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## NOTICE OF

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# CECA 2020 DISTRICT MEETING

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## **TO: ALL MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 2**

Comanche County (Highway 36 east from Comanche, thence south and west to Highway 36)

**The district meeting will be held at CECA.**

349 Industrial Blvd., Comanche 76442 • Wednesday, July 22, 2020 • 6 p.m.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**TEXAS CO-OP POWER**



**TO:** All Members in District 2  
**FROM:** Alan Lesley, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Directors

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Wednesday, July 22, 2020 • 6 p.m.

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1. be a bona fide resident in the area served by the Cooperative,
2. be receiving electric service from the Cooperative at their primary residence,
3. be a citizen, or legal resident, of the United States,
4. not, within the past ten (10) years, have been convicted of a felony nor of any crime involving moral turpitude,
5. not be employed nor have a material financial interest in a competing enterprise, or in a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative,
6. not be, or have been, an employee of, nor received compensation from, the Cooperative for the longer term of:
  - a. 5 years prior to the election, or
  - b. for so long as the individual's former Cooperative supervisor remains employed by the Cooperative.

#### SECTION 3.3. DISTRICTS PLAN

**DISTRICTS DESCRIBED.** The territory served or to be served by the Cooperative shall be divided into seven (7) Districts, and each District shall be represented by one (1) Director who is a resident of that District. Said seven (7) Districts shall be from time to time reviewed and constituted by the Board of Directors, with notice of the district descriptions provided to the Members in advance of the annual director nomination process.

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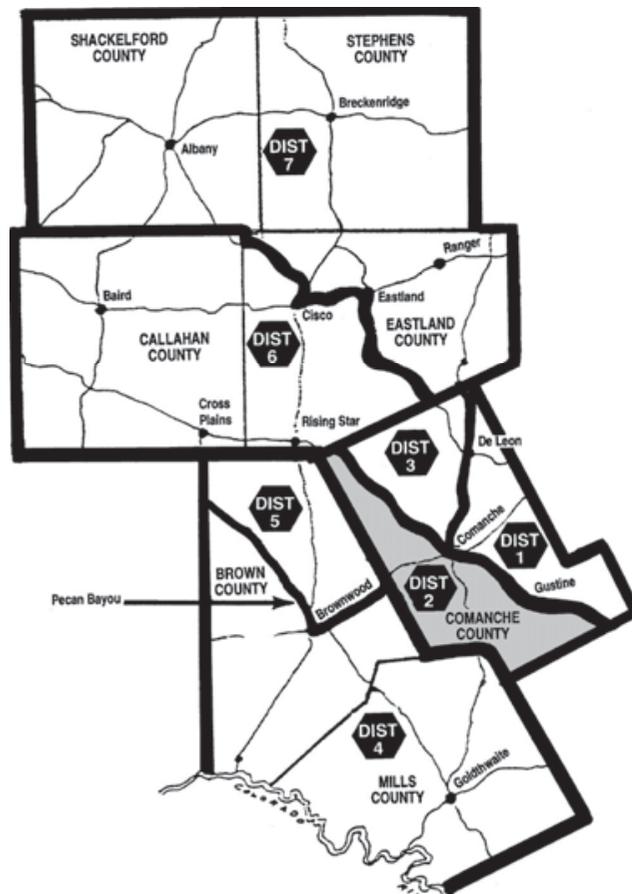
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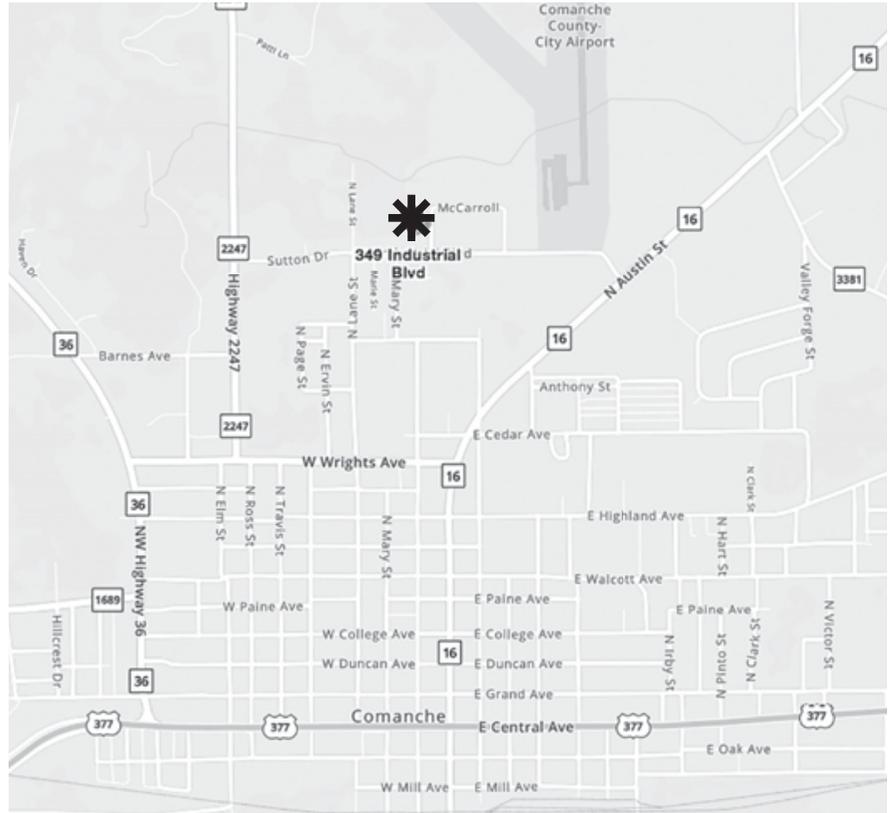
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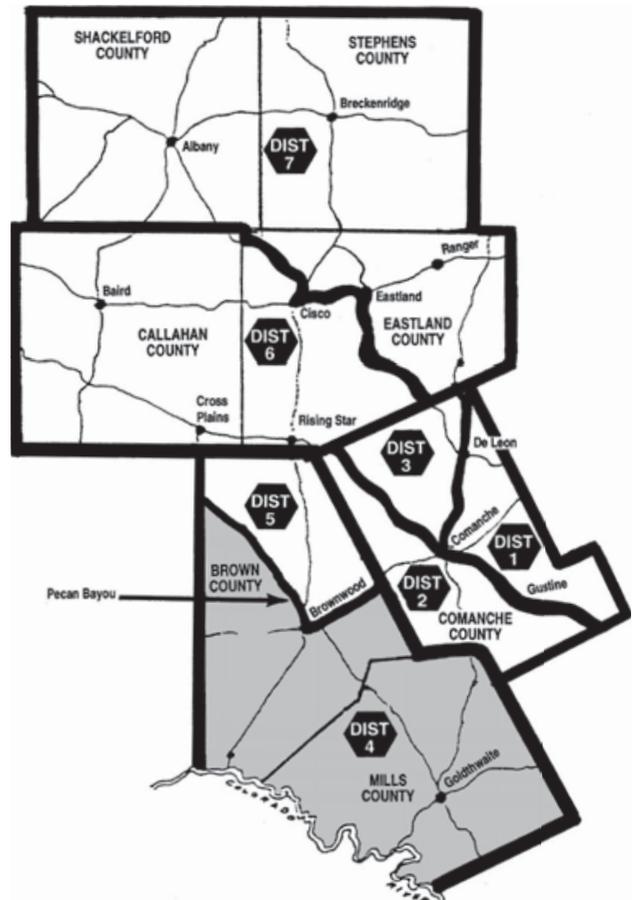
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# Be Wary of COVID-19 Scams



## MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER ALAN LESLEY

**AS THE CORONAVIRUS** pandemic continues to effect the United States, scammers have seized the opportunity to prey on consumers, including electric co-op members in Texas.

The Federal Communications Commission has received reports of scam and hoax text message campaigns and scam robocalls offering free home testing kits, promoting bogus cures, selling health insurance and exploiting virus-related fears.

Scammers sometimes call to say that an electric bill is past due and try to collect personal information, such as Social Security numbers, or immediate payment through wire transfers, prepaid debit cards, gift cards or other untraceable currency. Members should be especially wary if anyone comes to your door to collect payment.

When CECA calls you, we will have your name and address; our member service representatives will not ask for that information over the phone. Never give out personal information to a stranger over the phone or at the door, and don't let strangers inside your home.

If you are suspicious or feel threatened by a caller or visitor, call law enforcement immediately. If you get a call from a scammer pretending to be from your electric cooperative,

hang up and call CECA directly at 1-800-915-2533.

Opportunists are also offering air conditioning duct cleaning as a way to "protect" your home and family from the virus.

The FCC warns of an increase in messaging scams, in which an email or text may falsely advertise a cure or an offer to be tested for coronavirus. Do not click on these links.

Some text scams impersonate government agencies. The FCC has learned of a text scam claiming to be from the "FCC Financial Care Center," offering \$30,000 in COVID-19 relief. There is no such FCC program.

The Better Business Bureau warns of a text message scam impersonating the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that informs recipients that they must take a "mandatory online COVID-19 test" or that diabetic patients can receive a free testing kit and blood glucose monitor using an included link. Again, don't click the link.

Text message hoaxes may claim that the government will order a mandatory national two-week quarantine or instruct you to go out and stock up on supplies. These fake messages may even appear to be from a "next-door neighbor."

Fraudsters are also preying on financial fears. The FCC is aware of scams based on COVID-19 work-from-home opportunities, student loan repayment plans and debt consolidation offers. Small businesses are also getting scam calls about virus-related funding or loans.

If you think you've been a victim of a coronavirus scam, contact law enforcement immediately.

### Protect Against Scams

- Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers or any others that appear suspicious.
- Never share your personal or financial information via email or text message or over the phone.
- Be cautious if you're being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Scammers often spoof phone numbers to trick you into answering or responding. Remember that government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money.
- Do not click any links in messages. If a friend sends you a message with a suspicious link that seems out of character, call them to make sure their accounts weren't compromised.
- Always check on a charity (for example, by calling or looking at its actual website) before donating.



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# Have a Safe Fourth of July

**FIREWORKS ARE A MUCH-ANTICIPATED HIGHLIGHT** of the Fourth of July but also present a significant danger.

The best option is to attend a public fireworks display and leave it to the professionals, but if your holiday isn't complete without setting off a few of your own, please take these precautions:

- Follow all local laws, and read and follow product directions.
- Do not allow children to handle fireworks.
- Make sure fireworks are used on a hard, stable surface in an open, clear area, and never attempt to relight a "dud."
- Make sure there is water nearby in case of an emergency.
- Wear ear protection.
- Never light fireworks in a container.
- If swimming is part of your plan, make sure children are always supervised in or around the water. Take responsibility for your children even in the company of other adults. Consider hiring or nominating a lifeguard.
- Many people travel over the holiday, and congestion, accidents, road rage and impaired driving can quickly turn the holiday into a tragedy. Make sure your car is in excellent condition and that you are rested, alert and sober if you are driving. Plan ahead for a designated driver if appropriate.
- If barbecue is on the menu, be careful when lighting the grill, and make sure an adult is always present around a heated grill. Be sure to put away perishables to avoid eating spoiled food. Make sure to cook meats thoroughly on the grill.
- Watch out for signs of heatstroke, such as hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; a rapid or weak pulse; and rapid or shallow breathing. If you suspect someone is suffering from heatstroke, call 911.
- And don't forget to take special precautions with your pets. Fireworks can be terrifying for them, so keep them indoors or in another safe place.
- Drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen and have a wonderful Independence Day.



P.O. Box 729, Comanche, TX 76442

Operating in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Mills, Shackelford and Stephens counties

### HEADQUARTERS

349 Industrial Blvd  
Comanche, TX 76442

### EARLY OFFICE

1801 CR 338  
Early, TX 76801

### EASTLAND OFFICE

1311 W. Main St.  
Eastland, TX 76448

### OFFICE HOURS

**Comanche Office:** Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Early Office:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from 1 to 2 p.m.

**Eastland Office:** Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### General Manager

Alan Lesley

### Board of Directors

Randy Denning, District 1  
Pete McDougal, District 2  
Ruby Solomon, District 3  
Monty Carlisle, District 4  
Troy Stewart, District 5  
Loren Stroebel, District 6  
Phil Taylor, District 7

### Report an Outage

CECA crews are available 24/7 in the event of a power quality issue by calling 800-915-2533.

## Contact Us

### CALL US

**1-800-915-2533** toll-free

### FIND US ON THE WEB

**www.cecacoop**

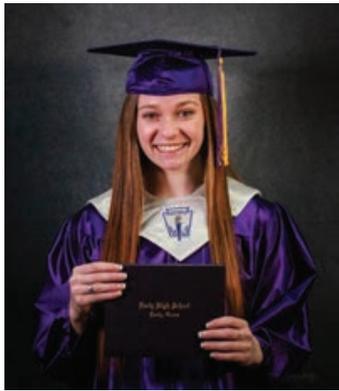


**facebook.com/CECA.coop**

# CECA Awards \$14,000 to Area Students

**CECA RECENTLY AWARDED \$14,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA students.** Vance-Cady Gordon, Alri A. Lindeque, Caryn Lawrence, Geneva Nicole Lord and Cara R. Sides each received a \$2,000 scholarship for excellence, funded by unclaimed capital credits

funds. Christa Lane Arnold and Dexter John Young were awarded \$2,000 scholarships funded by Operation Round-Up. Congratulations to all of the recipients.



**VANCE-CADY GORDON** is a senior at Early High School and the daughter of John Gordon and Vanessa Stewart. She will attend Tarleton State University to study sports management.



**ALRI A LINDEQUE** is a senior at Sidney High School and the daughter of Paul and Tina Lindeque. She will attend Texas A&M University and major in biology.



**CARYN LAWRENCE** is a senior at Rising Star High School and the daughter of Howard Lawrence. She will attend McMurry University and major in exercise science and human performance pre-physical therapy.



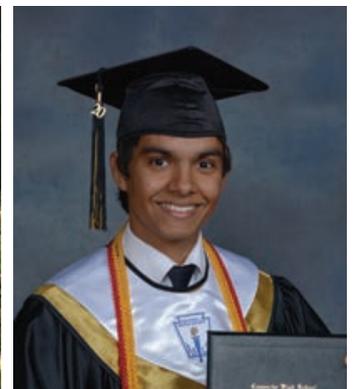
**GENEVA NICOLE LORD** is a senior at May High School and the daughter of Eddie and Katy Lord. She will attend Texas Tech University and major in communications.



**CARA R. SIDES** is a senior at De Leon High School. She is the daughter of Mark and Mindy Sides. She will attend Tarleton State University to study agribusiness.



**CHRISTA LANE ARNOLD** studies psychology at Ranger College.



**DEXTER JOHN YOUNG** is a senior at Comanche High School and the son of Jason and Nanya Young. He will attend the University of North Texas and major in psychology.



**HIGH SCHOOL  
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NEED MONEY FOR  
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**CECA**  
comanche electric cooperative association

*Apply for an Operation Round-Up  
Technical Scholarship*

**Amount of scholarships:** \$1,000

**Deadline to apply:** *July 31, 2020*

**Number available:** *To be determined by number of applicants*

**How to apply:** *Apply at [ceca.coop](http://ceca.coop) under "Youth Opportunities"*



*Do you run from change, or do you embrace it? We live in a rapidly changing world, and, like it or not, change is inevitable. At CECA, we strive to keep pace with the latest technologies. Doing so necessitates change, and in the case of technology, change is good.*

## **SCADA**

Supervisory control and data acquisition, or SCADA, is a system of software and hardware elements that allows CECA to quickly spot and resolve power outages—which means safer, more reliable electricity for you, the co-op member.

This system has proved instrumental in creating operational efficiencies, reducing outage duration and promoting proactive distribution system maintenance. SCADA offers system operators a systemwide perspective via map board displays while also providing granular detail on station- or area-specific displays.

CECA has focused on automating its distribution system and integrating SCADA functionality into its existing advanced metering infrastructure, outage management system and geographic information system. Integrating these systems has improved outage performance during large-scale outages and created better overall situational awareness. System diagnostic and display pages can be viewed on a computer or iPad by remote users.

## **Metering**

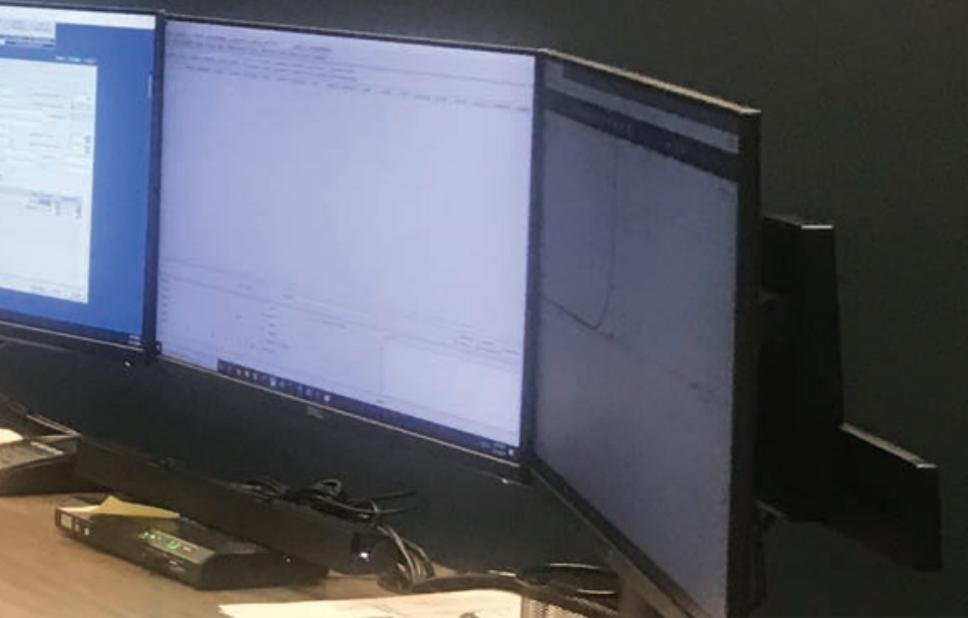
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This system allows for real-time billing information, reduces estimated reading and billing errors, and increases information about usage while empowering you, the member, to conserve resources and save money.

In addition, the new meters have the ability to immediately notify the cooperative's dispatchers of an outage—often before the member is even aware their power is off. This important feature allows cooperative personnel to be dispatched in a more timely manner, ensuring more efficient power restoration.

# In an Ever-Changing World, CECA Is Prepared for the Future

Dispatcher Shane Kinnamon monitors the metering and SCADA systems. Using the latest technology, CECA is able to view the entire system in real time, allowing for faster dispatching of crews and shorter service interruptions.



BY SHIRLEY KIDD DUKES

## Pay Your Way

Pay Your Way allows members to choose when they pay their bill and how much they pay. With Pay Your Way, members pay for power before using it, much as one fills the gas tank in a vehicle before using the fuel.

Pay Your Way members will receive courtesy notifications of account balances via text message or email, reminding them that it is time to add more money to their account. Payments can be made by calling 1-800-915-2533, online at [ceca.coop](http://ceca.coop), using the free CECA app for Apple and Android devices, or by stopping by one of our offices during regular business hours.

As an added bonus, Pay Your Way eliminates the security deposit that is typically required of members and the monthly bill that arrives in your mailbox or inbox, allowing you more resources and time for your family.

## Online

Using CECA's online portal, members now have the ability and flexibility to access their account anytime. Members are able to pay their bill, set up drafts, and check their usage, billing and payment history. Members can also set up account alerts for payment due dates and declared outages.



## JULY HOLIDAYS

### Independence Day

Saturday, July 4

Our offices will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the holiday.

### Pecan Pie Day

Sunday, July 12

### Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 19