, Mars, is also prominent in the evening sky this month, although it has faded somewhat since its approach to Earth last year. Throughout March it is high in the western sky as darkness falls and sets roughly two hours after midnight.

Our solar system's remaining bright planet, Saturn, begins emerging into the dawn this month following its passage on the far side of the sun in mid-February. By late March Saturn rises shortly after the beginning of twilight, and climbs higher into the morning sky over the next few months.

During March, the Milky Way—the combined light of multitudes of distant stars in the plane of our galaxy—is visible in our western sky at night.

However, as the night progresses, take a look away from our galaxy into intergalactic space. In the constellation of Virgo and the adjacent constellation of Coma Berenices is a large cluster of galaxies. Dozens of these objects are visible through small- to moderate-sized backyard telescopes. The Virgo galaxy cluster is the nearest large cluster to our own galaxy, located roughly 55 million light-years away.

The Virgo galaxy cluster has a much closer interloper this month, as the largest main-belt asteroid, Ceres, travels through it. Ceres will be at opposition—directly opposite the sun in the sky—on March 21. The asteroid is bright enough to detect with ordinary binoculars, and passes close to several of the Virgo cluster galaxies as it makes its passage through the cluster—including almost directly over the galaxy M100, one of the brightest and largest of the Virgo galaxies, on March 26. 📡

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# Tri-State's Clean Energy Transition

It's been three years since Tri-State introduced its Responsible Energy Plan, a roadmap to deliver on their mission to provide reliable, affordable, responsible and flexible energy.


Tri-State supplies electricity to 42 electric utility members across America's rural West, including 11 electric cooperatives in New Mexico. Their number one priority is providing reliable power to more than one million end-consumers. Tri-State maintains a diverse set of generation resources to help keep the lights on and they're expanding their energy portfolio, including an additional 200 megawatts of solar generation in McKinley County in 2024.

In addition to reliability, affordability is a top priority. In 2022, Tri-State reduced wholesale rates to members by 2% – following a previous 2% wholesale rate reduction in 2021.

Between 2021 and 2025, Tri-State's plan will bring over 1,000 MW of utility-scale wind and solar projects online, doubling

their system to over 2,000 MW of clean energy. In 2025, Tri-State forecasts 50% of the electricity its members use will come from clean energy, rising to 70% by 2030.

While making the clean energy transition, Tri-State is working with its member cooperatives to help their consumer-members adopt energy-efficient, emissions-reducing technology. For example, they committed a total of nearly \$2 million to extend the public electric vehicle (EV) charging network across members' service areas and are promoting EVs and EV solutions in rural areas.

Tri-State continues to refine and strengthen its planning to remain current with the rapidly evolving energy landscape. The milestones mentioned above are just a handful of ways Tri-State is delivering on its commitment to its Responsible Energy Plan. 

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## The History of **Three Rivers**

Visitors can stop by and learn about the people, past times and calamities of Three Rivers

**By Dixie Boyle**

Trading posts, curio shops and roadside attractions once dotted America's highways. Motorists could hop off the road, get a bite to eat, fill their gas tanks and learn a few facts about the history of the area. The Three Rivers Trading Post on Highway 54 north of Tularosa is one of the few area tourist stops still in business.

The historic attraction, on the edge of southern New Mexico's vast Tularosa Basin

country, is an oasis in the desert for those traveling through the arid landscape. It's a good location to stop and take a break from the road.

Not only a tourist attraction, the spot is a gateway for campers and hikers visiting the nearby Lincoln National Forest or Three Rivers Petroglyph site.

The petroglyphs were left thousands of years ago by Jornada Mogollon people—those who lived in the Tularosa Basin from 2,000 to 600 years ago. The Jornada

Mogollon made the Three Rivers site home for more than 400 years and left behind the largest concentration of petroglyphs in the state when they abandoned the site in the 1300s.

The town of Three Rivers was settled in the 1860s and named Tres Ritos after Three Rivers Creek, Indian Creek and Golondrina Creek. The Three Rivers Trading Post, a few miles west of the original town, has served as a telegraph office, post office, cafe, filling station, voting precinct and dance hall. The building once housed the popular Prairie Dog Saloon, where visitors enjoyed dances and country-western music.



**LEFT: The Jornada Mogollon lived in the Three Rivers area more than 700 years ago, and left many petroglyphs. PHOTO BY DIXIE BOYLE. RIGHT: The petroglyphs are a popular tourist stop as people drive past. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

The site's earlier history was made up of gunfights, cattle rustling, murders and political scandal. In the 1880s, Lincoln County was one of the most lawless counties in the United States, as the exploits of Billy the Kid and the events comprising the Lincoln County War dominated newspaper headlines. The small settlement of Three Rivers added to the county's unsavory reputation when it became the headquarters for a cattle-rustling ring.

Patrick Coghlan arrived in the Tularosa Basin from Ireland in the 1870s and established a ranch near Three Rivers. He built an impressive adobe house on his ranch, where he lived in style. His ranch became a popular stopover for those traveling through the isolated country, as there were few locations to spend the night.

Patrick was hired to supply beef to the Mescalero Reservation at Fort Stanton. Instead of selling his own livestock, he organized a cattle rustling ring that included Billy the Kid and other outlaw types. The group rustled cattle from eastern New Mexico to the panhandle in Texas. Eventually, Patrick was caught with stolen cattle, which led to his downfall.

The next shady character to arrive on the scene was Albert B. Fall. He expanded Patrick's ranch house and land holdings, and at the height of his power controlled more than 1 million acres. Albert's wife, Emma, ran the trading post in the 1920s and 1930s.

Between 1921 and 1923, Albert served as the secretary of the interior, and became the only person convicted in what was—until Watergate—America's largest and most sensational scandal: Teapot Dome.

Albert leased Navy petroleum reserves at Teapot Dome in Wyoming and at two California locations at low rates with no competitive bidding. He lost his position and spent more than a year in prison. He died in 1944 with little evidence remaining of his former wealth and power.

A hundred years after Patrick Coghlan made Three Rivers his cattle rustling headquarters, Chaney Morrow made newspaper headlines in the 1970s when he bought Three Rivers Trading Post and made it a popular location for listening to country music and dancing on a Saturday night. Dances were also held on the Fourth of July, at Christmas and during hunting season, with the popular Hunter's Ball.

Chaney hired the best country bands

in the state and attracted a good crowd when a dance was announced. A few of the popular bands to play at Three Rivers were the Sunny Mountain Boys, Bob Zinn & the Mustangs, Elbo Jones & the Mavericks and Calvin & Betty Boles. It was not uncommon for local musicians to get together for a jam session or two at Prairie Dog Saloon most weekends.

Little remains of the original town of Three Rivers, where Pat Coghlan and Billy the Kid once ran a major cattle rustling ring. Yet, Three Rivers Trading Post has evolved into a spot that caters to tourists and historians. The trading post is also a good location to buy Western art and other southwest items.

Three Rivers Trading Post affords an endless view of the arid landscape, making up the Tularosa Basin. From Sierra Blanca—the highest point in the Sacramento Mountains—to the jagged peaks of the Organ Range near Las Cruces, the view is as endless as the frontier history making up its past. The Three Rivers Trading Post is a great location to explore local history. 📍

# A More Efficient Water Heater

**Q:** I'm looking for options to replace my old water heater. What should I choose to make my home's water heating more efficient and save money?

**A:** Consider upgrading to an energy-efficient heat pump water heater.

Heat pump water heaters—also called hybrid water heaters—use heat pump technology to heat water more efficiently than a standard electric storage water heater.

Think of them as a standard water heater with a heat pump on top. The heat pump heats the water two to three times more efficiently than the electric elements, but the unit still has the electric elements as backup, if needed.

Here are some details about their efficiency, how the units operate, installation considerations and when you should replace your old water heater.

## Efficiency and Operation

By moving heat instead of creating it, a heat pump water heater uses 60% less energy than electric storage water heaters. That can add up to hundreds of dollars a year and thousands during the life of the water heater.

Improved controls make it easy to set the desired temperature and programming, including vacation mode, which saves energy when you are out of town.

Some models offer Wi-Fi connectivity to be controlled by a smartphone from anywhere. Other features include leak detection and automatic shut-off.



**By moving heat instead of creating it, a heat pump water heater uses 60% less energy than electric storage water heaters.** PHOTO COURTESY OF HOT WATER SOLUTIONS

## Installation Considerations

A heat pump water heater uses heat from a room to heat water. It tends to make the space about 2 degrees cooler, which is something to consider before installation.

Ideal placement is an unconditioned space, such as a garage or unheated basement. A heat pump water heater requires enough space around the unit to supply the air needed for efficient operation—about 750 cubic feet.

Heat pump water heaters tend to be slightly taller than storage water heaters and require additional clearance above the unit to access the filter for cleaning.

If your water heater is in a conditioned space or a room smaller than the unit needs, venting might be a solution for your installation.

Another consideration is noise. A heat pump water heater generates about as

much noise as a modern dishwasher, so it may not be a good solution if the water heater is located where sound might be a nuisance.

Installing a heat pump water heater is much like installing a standard electric water heater, except for the location of the cold-water inlet. It is at the bottom of the unit.

Because moisture in the air condenses when it is drawn through the heat pump, it also requires a condensate drain that must be routed to a drain or pumped outside the home.

Heat pump water heaters can replace electric, gas or propane water heaters. They

typically require a 240-volt circuit, which might necessitate an electric upgrade.

## When to Replace an Old Water Heater


The life expectancy of a standard water heater is about 10 years.

If your water heater is older than that or showing signs of failing, you may want to consider replacing it with a heat pump water heater before it fails.

It's easier to find the product you want when it is not an emergency replacement. It also can be more expensive to replace in an emergency.

While heat pump water heaters are sold at a higher price than standard water heaters, the cost savings over time can offset the purchase and installation costs and result in a more energy-efficient home.

You also are likely to save by taking advantage of sales, rebates and/or tax credits. Check with your electric utility, state department of energy and federal tax information before purchasing.

I installed a heat pump water heater in my home, and I love it. My energy use has gone down. Now, if I can only figure out how to get my children to take shorter showers. 



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# Celebrate March with Fish and Cake

March brings all sorts of reasons to celebrate, from Women's History Month to St. Patrick's Day and our Jewish neighbors' commemoration of Purim. Purim, meaning Feast of Lots, is a festival commemorating the survival of the Jewish people who were marked for death by their Persian rulers in the fifth century.

The traditional way to celebrate Purim is with fish recipes. Spicy fish chowder introduces a New Mexican touch into an old favorite.

Ireland, an island nation, has an ample fish supply. The Irish culinary arts are also known for their use of strong spices, and

while Irish apple cake contains many of the usual cake spices, it includes the unique taste of caraway. And what Irish dessert is complete without a kick of whiskey? For our teetotaler friends, whiskey in our caramel sauce is optional.

And don't forget to include a green favorite with pan-grilled broccoli with delicious additions of balsamic onions and bacon jam.

These recipes may seem detailed, but none are too difficult to prepare with family and friends.

As an Irish proverb says, "May your home always be too small to hold all your friends."



Sue Hutchison was born and raised a block from the freeway in Southern California. She had an early start with industrial, large-scale cooking before age 20. She's always been both a beach bum and at home in the kitchen, where she enjoys making new creations.

## Spicy Fish Chowder

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| 2 tablespoons olive oil            | 2 potatoes, unpeeled, diced                            |
| 1 cup carrots, peeled and diced    | 2 cups diced white fish of choice (halibut, cod, etc.) |
| 4 ribs celery, chopped             | ¼ cup flour  |
| 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped | 1 teaspoon green chile powder                          |
| 1 teaspoon thyme                   | 1 15-ounce can creamed corn                            |
| ½ teaspoon pepper                  | ¼ cup Greek yogurt                                     |
| 2 cups chicken broth               | 1 cup milk   |
| 1 10-ounce can clams, undrained    | 2 teaspoons dried basil                                |

In a large stock pot, pour olive oil and heat on medium-high for 2 minutes. Add carrots, celery, onion, thyme and pepper. Cook until vegetables are slightly soft.

Add the chicken broth, clams and potatoes and stir to incorporate. Cook until potatoes are slightly soft.

In a separate bowl, add the white fish, flour and green chile powder. Lightly stir until the fish is coated.

Add the white fish to your chowder. Stir in yogurt until no lumps appear. Stir in the corn and milk. With the heat turned down, let the chowder simmer 10-12 minutes until steaming.

Scoop chowder into serving bowls, sprinkle with basil and serve warm.



## Irish Apple Fluted Cake with Caramel Whiskey Sauce

3 tart apples (such as Granny Smith), cored and chopped	¾ cups (1½ sticks) butter, cold and grated
2½ cups flour	1 cup milk
4 tablespoons cornstarch	2 teaspoons raw sugar to dust cake after baking
⅔ cup sugar	
2 teaspoons baking powder	<b>Caramel whiskey sauce</b>
½ teaspoon ground caraway	1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon	½ cup butter
¼ teaspoon salt	¼ cup milk
½ teaspoon nutmeg	1 jigger whiskey (optional)
¼ teaspoon ground cloves	¼ teaspoon nutmeg
2 eggs	1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spray a fluted tube cake pan with butter-flavored cooking spray and lightly dust with flour.

In a large mixing bowl, stir together flour, cornstarch, sugar, baking powder, caraway, cinnamon, salt, cloves and nutmeg.

Add the grated butter, and mix on low speed until the mixture slightly clumps.

Mix in eggs, one at a time, until well-incorporated. Add milk, and mix on medium speed while scraping the bowl for 2 minutes.

Fold in your apples and gently mix.

Spoon batter into the prepared pan, spreading to fill. Bake for 45 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Remove from oven, cool in pan for 8 minutes and invert onto serving platter. Dust with raw sugar.

To make the caramel whiskey sauce, combine sugar, butter and milk in a heavy saucepan until it reaches an easy boil.

Cook until reduced, approximately 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in whiskey, nutmeg and vanilla. Serve warm.



## Broccoli with Balsamic Onions and Bacon Jam

2 15-to 16-ounce packages frozen broccoli florets, thawed	2 tablespoons balsamic reduction
1 16-ounce package sliced mushrooms	<b>Bacon Jam</b>
1 teaspoon salt	1 pound thick, sliced bacon
½ teaspoon pepper	1 onion, diced into small chunks
<b>Balsamic Onions</b>	2 tablespoons minced garlic
½ stick (4 tablespoons) butter	¼ cup balsamic vinegar
1 large red onion, sliced into thin rings	½ cup brown sugar
	2 teaspoons balsamic reduction

Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a rimmed cooking sheet pan with olive oil cooking spray and add broccoli and mushrooms. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss on pan and spray additional cooking spray to coat.

Place in oven and set timer for 8-minute intervals to stir broccoli, and respray if necessary, until broccoli is tender and slightly toasted. Remove and keep warm.

In large skillet, make balsamic onions. Melt butter on medium heat and spread individual onion rings in skillet. Continue cooking until onions are soft. Sprinkle balsamic reduction on onions. Remove from skillet, put aside and cover.

In the same skillet, make bacon jam. Chop bacon into 1-inch pieces and fry on medium heat. Fry in two batches until bacon fat is rendered. Remove bacon and fat from skillet, leaving 1 tablespoon of fat.

Add onion and garlic to skillet, and fry until translucent. Add bacon to the skillet mixture, along with the balsamic vinegar and brown sugar. Stir and cook until sugar is melted. Stir in balsamic reduction and cook until steaming. Remove and put aside.

Serve broccoli with balsamic onions and bacon jam on the side.





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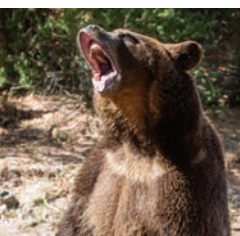
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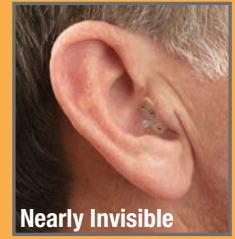
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