

MCLENNAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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FLAG DAY

Flag Day (June 14) was officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. Listed below are a few special flag facts about “Old Glory.”

Grand Union flag 1775: Also known as the Continental flag, it is the first true U.S. flag. The 13 stripes signify Colonial unity and the British colors.



Betsy Ross flag: This flag is without question the most well-known of the early flags. It was the flag used during the first year of the United States. Many different designs were portrayed at that time.

First official United States flag: This 13-star flag became the official United States flag on June 14, 1777, by congressional action called “The Flag Resolution of 1777.”



Fort Sumter flag: This was the Garrison Storm flag flying over the fort on April 13, 1861, during the Confederate bombardment that signaled the beginning of the Civil War.

Iwo Jima flag: The 48-star flag is also known as the Iwo Jima flag since this flag was raised on February 23, 1945, on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. Two pictures were taken by Joseph Rosenthal, A.P., of the flag raising. The second photo became one of the most famous photographs in American history.



MEMBER PHOTOS



Reese and Tucker Pennell of Georgetown enjoy a weekend at grandpa’s. The bubbly boys are the grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rape of Bruceville.




McKenna and Mia Scott, granddaughters of Richard and Terry Scott of Crawford, discover one of the first bluebonnets this spring.

**Through the many battles,
tattered and blood-stained,
we honor you for the values
you stand for.
“Old Glory,”
may you fly forever.**



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & EVENTS

JUNE 2004

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Clifton

FreedomFest, 5K run, art and
crafts, softball, last Saturday in June
1-800-453-4301

American Legion Post #322
Barbecue Cook-Off, City Park
(254) 675-8782

McGregor

Chamber Golf Tournament, June 11
Call (254) 840-2292 for more information.

CIVIC EVENTS

Lions Club

McGregor—2nd & 4th Monday
Clifton—2nd & 4th Tuesday
China Spring—2nd & 4th Monday
Gatesville—Each Wednesday
Oglesby—1st & 3rd Monday
Moody—2nd & 4th Tuesday
Valley Mills—2nd & 4th Tuesday

Rotary Club

McGregor—Wednesday
Clifton—Thursday

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Here for Good

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75-gallon sizes
available

We now carry Marathon water heaters
along with our A.O. Smith water heaters to
fill your needs. For pricing and warranty details,
call (254) 840-2871 and ask for Mike or Ron.

Heaters qualify for a \$50 rebate
when installed on our system!

OPERATION ROUND UP BEGINS JUNE 1

McLennan County Electric Cooperative members join
other electric cooperatives around the nation in June
as we begin "Operation Round Up." Operation Round Up
is a voluntary program in which we "round up" your elec-
tric bill each month to the nearest dollar amount to provide
funding for local community and charitable organizations in
our area.

Every month, the additional pennies, nickels and dimes
are added to a special fund to help organizations in our
area. A committee representing MCEC's service will be re-
sponsible for deciding where the funds are allocated. Once
the committee allocates the funds, selected community and
charitable organizations will receive the proceeds. An audit
will be done annually and will be available.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program. If you do
not wish to participate, please contact the MCEC office at
(254) 840-2871, or drop us a note with your payment and
we will remove your account.

WE NOW HAVE A DRIVE-THRU FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE



Okay. The weather is bad. You are in a hurry and need to
pay your bill. We think we have a solution you will
like—our new drive-thru service. You can now do your
business without leaving the car.

Ellen Horn and Mylinda Browder will make your visit
quick and pleasant—whether you come into our offices or
go through the drive-thru.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERS,

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

FROM THE COCKPIT OF AIR FORCE ONE

This month's Member Spotlight is on Levita resident Retired Brigadier General Jim Cross. Jim and his wife are members of MCEC and own a ranch in Evant, where they are also members of Hamilton County EC.

You will likely find Jim one of the most intriguing individuals to visit with as he talks about his exciting past as chief pilot and the personal aide on Air Force One to President Lyndon Johnson.

Jim completed all the examinations to be a pilot while in high school. Upon graduation, he entered the Army Air Corps, where he graduated in 1944 at Marfa. He began flying cargo planes in the Air Transport Command (ATC) and was later sent to China to fly the "Hump" in a C-46, delivering supplies to the Chinese after the Japanese closed the Burma Road.



He was discharged in 1946 and attended Auburn University for three years before being recalled into service in 1948 to fly troop carriers in the Philippines. He continued to serve in the ATC until 1958, when he was transferred to the Air Transport Group (ATG). As part of his ATG responsi-



Major Jim Cross flew for vice president Johnson until that fateful day in Dallas. After the Kennedy assassination, Major Cross was promoted to the preferred pilot of President Johnson on the Boeing 707 Air Force One.

bilities, he flew for President Eisenhower in 1960.

Jim flew dignitaries around the country in modified Convairs until the new Lockheed JetStar began service. His first encounter with then

vice-president Johnson was in 1961 on a flight to Chicago where he was 15 minutes late delivering the vice president to an important engagement. Jim said he wasn't sure if he had a job after landing late in Chicago, but everything worked out fine. He became Johnson's personal pilot and a long-time friend of the family.

Jim continued to fly Air Force One until July 1965 when he became the Military Office and Armed Forces Aide to President Johnson. After taking on this new job, he continued to be the pilot of choice for the president. As the personal aide to Johnson, Jim's duties changed. Not only was he flying the president to engagements, he was also responsible for making arrangements and securing details for the president's travel agenda and speaking engagements.

Jim recalls the time President Johnson traveled to Australia for the funeral of long-time friend Prime Minister Holt. Upon making arrangements for the flight home,



Retired Brigadier General Jim Cross



As personal aide to President Johnson, Jim Cross met with him in a variety of locations including White House living rooms and hallways and on the tarmac at the airport.



Johnson said he wanted to travel to Vietnam to visit the troops stationed there. This became the famous “around-the-world trip” in which Johnson flew to several countries around the world visiting troops.

Brigadier General Jim Cross retired April 30, 1971, from the Air Force and moved to Levita, near Gatesville. Jim, now 79, still has his pilot’s license and Air Transport rating. His fondest memories are of his service as personal aide, pilot and family friend of President Lyndon Johnson.



MCEC ACCEPTING BIDS

Sealed bids on the the trucks described below must be received before June 14, 2004, at 10 a.m. Envelopes must be marked “Sealed Bid” and delivered by mail or in person to the MCEC office. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Poston at (254) 840-2871.

MCEC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Vehicles may be seen at the MCEC office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vehicles are sold “as is” with no warranty.

1990 Chevrolet pickup, 5-speed manual transmission, V-8, A/C and all factory equipment. Approximately 209,000 miles.



1995 Ford 4x4 F-250 pickup, 5.8 liter EFI V-8, 5-speed transmission, A/C, AM radio, trailer towing package and all factory equipment. Approximately 142,000 miles.



HELP

Utility poles are not for signs, basketball goals, satellite dishes or any other foreign objects. Linemen can damage their rubber gloves or even fall while trying to climb over obstacles.

Safety is JOB #1 at MCEC.

Help us by removing all signs and obstacles from our poles.

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