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Community Spotlight

LORENA

LORENA, TEXAS. Lorena is located on I-35 in southern McLennan County, 13 miles southwest of Waco. The site was laid out in 1881 when the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Extension Railway line was being constructed. The community was named in honor of Lorena Westbrook, the daughter of a prominent family. The post office was established in 1882, and by 1896 the community had three general stores, two grocery stores, a hotel, school, steam cotton gin, gristmill, several churches, and a population of 500 residents. The number of businesses fell from 22 to seven between 1933 and 1945, and the population fell to 242 in the 1950s. Interstate 35 was built along U.S. 81 in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the town started growing again. In 1991, Lorena reported a population of 1,244 with 82 businesses. Today, Lorena has several large subdivisions, a fine school system, and a relaxed lifestyle for residents who locate here to raise their families or enjoy retirement.



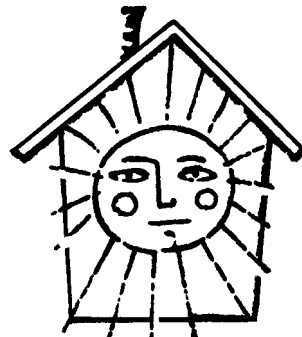
Does Your Meter Loop/Service Entrance Meet Today's Electric Codes? Is It Safe for You and Your Family?

Making sure our families and homes are protected and safe is a priority we all share. One important but sometimes overlooked problem is the meter loop/service entrance on our homes. As the years go by, the service entrance and meter loop may deteriorate to the point of not being safe or within code guidelines. We have been asking members to repair the damaged meter base/entrance problems that we find at their homes. We follow strict procedures before connecting the power to a home to make sure all electrical codes are followed on all outside equipment. Some items to look for are: service entrance cable running through the attic that's not in conduit; the meter base not secured to home; no driven ground; no main breaker behind the meter base; and inadequate height of weatherhead above the roof line. It is of the utmost importance that we work together to eliminate hazards and problems before they arise. We will advise a homeowner on the procedures to follow when repairing their outside service entrance or meter loop problems. Depending on severity or hazard, disconnection could be immediate. When a service is disconnected, it will be the responsibility of the homeowner to bring the meter and service entrances up to code before being reconnected.

We have been enforcing these guidelines to help members become aware when their outside equipment needs attention. We ask everyone to inspect their meter

loop/service entrance and give us a call if you have a question. We are not allowed to inspect wiring inside of your home but will be glad to inspect your outside facilities for problems. Working for you and looking out for your safety, your

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Member Information

Annual Meeting Preparations

We are busy preparing for the annual meeting in October. The meeting will be held on October 21, 2003, at McGregor High School at 7:30 p.m. Several new programs have been added for your convenience this year:

1. Home Safety and Security
2. Child Identification (fingerprinting)
3. Health and Wellness Information
4. Energy Conservation

Make plans to attend and enjoy the programs and drawings throughout the night. There will be something for everybody.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Mylinda Browder is our new clerk/cashier at the front desk. Mylinda and her family live in McGregor and are very active in their church and community. Her hobbies include hunting, horseback riding, singing and relaxing whenever she can find the time. We are happy to have Mylinda as an employee and coworker here at MCEC.

Member Photo

Pictured is Haylen Mattiza, son of Scott Mattiza and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mattiza of McGregor. Haylen is the fourth generation of Mattizas and is 16 months old.



With the summer months here, it is an opportunity for us to clear the trees from under our power lines on your property. If you are interested in this service, please call Jimmy Fulp at (254) 840-2871, and he will schedule an appointment to meet with you.



Your Home Team Advantage

Our Military Member Photo this month is of Michael Dane, son of Mike and Sonya Barron of Gatesville. He is in the Marine Corps, stationed in Miramar, California. We salute all of the men and women serving our nation around the world. We are asking for photos of loved ones serving in the armed forces. Send a photo and a self-addressed envelope with their name and location. We also are looking for photos of family, kids, grandkids or whatever to share with everyone. Send them to Mike at the MCEC office or e-mail them to mike@mclennanelectric.com.



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Member Spotlight

This month's Spotlight is on White Hall Baptist Church, located on F.M. 215 between Mosheim and Gatesville in Coryell County. The original town was built near Cave Creek, just a short distance down the road from the present site. In the 1930s, White Hall was a bustling community with a school, church and two grocery stores to serve area residents. The community moved to the present site after the school and church burned. The new school was built on the west side of the road and the church across the road from it. After the school and church both burned again, the area students were sent to Turnersville to attend school. The church was built in its present location where the school once stood. As times changed, more and more residents left the area in search of jobs in town while the church continued to serve the area residents throughout the years.



Still Serving The Community



Mike Barron is the current pastor of White Hall Baptist Church, as well as a 6th grade teacher at Gatesville school. His days are full, raising a family, teaching, and ministering to the people of his church and community. Mike grew up in the area and graduated from Jonesboro

High School. He enjoys pastoring a small church where he can get to know everybody and learn the history and background of many of the members and the local area. His church has an attendance of 12-20 members, and visitors are always welcome to come worship with them.

Meeting the needs of its members, the employees of McLennan County Electric Co-op will be there when you need help.

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