

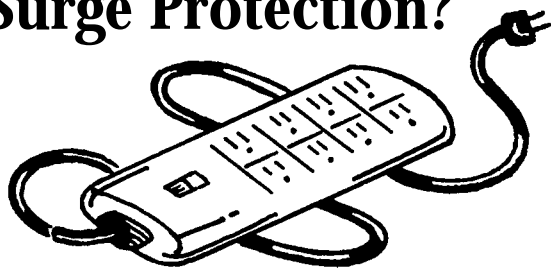
McLENNAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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MEMBER NEWS

Do You Need Surge Protection?



Is your expensive electronic equipment protected?

MCEC carries a full line of surge protection equipment to protect your appliances and electronic equipment. Call for more information on these products.



Are you prepared for spring storms?

Operation Round Up to Begin in June

MCCEC will begin Operation Round Up® in June. Through this program, members will have the opportunity to support community charitable organizations, volunteer fire departments, EMS and other organizations.

The funds will come from "rounding up" MCEC bills to the nearest dollar amount. For instance, if your metered bill is \$67.30, it would be "rounded up" to \$68, with the additional 70 cents going to Operation Round Up. The average contribution per meter is expected to be only \$6 per year on average.



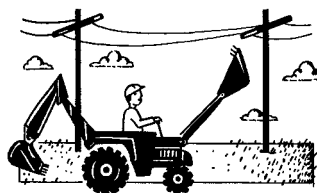
A committee, representing the MCEC service area, will be responsible for deciding where the funds are allocated. Since Operation Round Up is voluntary, we will remove your account from this program if you call (254) 840-2871.

Deadline Is April 1 for MCEC Scholarships and Youth Tour Program

Deadline is April 1, 2004, to apply for scholarships and youth tour program sponsored by MCEC. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded and a youth will be chosen for "Youth to Washington" tour in June. Information is available on our website or by calling the office.



Trees Under Power Lines?



We can help. Call Jimmy Fulp at (254) 840-2871 or come by the office for details and to make an appointment to meet with our contractors.

Open House



McLennan County Electric Cooperative
1111 S. Johnson Dr.
McGregor, Texas

We will have an open house at our new MCEC office located at 1111 S. Johnson Dr. on April 15, 2004, between 4 -7 p.m. We will be serving hot dogs and drinks to our members and friends while they tour the new facilities. Make plans to come and enjoy.

Upcoming Events

May 2003

Crawford

2nd Annual Levi Baur Shootout
April 17 at City Park

McGregor

CTYRA Youth Rodeo—April 1-3 and 15-17
1700 Bluebonnet Pkwy., McGregor

Bosque County

Countywide Garage Sale
April 23-24

Clifton

Conservatory Big Event, Auction, Dinner, Dance
First Weekend in April, (254) 675-3724

Gatesville

Chamber of Commerce Fashion Show
April 24 at the Activities Complex in Gatesville

MEMBER PHOTOS

This month we have two photos of grand-kids of proud grandparents. First is Rayce Baker, 20-month-old grandson of Bob and Mary Baker of China Spring. He is having a good time “driving” with the help of his dad.



“Skinny-dippin’ in the bluebonnets.” Rachel Adcock, granddaughter of Carol and Cindy Adcock of Moffatt.



We need photos of loved ones, grandkids, military personnel and other interesting subjects. You can send the photos to us or e-mail them to mike@mclennanelectric.com.

LOOK UP AND AROUND Watch Out for Overhead and Underground Equipment



As you begin to spend more time outdoors during the spring, one thing you can't afford to overlook is power lines. Whether overhead or underground, these power lines can pose a problem. Listed below are some guidelines to make your spring planting and cleanup safer:

- Don't trim trees near power lines, get professional help.
- When planting new trees, be careful not to plant them under power lines.
- Before you dig, know what is under the ground. Cutting into underground utilities can be dangerous.
- Be careful installing television or radio antennas.
- Be careful using tall ladders or other long equipment around the power lines.
- Supervise children when flying kites. If a kite should get caught in power line, cut the cord and call us.
- If your home is served by underground facilities, don't plant shrubs around electrical equipment. It can be dangerous and can cause problems restoring service.

CO-OP NEWS

New Employees



Brooke Brown is our new billing tech. She lives in McGregor with her son and enjoys fishing, movies and all kinds of music. We welcome her to our family.



Ellen Horn is our new cashier. She and her husband, Jeremy, recently moved to Central Texas from the Lubbock area. We welcome them to the community and to our co-op family.




Teachers are part of our electric cooperative.

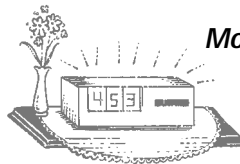


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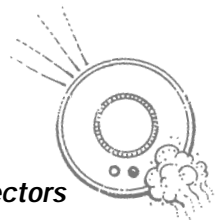
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Time Change April 4



Move clocks forward 1 hour

Check and install new batteries for smoke detectors



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State Parks for a Sunday Drive



Mother Neff State Park was the first official state park in Texas. It is named for Mrs. Isabella Eleanor (Mother) Neff who donated 6 acres along the Leon River in 1916, which became the first park site. Her son was Texas Governor Pat M. Neff, who served in that office from 1921 to 1925. Facilities include campsites with water and electricity; campsites with water nearby; primitive campsites; a group primitive area; picnic sites; group (wooden) picnic pavilion often used for reunions, church group gatherings and weddings; a heated and air-conditioned



recreation hall with kitchen facilities; a playground; and an outdoor sports area.

The park opened to the public in 1937 and is located west of Moody just off FM 107 on State Highway 236.



Lake Whitney is one of the prettiest lakes in Texas. This, combined with excellent public access and good fishing for many species, makes it a popular destination for fishermen and recreational boaters alike. It offers top-notch angling for striped bass and white bass, along with unique and diverse opportunities for smallmouth bass and trophy blue catfish. Texas anglers who have not fished Whitney are missing out on a great experience. The 1,280.7-acre Lake Whitney State Park was acquired in 1954 by a Department of the Army lease and opened in May 1965. The park is located 3 miles west of Whitney on FM 1244 on the shore of Lake Whitney. A family weekend will be enjoyed by all, whether fishing, skiing or just enjoying the outdoors.

Meridian State Park is a 505.4-acre park located on State Highway 22, three miles west of Meridian in Bosque County. A rock and earthen dam was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) on Bee Creek to form the park's 72-acre lake. The land was acquired from private owners in 1933 and was opened to the public in 1935.

Tawakoni Indians occupied the area around Meridian prior to 1841. The Texas-Santa Fe expedition of 1841 passed through Bosque County near the present site of the park in Bosque Valley.

Families can enjoy the many activities the park provides including camping, picnicking, hiking, lake swimming (unsupervised), bird watching, fishing and bicycling along the beautiful landscape.

