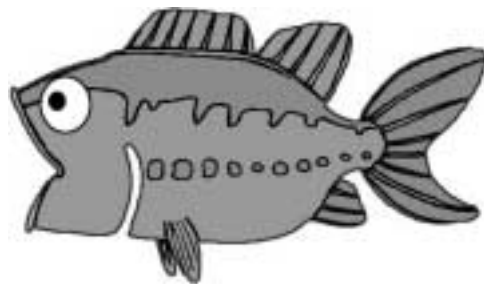


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A Fish Story You Can Believe



The first year, nearly 400 people showed up to eat fish and enjoy the activities. It has grown to over 2,000 in the past several years, and there's never been a shortage of fish to go around. The West Shore VFD volunteers gather to prepare and cook the following:

Over 1,800 pounds of fish, 1,000 pounds of potatoes, 700 pounds of cole slaw, and over 125 gallons of iced tea and lemonade. Their claim of being the "biggest fish fry in Texas" is justified by the amount they prepare and serve every year.



Everyone has heard a fish story about the one that got away. Some are believable and others ... well, maybe stretch the truth somewhat. But this is a true fish story everyone can believe and be part of.

It has been a tradition for the past 33 years for the West Shore Volunteer Fire Department to hold their fish fry on the Saturday afternoon of the Labor Day weekend for area residents. It has grown every year to become what is said to be the "biggest fish fry in Texas." Those in attendance enjoy all the fish and trimmings they can eat, along with live entertainment, a concrete dance floor and a large tent so everyone can sit in the shade and enjoy the evening.

The West Shore VFD would not be able to provide fire protection, rescue and emergency help as they do now without the support of area residents and businesses. They would like to invite everyone to come out and enjoy the meal and all the fun. A donation of \$7 per plate will get you started. It all begins at 5 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon of the Labor Day weekend—August 30. West Shores is located on FM 22 approximately 1.5 miles west of Lake Whitney Dam toward Meridian. Follow the signs to the fire department.

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Have Trees Under the Power Lines?

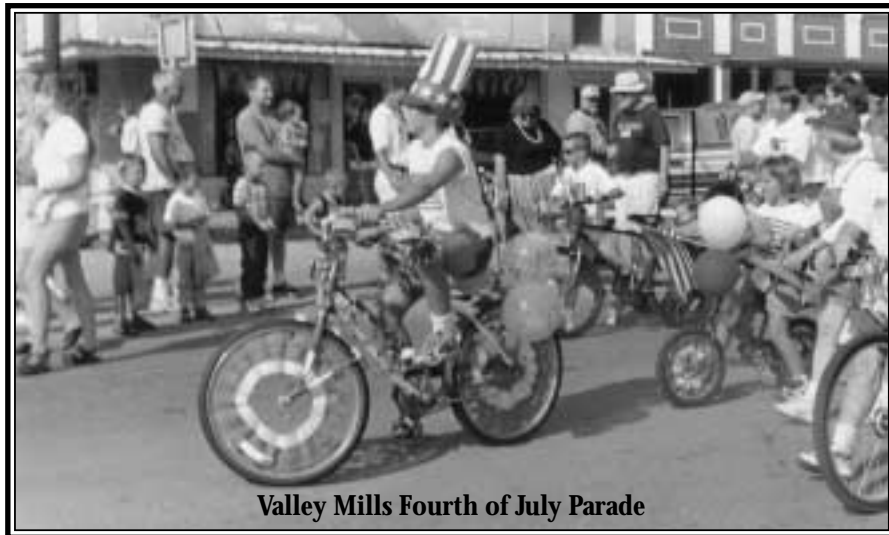
If you have trees growing under our power lines and would like to have them removed, call Jimmy Fulp at (254) 840-2871 and have him explain our brush removal program. He can make arrangements for someone to meet you to schedule the work.



MEMBER PHOTO

This month's member photo is of three-month-old Dalton Reed Compton, son of Jason and Marlina Compton of Crawford. Proud grandparents are John and Linda Heaton of Crawford. Dressed in camouflage, he is ready to go on his first hunt.

We still need photos of your children, grandchildren or any other interesting subject that we can place in our magazine. Send these photos to Mike at McLennan County Electric Cooperative or e-mail them to mike@mclennanelectric.com.



Valley Mills Fourth of July Parade

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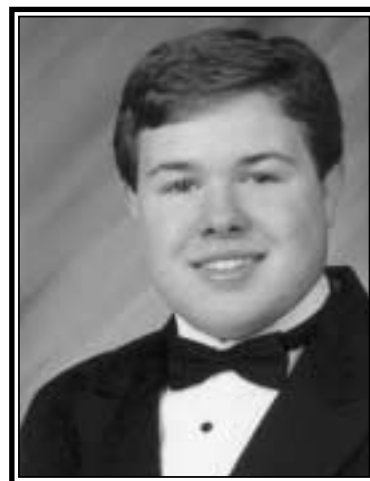
Scholarship and Youth Tour Winners



Jessica Tucker received a scholarship from MCEC in the amount of \$1,000. Jessica is a senior at McGregor High School. She is the daughter of Troy and Karen Tucker of McGregor.



Crawford High School Senior Brittney Westerfield was awarded a scholarship from MCEC in the amount of \$1,000. Brittney is the daughter of Mike Westerfield of Crawford. She plans on attending MCC this fall.



Patrick Cuff, son of Joe and Shirley Cuff of Crawford, is a graduate from Crawford High School. He was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from MCEC and plans on attending Baylor University this fall.

Youth Tour Winner



Katy Weber is this year's winner of the "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by MCEC. She will be a sophomore at Jonesboro High School. She is looking forward to the trip to Washington, D.C., and meeting new friends. Her parents are Greg and Patricia Weber of Jonesboro.

July 4th




Our office will be closed on July 4. We will re-open on July 7 at 7:30 a.m. We wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday.



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Excerpts From the Bylaws of McLennan County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Member:

The following is a summary of the nomination and election process for your board of directors. This summary is taken directly from the cooperative's bylaws. If you have any questions concerning this summary, please contact McLennan County Electric Co-op at (254) 840-2871.

Section 4.02 Qualifications

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the cooperative and receiving service therefrom at his or her primary residential abode; provided, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall, notwithstanding that he does not receive service from the cooperative at this primary residential abode, be eligible to become a director, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the cooperative; but provided further, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the board of directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or serve as a director of the cooperative who has not continuously been a member of the cooperative for the five years immediately preceding his or her election or appointment to that position or who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the cooperative. Also, no person shall become or remain a director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office for which a salary is paid nor shall any person who has become or remain a director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office for which a salary is paid nor shall any person who has been an employee of the cooperative during the two year period immediately preceding his or her appointment or election to such position. Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the board of directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause him to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing contained in this section shall, or shall be construed to affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the cooperative.

Section 4.3 Election

At such annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting in person voting thereon, and except as provided in the first provision of Section 4.02 of these bylaws, from among those members who are natural persons.

Section 4.04. Tenure

The directors shall be so nominated and elected by the members of the cooperative at its annual membership meeting to serve for a term not to exceed three (3) years with the precise term to be established by the board of directors. The board of directors shall also provide for the filling of any vacancy on the board of directors which may occur during the term of any director so elected. Upon their election, directors shall, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the removal of directors, serve until the annual meeting of the members of the year in which their terms expire or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. If for any reason an election of directors shall not be held at an annual meeting of the members duly fixed and called pursuant to these bylaws, such election may be held at an adjournment of such meeting or at a subsequently held special or the next annual meeting of the members. Failure of an election for a given year shall allow the incumbents whose directorships would have been voted on to hold over only until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 4.05. Directorate Districts

The territory served by the cooperative shall be divided into directorate districts equivalent to the number of directors serving. The districts shall be represented by the board of directors, being no fewer than seven (7) nor more than nine (9) members. Not less often than every five (5) years the board of directors, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the first date on which the annual membership meeting may be scheduled pursuant to these bylaws to be held, shall review the districts and directorates and if determining that the districts should be altered as to boundaries, so as to correct any substantially inequitable factors regarding the residence of members or the number and geographic location of districts, shall appropriately amend these bylaws, giving due consideration to the equality of representation of the members of the cooperative. The board of directors shall cause all such amendments to be noticed in writing to the members by posing in the cooperative's headquarters offices or by mail not less than ten (10) days prior to the date on which the committee on nominations for the next annual meeting shall first convene. After the date of the notice of amendments, these bylaws shall have been effectively amended accordingly; provided, that, no such amendment shall become effective so as to cause the vacancy of any director's office prior to the time his term would normally expire unless he consents thereto in writing.

Section 4.06. Nominations

It shall be the duty of the board of directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members of the cooperative who are not existing cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of such existing employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and who are selected from different geographical sections so as to insure equitable representation, including at least three (3) members from the directorate districts to be filled at the election. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this article, be elected at the meeting. The committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to any directorate district as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Notice of such posting shall be included in the notice of the meeting sent to the members. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular directorate district from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the board of directors after the election of directors.

Section 4.07. Voting for Directors; Validity of Board Action

In the election of directors, each member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each director to be elected, which directors shall be elected by majority vote of the members at large present at the meeting in person. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this section, failure to comply with any such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the board of directors after the election of directors.

Section 4.13. "Close Relative" Defined

As used in these bylaws, "close relative" means a person who, by blood or marriage, including half, foster, step, and adoptive kin, is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, or sister of the principal.