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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

Clifton, Texas

This month's Spotlight is on Clifton and their annual FreedomFest. The festivities begin on June 21 with the Freedom Run and Beauty Pageant and resume on Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28. The FreedomFest began in 1991 after the Persian Gulf War, celebrating the freedoms we have as Americans. This annual festival has something for everyone, including a classic car show, softball, three-on-three basketball, military static displays, children's games, food, live entertainment, arts and crafts, and a fireworks show beginning at dark on June 28. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the many activities.

Proceeds from FreedomFest are used for scholarships, upgrading park facilities, basketball and volleyball courts, as well as grants to the Clifton Main Street Programs and other community projects.

Saturday, June 21
8 a.m. Freedom Run
6:30 p.m. FreedomFest Pageant

Friday, June 27
6 p.m. Parade
6:30 p.m. American Legion
Fish Fry
Softball Tournament

Saturday, June 28
9 a.m. Activities begin
Softball continues
Fireworks begin at dark



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China Spring

This month's Community Spotlight is also on China Spring. China Spring is located on FM 1637, 12 miles northwest of Waco. The community was founded in 1867 and named for a spring in a chinaberry grove. The post office was built in 1873, and by the early 1880s, the community had five cotton gins, three general stores, a Methodist church and approximately 200 residents. The population fell to 100 in the early 1890s but has now become one of the favorite communities for families wanting to move to the country. The community has regained prosperity, with several businesses and a fine school system to meet the needs of the area residents.

Trees Under the Power Lines on Your Property?



If you have trees growing under our power lines and would like to have them removed, call Jimmy Fulp at (254) 840-2871 and have him explain our brush removal program. He can make arrangements for someone to meet you to schedule the work.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Our Member Photo this month is of Chad Hickey, son of Stan and Kathy Hickey of Crawford. Chad is 21 years old and is in the Marines 2nd Battalion stationed in Iraq. We, along with everyone else, are proud of our soldiers who are fighting for peace and freedom in Iraq. We seek a speedy end to hostilities and the safe return home of our troops.



The United States Armed Forces: For their commitment and dedication to protecting others and for giving it their all to protect the freedoms we enjoy, we say

THANK YOU.

We are asking our members for photos of their loved ones serving in the armed forces. We would like to honor those who are giving so much for our country. Send us a photo and a self-addressed envelope along 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 at mike@mclennan-electric.com.



Lightning Happens

With thunderstorm season upon us, your appliances may be susceptible to lightning surges. McLennan County Electric Cooperative has surge protection kits available to protect your home from power surges caused from lightning. Call or come by for more information on this service.

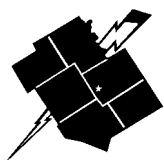
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This month's Member Spotlight is on the "Wetlands Project" on the Brazos River. The City of Waco has constructed a 173-acre Wetlands Project along the Brazos River in cooperation with the United States Corps of Engineers. This project is intended to help clean the Bosque River by removing significant amounts of nutrients and bacteria under normal flow conditions, as well as providing a tremendous habitat for wildlife. Water from the river will be pumped through the Wetlands at a rate of 11 million gallons a day. It will take seven to ten days for the river water to go all the way through and flow into Lake Waco.

Volunteers meet at the Wetlands on Fridays and Saturdays to "get muddy." Volunteers have donated more than 5,000 hours, with one section completed and five other sections remaining to be planted. Volunteers have made and placed 40 bird boxes and have planted over 2,000 native trees and 30,000 aquatic plants at the project. Wetlands are one of nature's best ways to improve water quality.



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Wetlands are among the most biologically productive ecosystems in the world and are often compared to the tropical rainforests and coral reefs in the diversity of species they support.

Anyone interested in lending a hand can contact Dori Helm, City of Waco Public Relations Coordinator, at 750-8039, or e-mail at dorih@ci.waco.tx.us.
Photos by Annette Jones



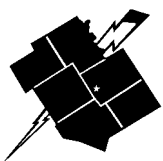
McLennan County Electric Cooperative is proud to be a supporter and energy choice for the "Wetlands Project." Concerned for our communities and environment, doing the little extras and doing it right, we are ...

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FLAG DAY
June 14th



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Annual Meeting News

The Annual Meeting of McLennan County Electric Cooperative will be October 21, 2003, at the McGregor High School at 7:30 p.m.

Several new programs have been added this year for our members' convenience:

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

If you have any ideas or programs that you would like to see added, please call or come by and let us know.

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