

THE ART OF INTARSIA WOODWORKING

This month's member spotlight focuses on Granvil Rost. Granvil and his wife, Verna, are long-time co-op members with a home between McGregor and Gatesville. Granvil retired from Bird-Kultgen Ford in Waco and saw an advertisement on television depicting **Intarsia**, an ancient woodworking practice perfected in Germany and Italy during the 15th and 16th centuries.



Granvil says **Intarsia** is only a hobby, but he relishes giving his finished works to his children and grandchildren. Granvil and Verna have been married for 58 years and have three daughters, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He has spent many hours building his family miniature dollhouses so they can enjoy a family heirloom. Being retired for 20 years has not slowed either one of them down as they enjoy their family, their church and life around them. "Being active is the key to a long life," Granvil says.



Intarsia is both tedious and expensive. The wood is chosen for its color and grain. After scrounging the lumberyards for that certain piece of wood, Granvil begins with a piece of 1/2" or 1/4" hardwood and runs it through a planer until he gets the correct thickness. He then moves to his scroll saw and cuts each piece to fit like a large puzzle. Sanding each piece by hand, he is able to get the desired shape and grain texture so he can begin fitting them, one piece at a time, on a bed of glue. All of the colors are natural and no stain is added. Each piece of wood is chosen for its own specific color and grain. He uses several different woods to complete his art projects, including white pine, western cedar, yellow pine, or one of the five or six shades of poplar or aspen.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & EVENTS

July
Activities & Celebrations

VALLEY MILLS

July 4 Celebration

Parade & Activity in the Park
Celebrating Bosque County
Sesquicentennial

July 3, 2004 (begins at 9 a.m.)

Clifton

Central Texas Fair & Rodeo

(Youth, Livestock, Outdoor Rodeo, Fair)

July 20-24

Central Texas Fair & Rodeo Parade

July 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Main St. Softball Tournament

July 3 & 24

Call (254) 675-4331 for info

Civic Events

Lions Club

McGregor- 2nd & 4th Mondays

China Spring- 2nd & 4th Mondays

Clifton- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Gatesville- Each Wednesday

Oglesby- 1st & 3rd Mondays

Moody- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Valley Mills- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Rotary Club

McGregor- Wednesday

Clifton- Thursday

SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH TOUR WINNERS



HOLLY JOHNSON

is a graduate of Crawford High School. She is planning to attend MCC in the fall.



BRITNEY STUMP

is a graduate of China Spring High School. She is planning to attend MCC in the fall.



CHRISTOPHER WUEBKER

is attending Texas A&M where he is studying veterinary medicine.



LEA WALTER

is a junior at McGregor High School. She is the 2004 Youth Tour winner.

CONGRATULATIONS

to these outstanding students!

definition: Local Electric Cooperative:

1. willing to help: doing, or willing to do, what is asked or required;
2. working together: working or acting together with others, or done by people working or acting together;
3. taking care of its members: 24/7, ready, willing and capable of meeting needs of its members, period.

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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 posting 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 principle 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.