

MCEC Taking Bids on These Vehicles



Unit #1230 is a 1994 F-150 Ford supercab, 5.0 liter EFI V-8 engine, electronic 4-speed automatic, 4-wheel drive, trailer towing package, AM/FM radio, A/C and all other standard equipment. Approximately 173,000 miles.

Unit #1280 is a 1998 F-150 Ford extended cab, 5.0 liter EFI V-8 engine, 5-speed standard, 4-wheel drive, trailer towing package, AM/FM radio, A/C and all other standard equipment. Approximately 182,000 miles.



Unit #2300 is a 1995 F-350 super duty, 2-wheel drive, diesel, flatbed, AM/FM radio, A/C and all other standard equipment. Approximately 223,000 miles.

Unit #2330 is a 1999 F-350 Ford super duty, diesel, 4-wheel drive, cab and chassis, AM/FM radio, A/C and all other standard equipment. Approximately 237,000 miles.



Unit #2350 is a 2000 F-450 Ford super duty, diesel, 4-wheel drive, cab and chassis, AM/FM radio, A/C and all other standard equipment. Approximately 262,000 miles.

Sealed bids must be received before September 18, 2006, 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. McLennan County Electric Cooperative reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Vehicles are "as is" with no warranty.

Vehicles may be seen at the MCEC office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

McGregor Founder's Day Festival

McGregor's annual Founder's Day Festival has become a well-known event in Central Texas. Over the past 15 years, the City of McGregor has celebrated its birthday in grand style with parades, 5K and 10K races, street dances, and much more. This year's celebration on Saturday, September 16, will once again be full of exciting events and entertainment for the whole family.

One of the new events—the "Kid K" race for kids ages 10 and under—will kick off the day's festivities at 7:30 a.m., followed by the 5K and 10K races. The parade will start on Main Street at 10 a.m., with marching bands, dance groups, horses, clowns and more. Following the parade, motors will start revving for the riding lawnmower races, which have become one of the must-see events of the day. Arts-and-crafts booths will line Main Street, and food booths will tempt those walking by with mouth-watering treats.

An area just for kids will have pony rides, games and inflatables. Elementary-aged kids will have wagon races, and junior high and



Crimson Queens

high school kids will race up and down the street on big wheels.

A barbecue cook-off will be held in conjunction with the festival, and the McGregor Volunteer Fire Department will serve a barbecue dinner in the evening.

Numerous bands and groups will

entertain the festivalgoers throughout the day, including the Trendsetters, Classie Ballou, the Happy Travelers German Band, and many more. The night will wind down with a street dance with the band Branded Heart.

For more information, contact Jennifer Taylor at (254) 840-0123.



Wagon Race



Big Wheel Race



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Moody Cotton Harvest Festival

This year's 8th Annual Moody Cotton Harvest Festival will celebrate the City of Moody's 125th birthday on Saturday, September 23.

The Chisholm Trail Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will be first to perform at Moody's 125th Birthday Celebration. The *a cappella* chorus presents jazz vocals, choreographed pop tunes and award-winning harmony. A lot more entertainment will follow.

Admission is free. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Other activities include the pie contest, skits, food, vendors and raffles. There will be plenty of entertainment for all ages. All events take place in downtown Moody on Avenue E.

Read about the history of Moody on our website at www.moodytexas.com/news/history.html.

Moody was established in 1881, when the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway laid track. Fuel, water and crew stops were built along its route. Moody was named after Lt. Colonel William Louis Moody Sr., captain of the 7th Texas Infantry during the Civil War. He was born May 19, 1828.



The Chisholm Trail Chorus of Sweet Adelines International

After the war, Moody prospered and became a rich entrepreneur. He became a director of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway.

For more information and forms visit www.moodytexas.com and click on the festival logo, or you may contact a committee member below:

Charlene Dowell (president), (254) 853-2314, e-mail: charliedowell@vvm.com

Jane Gates (secretary), (254) 853-2976, e-mail: Jane@pasotx.com

Nikky Munz (vendors), (254) 853-2642

Tammy Brown (entertainment), (254) 853-3889, e-mail: brownmoody@aol.com

Joyce Woods Cox (publicity-reporter), e-mail: cottonfestjc@aol.com

Jo Harrison (parade), leave message, (254) 853-3175

Helen Caperton (pie contest entries), (254) 853-2600



Scout's Parade Float

ANNUAL MEETING

McLennan County Electric Cooperative will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at McGregor High School. Door prizes will also be given away. Please make plans to attend.



CLOSING

The MCEC office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



Electricity Theft: Unsafe, Costly for Co-op Members



**MESSAGE
FROM
MANAGER
RICK
HAILE**

Theft involving electricity and related materials is a problem all electric utilities face—and it's a problem for electricity customers, too. Because McLennan County Electric Cooperative is member-owned, electricity theft could end up costing you money. Compensating for electricity theft drives up prices for everyone involved.

Theft of electricity also puts your personal safety at risk. Tampering with an electric meter can make it unsafe and unstable. When people steal electricity, they put themselves, their neighbors, family and pets at risk for electric shocks, power surges, sparks and fire from exposed voltage. Stealing electricity-related materials can also pose a significant risk to the culprit, resulting in injury or even death from exposure to live electricity.

Electricity theft isn't isolated to rural areas or big cities. It's a problem utilities encounter from agricultural

operations to housing complexes to business offices from coast to coast. Although electricity can be easily acquired through a utility, some people are still willing to risk physical damage or loss of life just for the sake of some free kilowatt-hours. Others may not realize the serious legal and potential health problems. Stealing electricity is illegal under Texas law and violates electrical codes.

Keeping power safe and affordable is a priority for McLennan County Electric Cooperative. That is why we routinely inspect cooperative meters and equipment to ensure we're doing our best to protect you from the risks of electricity theft. We take a proactive approach to this serious problem, reducing theft and its related costs.

You can also play a role in this process by immediately notifying us if you suspect someone is gaining access to our power supply without paying their fair share of the costs or by tampering with equipment. If you have information related to electricity or materials theft, please call us at (254) 840-2871. Rest assured, we'll keep your name anonymous. Because you share in the ownership of McLennan County Electric Cooperative, when people steal from the cooperative, they're stealing from you, too!



ANNUAL MEETING

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 kind of business issues your cooperative is dealing with.

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**The nominating committee
of the annual
membership
meeting will
meet**

**September
19 at the
MCEC office at
1111 S. Johnson Dr.
in McGregor.**

