

McLENNAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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Member Services

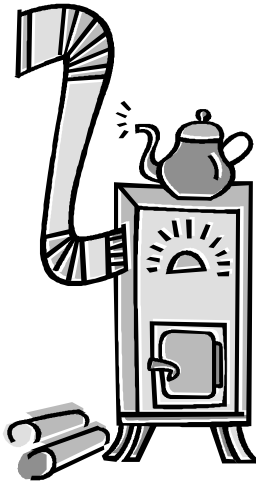
Fireplace and Woodstove Safety



There is nothing cozier than a warm, bright fire on a crisp autumn or winter night. Unfortunately, every year at least 12,000 people are killed in residential fires in the United States. Fireplaces and woodburning stoves cause some of those fires. Understanding and practicing the following tips will help keep those hearth fires glowing safely.

A safe fire starts with the proper wood. Burn seasoned wood that is at least 12 to 18 months old. Remember that

slow burning fires create creosote and soot problems. Small hot fires are more efficient. It would be wise to have a smoke detector (to provide early detection of a fire) and a carbon monoxide detector (to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning) placed in the same room as your heating appliance. Dispose of ashes safely. Put your ashes in a metal container with a lid outside the home and away from combustibles. Have your chimney cleaned on a regular basis during the heating season.



A major cause of fires in older homes is a chimney that does not have a clay liner or sleeve. Old mortar in the chimney can crack and leave areas in the chimney that can allow fire to get into the walls of your home. A liner can prevent this from happening.

By following these tips, you can help make your winter season an enjoyable one. Make sure to keep dampers and doors closed when the fireplace is not in use. An open fireplace will funnel the conditioned air from your residence up the chimney or flue pipe.

Take care when using your fireplace or woodstove this winter. Your safety is important to us.



*The Directors and Employees of
McLennan County Electric wish everyone
Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year*

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Member Spotlight



New Employee—Kelly Fox

We are pleased to welcome Kelly Fox as our new customer service representative. Kelly lives in McGregor with her two sons—T.J., 14, and Taylor, 9. Her pastimes are coaching Little League, playing softball and going out with friends. Kelly is a real sports fanatic. Her ambitions include being pitched to by a major league pitcher and meeting Ivan (Pudge) Rodriguez. Kelly has an outgoing, positive attitude and is ready to assist our members.

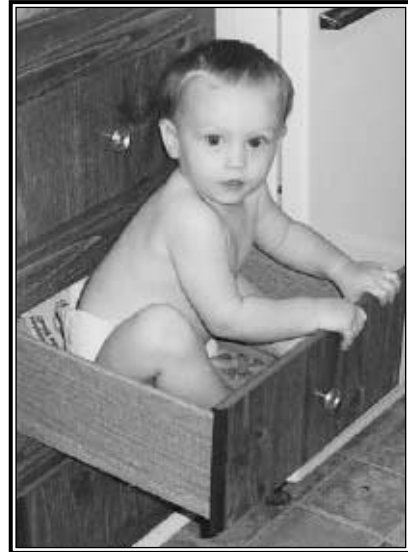
Scholarship Program

McLennan County Electric Cooperative will be providing three \$1,000 scholarships to area students in the spring of 2004. Area high school counselors have the applications and guidelines for these scholarships. If you have a question, please call Mike at MCEC, or e-mail him at mike@mclennanelectric.com.



Member Photo

Pictured below is Joshua Poston, grandson of Ron and Pam Poston of Valley Mills. Joshua and his parents, Justin and Britani Poston, recently returned to Central Texas. We need pictures of your grandkids, children or any interesting subject. You can mail them to the office or e-mail them to mike@mclennanelectric.com. All pictures will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed envelope.



Holiday Office Closing

**December 25 for Christmas and
January 1 for New Year's**

McLennan County Electric Cooperative will be closed December 25, 2003, for Christmas and January 1, 2004, for New Year's Day.

We will have crews on call for outages and emergencies.

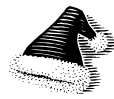
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Member Information



Christmas Events



Christmas in the Park Tonkawa Park • Crawford

The community begins its Christmas celebration on the first Sunday in December. Christmas carols, church choirs and the decorating of the community tree is enjoyed by all. Open to the public the month of December.



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Christmas Around the World Clifton

The Norwegian Country Christmas Tour will be held in Clifton on December 6 beginning at 9 a.m. It will include tours of Bosque Memorial Museum, Norwegian Village and Norse Historical District, and many activities located downtown. Carriage rides will be available between 4 and 7 p.m. Food, fun and activities are in the plans for the entire day.



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Christmas in the Park Gatesville Faunt Le Roy Park December 1



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Annual Christmas Display
Design Guild Fine Furniture
(Formerly Gilmore & Davis)
Main Street • McGregor



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is our business ethic.*

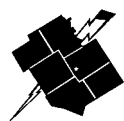


MCLENNAN COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP, ESTABLISHED 1937

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES WERE FOUNDED over 65 years ago based on consumer protections and ethical guidelines—ideas that are apparently considered old-fashioned by some corporations.

While co-op values have never changed, we are hardly old-fashioned when it comes to new technology that improves service and controls costs. We operate by established principles, and innovation is one of them.

Co-ops are local businesses run by local people. It's a little something we call *The Home Team Advantage*.



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