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McLENNAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 19, 2004 • 7:30 P.M.

It's not every company that invites its customers to an annual meeting to elect the board of directors and help set policy.

But McLennan County Electric Cooperative does just that.

When you signed up as a consumer of MCEC, you automatically became a member and part-owner of that utility.

Cooperatives use a business model that's different from other companies. They don't sell stock on Wall Street, so there are no out-of-town investors. Control of a cooperative utility is local.

Each customer of a cooperative is an equal partner in that utility. You may run for a seat on the board of directors, if you like. You may vote for the candidates who do run, and know that every candidate is also a consumer of the MCEC.

So it's important to attend your cooperative's annual meeting. It's a place to meet the CEO/general manager and the employees who run the cooperative on the daily basis. It's also where you can vote for the board of directors and learn what kinds of business issues your cooperative is dealing with.

MCEC will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at McGregor High School in McGregor.

**The Nominating
Committee of the
Annual Membership
Meeting will meet
September 21 at
the MCEC office at
1111 S. Johnson Drive
in McGregor, Texas.**

SCOTT AND WHITE TO BE AT ANNUAL MEETING

Scott and White Hospital will have representatives at the MCEC annual meeting on October 19.

The five departments represented are:

Cardiology: Blood pressure checks and brochures

Bone Marrow Screening: Literature on donating and screening of potential donors


Organ Donor: Volunteers from Southwest Transplant Alliance to sign up donors and answer questions

Scott and White Senior Care Health Plan: Answer questions and brochures

Waco Clinic: Volunteers to answer questions and meet with plan participants

Additional programs will be added at a later date.

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CUT METERS AND UNAUTHORIZED SEAL REMOVAL



Missing meter seals have become a growing problem here at MCEC. When we see a meter seal cut or missing with no evidence of electrical work, we must suspect meter tampering. If you must remove your meter seal for an electrician to work, you need prior permission from MCEC before you begin work. We need certain information from you about the load you might be adding, and also to make sure everything meets our specifications and required building codes. Your safety is important to us—we urge you to contact us beforehand in case we need to be there when the work is done.

Meter tampering is a very serious offense, one that may result in criminal prosecution. When someone tampers with the meter to circumvent charges, it costs every member of MCEC. The other members must pay for the usage that was not billed for. If you need to have work done, please call MCEC at (254) 840-2871 and talk with Jimmy Fulp for more information.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CLOSING

The MCEC office will be closed on September 6 in observance of Labor Day. We will open on September 7 at 7:30 a.m. Have a safe and happy Labor Day.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR & EVENTS

Community Events

Waco/China Spring

Waco Wetlands Research Center Open House
September 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
1732 Eichelberger Crossing

Meridian

National Championship Barbecue Cookoff
4th Saturday in August

Laguna Park

West Shore VFD Fish Fry
Saturday of Labor Day Weekend

McGregor

McGregor Founder's Day
September 18, 2004

Moody

Moody Cotton Harvest Festival & Parade
September 25, 2004

Civic Events

Lions Club

McGregor—2nd & 4th Mondays
Clifton—2nd & 4th Tuesdays
China Spring—2nd & 4th Mondays
Gatesville—Every Wednesday
Oglesby—1st & 3rd Mondays
Moody—2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Valley Mills—2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Rotary Club

McGregor—Wednesday
Clifton—Thursday

If you know of an upcoming event in your community, please let us know at least two months in advance so we can place it in the magazine. You can contact the office at 840-2871 or ron@mcLennanelectric.com.

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Letters to Home

With so many of our loved ones serving in the military around the world, we would like to share letters from our military personnel to their families. If you know or have someone serving in the military and would like to share letters with our readers, please let us know. This month's letter is from Kelly Simmons, son of Charles, MCEC equipment operator, and Sophie Simmons of Valley Mills.



Hey everybody,

I thought I should say "hi" and that I am doing fine. I can't wait to see my family and friends when I come home for two weeks. I plan on going to a pro football game with my father as a father-and-son thing. I thank God everyday for a wonderful family and friends and being able to see the sun rise and set; it doesn't get any better than that. Mom and Karla, thank you for sending all the packages and please tell everyone else that I said "thank you." Everything is going good over here—not a whole lot happening where I am at, kind of peaceful. Well, I gotta get going—I'm scheduled for work here. Take care of yourselves and I Love You All. Tell everyone at the co-op that the 124th Cavalry salutes you for all your support. God bless you all.

Kelly

p.s. Hope you like the pictures. Out of all the flags in camp, ours is the highest!

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS!

A Loved One
Unknown
Somewhere, Iraq



My Family & Friends
General Delivery
Every Town, USA

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Coryell City, Texas. If you live 10 miles northeast of Gatesville on Farm Road 929, you



are probably a resident of Coryell City. It was known as Rainey's Creek when the county was organized in 1854; the post office by that name began operating next to the creek in 1857. Nearly 70 families made this area home in the 1860s, and as the community grew, it later became known as Coryell City. A church, school district and two cotton gins were built in the 1880s, and with a population of nearly 200, it was a

place of commerce for the local farmers and residents. Coryell City continued to grow; population peaked at 406 in 1939. But times changed and the number of residents began to decline to 150 in 1943. The post office was discontinued in 1958 as the population continued to fall. Residents of Coryell City enjoy the quiet, peaceful setting of their community and the friendliness of their neighbors.



GATE PROBLEMS

Problems arise when we are unable to restore your power because of a locked gate. We normally ask our members if we can add our lock so we can expedite service restoration.

You can call the office at (254) 840-2871 to give us permission to install a lock in your gate. We will close and lock the gates when we leave. Keeping your trust, your "HOME TEAM" Advantage.

Next time you sit down to eat, give thanks for the person who planted and harvested it—
The American Farmer!

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