

## SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY



Big Country Electric Cooperatives outside personnel deal with electrical issues everyday. It's their job. Keeping BCEC employees safe on the job is taken seriously. Scheduled safety meetings are attended by all outside employees at the Roby office. Texas Electric Cooperative Loss Control Specialist Warren Huggins instructs BCEC personnel on safety issues and safety procedures. Safety Coordinator/Meter Tech Will Duniven helps conduct these meetings and reminds all linemen to work safely. Pole top rescue, CPR and other life saving techniques are taught on an annual basis too.



At this month's safety meeting certificates were presented to those attending and completing electrical course studies such as fundamentals of electricity transformer wiring and accident investigation.



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## BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

August 2007

### Legislators Attend Luncheon

Group IV member cooperatives hosted an appreciation luncheon for Big Country representatives on July 12. The Cypress Street Restaurant in Abilene was the gathering place for directors, managers, employees and guests to show appreciation to their elected officials.



In attendance were Senator Troy Fraser from District 24, Representative Harvey Hilderbran from District 53, Representative Jim Keffer from District 60, Representative Susan King from District 71, Representative Joe Heflin from District 85 and Representative Sid Miller from District 59. Senator Robert Duncan from District 28 was represented by Pam Dutton and Representative Drew Darby from District 72 was represented by Cheryl DeCorva.

Each representative received a map outlining his or her district with cooperatives' service areas highlighted. Topics concerning the electric industry were addressed and each representative voiced his or her support of the principles our cooperatives were built upon.



Electric cooperatives in Texas are divided into seven separate groups. Members of Group IV are Big Country EC, Coleman Co EC, Comanche EC, Concho Valley EC, For Belknap EC, Rio Grande EC, Southwest Rural EA, Southwest Texas EC and Taylor EC.

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## STUDENTS SHINE

This summer Big Country Electric Cooperative would like to welcome back those students that were a part of our workforce in the past and one that is new to the Co-op world. These students assist BCEC employees in everything from filing and answering phones to building lines and trouble shooting after hours. Gaining valuable work experience and earning money for their college tuition is what it's all about for these seven hard working young men and women.

In the Snyder office we have Kinsey Guynes. She is the daughter of Joe Don and Redonna Guynes. Kinsey graduated from Snyder High School this spring and is planning to attend Western Texas College for a year and then her plans are to transfer to Texas Tech University where she will begin her studies in medicine. Kinsey has one brother, Jadon.



Tanner Garcia returns for his second summer at BCEC as a lineman helper. Tanner is the son of Jimmy and Susie Garcia of Sylvester. Tanner graduated from Western Texas College in December and will be attending either Hardin Simmons University or Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Tanner plans on becoming a police officer or a state trooper in the future.



In the Stamford division we have Ross Teichelman. He is the son of Ronnie and Cathy Teichelman of Sagerton. Ross attends San Angelo State University where he studies Animal Science. Ross graduated from Stamford High in 2006. In his second year as a helper to line crews at BCEC, Ross enjoys staying busy and learning about the electric industry.

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Also in the Stamford office is Marni McLemore. Marni is the daughter of Mitch and Kim McLemore and they reside in Stamford. She is a senior at Stamford High and has not yet decided where she will be attending college.



Tiffany Rivers daughter of Mike and Lisa Snead of Rotan and Kevin Rivers of Roby is working in the Roby office this summer. Tiffany is a junior at San Angelo State University where she is studying business. She has one brother, Adam.

At the Roby division, Jance Morris has joined the crews at BCEC for his third year. Jance attends Tarleton State University in Stephenville where he is majoring in Sports Studies. He is the son of Jay and Shari Morris.



Frankie Gonzales, son of Frankie and Sally Gonzales of Roby is on his second summer at BCEC at the Roby division. Frankie attends Western Texas College in Snyder. Frankie is studying kinesiology. Frankie has one sister.

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