

McLENNAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & EVENTS

Community Events

Meridian

National Championship
Barbeque 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
and Parade
September 25, 2004

Civic Events

Lions Club

McGregor—2nd & 4th Monday
Clifton—2nd & 4th Tuesday
China Spring—2nd & 4th Monday
Gatesville—Each Wednesday
Oglesby—1st & 3rd Monday
Moody—2nd & 4th Tuesday
Valley Mills—2nd & 4th Tuesday

Rotary Club

McGregor—Wednesday
Clifton—Thursday

If you have or 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 mike@mclennanelectric.com by e-mail.

ANNUAL MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The MCEC Annual Meeting will be held on October 19, 2004, at McGregor High School. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. with many door prizes and fun.

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER
19
2004**

WATER HEATER PROBLEMS?



We offer A.O. Smith and Marathon electric water heaters in 40- or 50-gallon sizes.

These water heaters qualify for a \$50 rebate when installed on our system. Call Ron or Mike for details at (254) 840-2871.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

LEVITA

The community of Levita is located at the crossroads of FM 930 and FM 2412 about 10 miles northwest of Gatesville. The community of Levita began with donated land from Mont Simpson, who first named the community Simpsonville, but was later changed to Levita when the post office opened in 1886. In 1890 the town had three businesses and a population of 75. When the railroad reached Levita in 1911, the community had a large rural school, two churches, a large flour mill, gristmill, several doctors, a cotton gin, barbershop, blacksmith shop, a constable and a variety of stores. The town prospered until the invention of reliable transportation when residents began taking their business to Gatesville. Fire almost destroyed Levita in 1932. When the railroad ceased operations in 1941, the town still had a store, a new post office and three gas stations. The population in the 1930s and 1940s stayed steady at 200. When the school closed in the 1950s, the population began to shrink, to 80 residents in the 1980s and just 70 in 1990. The residents of Levita today enjoy a quiet, peaceful rural lifestyle where you know and depend on your neighbors, family and friends.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Pictured is Malori Brown catching her first fish. Malori is 3 years old and is the daughter of Joel and Miranda Brown of China Spring. For those fishermen out there, she caught it on a "Winnie the Pooh" rod and "Tigger" float.

If you have a photo of a child, grandchild, or something of interest, please send it to mike@mclennanelectric.com or to the office at P.O. Box 357, McGregor, TX 76657. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like the photo returned.

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO LOOK FOR NEW APPLIANCES, LOOK FOR THE 'ENERGY STAR' SYMBOL



Looking for replacement appliances or new appliances for that special new home? For your best value, look for the Energy Star. The Energy Star is designed to identify appliances that have been rated by the federal government as the most energy-efficient products on the market. Appliances with an Energy Star label exceed existing federal efficiency standards, typically by 13 percent to 20 percent, and by as much as 110 percent for some appliances. Customers can be assured that the appliance

being purchased is a high-performance product that will reduce the operating cost of that appliance or product every month.

Examples:

Refrigerators and freezers labeled Energy Star exceed federal standards by at least 20 percent.

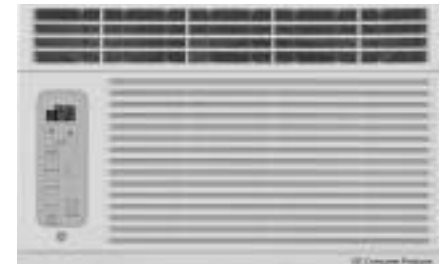


Energy Star clothes washers use less than 50 percent of the energy used by standard washers.



Energy Star dishwashers exceed federal standards by at least 13 percent.

Energy Star room air conditioners are some of the most energy-efficient products available.



'ENERGY GUZZLERS'


Are you aware that some of your appliances are "gobbling kilowatts" while you are not even using them? Electronic devices like your television, VCR, and cable or satellite TV box continue to draw electricity even when you turn them off. The lighted displays, clocks and timers are electrically operated. Same goes for the microwave oven, automatic coffee maker, electric alarm clocks and

any small appliance that displays numbers. When we open the power bill, we can't understand why our usage seems to keep rising even though we haven't changed the thermostat or left the lights on. Whereas one single device draws a tiny amount of power, the draw is constant. Cell phone and tool chargers, electronic games, and computer equipment along with the above mentioned

devices will contribute to a slightly higher power bill, even when your home is empty. In fact, even when nobody's using them, each small electric appliance left plugged in can add from 25 cents to \$3 per month to your electric bill.

So when you get your next bill, stop and look to see how many energy guzzlers you have "gobbling kilowatts" in your house.

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‘THERE’S A TURTLE IN MY BACKYARD!’



MCCEC customers may have noticed a funny little light shining from their meter at night. Don't be alarmed; it means you have a "turtle transmitter" in your meter. The "turtle meter" is part of the automated meter reading system (AMR) that has been installed at all MCEC residential locations. The "turtle transmitter" sends accurate, reliable, daily meter read-

ings to our office. The small light in the meter is an indication that it is working correctly. The system accurately tracks and transmits data using a narrow bandwidth frequency and power line carrier technology. The existing power lines are used to transmit the meter readings from your meter to

a computer in our office, and the information we receive provides us with more than just a meter reading. It gives us a daily log of the kWh usage on your meter, your maximum kW load on your transformer, and tracks any blinks or outages that affect your meter. Use of the new AMR technology has helped us better serve you and improve our service to all members.



E.J. Kasper, meter technician

Whether it's working on our "turtle meters" ensuring their accuracy, or making sure our equipment is ready to go in a moment's notice, our employees are dedicated to serving our members. We like to say it's your *HOME TEAM Advantage*.

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Keith Bearden, mechanic