Together We Strengthen Our Community

MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER BILLY MARRICLE

AT SAN BERNARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, OUR primary mission is to provide the electricity that powers your life. It’s what we do best.

But SBEC is more than an electric utility. We’re also a part of your community. The directors and employees of this cooperative are your neighbors, friends and even family. And just like you, we want to see our community succeed.

We’re local people working for local good. That’s the essence of Cooperative Principle No. 7, Concern for Community.

First and foremost, we strengthen our community by providing safe and reliable electricity at a reasonable price. We are a dynamic part of our community, and as the area grows, so does our distribution system.

We have strong roots in this community. SBEC has been in business here for more than 75 years, and we are not going anywhere. Our business began here, and we will not pull up stakes to pursue greener pastures elsewhere.

By providing jobs and a steady supply of electricity, the co-op helps the local economy stay strong. We pay our employees fair wages, and when they spend that money here, that helps strengthen the economy. And by offering good jobs, we keep our towns healthy because employees and their families don’t have to move away to make a decent living. The more people we have here paying taxes and contributing to the community, the more vibrant it will be.

But the benefits to the community aren’t only financial. We open doors for our young people with scholarship programs and other opportunities. We teach children safety through programs in schools, and we provide safety tips and home improvement advice to adult members so the whole family stays safe. We help our members save money by offering energy efficiency tips. And we strengthen the community by supporting local charities.

The co-op is made up of people who care. Our employees go out of their way to better the communities in which they live. They coach youth sports teams, serve on volunteer fire departments and participate in community activities. They are co-op members like you, and, like you, they want to make their hometown stronger.

Until next time, take care.

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I had no idea how much of my money was leaking out of my manufactured home. Until I saw it for myself. After a few things like caulk, insulation and skirting, now my manufactured home is a lot more comfortable. About $585 per year more comfortable. What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at TogetherWeSave.com.

LAST WEEKEND, I SEALED MY MANUFACTURED HOME AND STOPPED MY WALLET FROM LEAKING.
County Fairs Offer Live Music, Fun Activities

Colorado County Fair
The Colorado County Fair celebrates its 42nd year September 5–7 with an exciting lineup of Americana music.

On Friday, September 6, this volunteer-driven fair invites fairgoers to the dance floor for Tejano band Masizzo followed by the classic country sounds of Derek Spence’s George Strait tribute band. Spence, a native Texan with more than 25 years of entertainment experience, captures the look, sound and mannerisms of the “King of Country.”

The entertainment continues Saturday, with activities kicking off at 10 a.m. That evening, fairgoers will put on their dancing shoes again for live music at the Jerry Henneke Entertainment Arena by the Black Cat Choir and Columbus’ very own William Kyle Appelt. Appelt grew up playing music with his father but has now set off on his own journey in country music. To close out the night of music, the fair will feature Micky and the Motorcars and Flatland Cavalry. Micky and the Motorcars, an Austin-based band and long-time favorite among Texas music fans, are known for such songs as Careless and Long Road to Nowhere. Flatland Cavalry, from Lubbock, plays an energetic blend of country, folk and Americana and is known for crowd favorites Old School and One I Want.

Other events at the Colorado County Fair include the Queen and King Scholarship Pageant, car show and tractor pull. New to the fair this year is a wine garden featuring Whistling Duck Winery out of Weimar.

Thursday, September 5
9 a.m. Senior Citizens Day begins—bingo, lunch and live music
5 p.m. Barbecue cook-off check-in
Little Ms. and Little Mr. contests
6:30 p.m. Junior Fair Queen Pageant and Colorado County Fair Queen and King Pageant
Entertainment: Open mic night

Friday, September 6
6 p.m. Entertainer: Mama Tried Band
8 p.m. Entertainer: Masizzo
10 p.m. Entertainer: Derek Spence’s George Strait Tribute Band

Saturday, September 7
Barbecue cook-off judging and awards
10 a.m. Colorado County Fair Parade
6 p.m. Entertainer: Black Cat Choir
7:30 p.m. Entertainer: William Kyle Appelt
9:15 p.m. Entertainer: Micky and the Motorcars
Entertainer: Flatland Cavalry

Season passes can be purchased in advance for $25 from pageant contestants or at the gate through Thursday, September 5, for $30. Day passes are $10 for adults, and $5 for children 6–12 and seniors 65 and older. Admission is free for children 5 and under.

Get ready to rodeo at the 40th annual Colorado County Fair. See the dates and times below:

September 4, 7 p.m. Steer Roping
September 5, 10 a.m. Exceptional Rodeo
September 5, 7:30 p.m. Ranch Rodeo
September 6, 7:30 p.m. CPRA Rodeo
September 7, 7:30 p.m. CPRA Rodeo
September 6–7, 6:30 p.m. Mutton bustin’ sign-up is Friday and Saturday, under the announcers’ stand.

For more information, visit coloradocountyfair.org.

Waller County Fair and Rodeo
There’s a lot to do during the week of the Waller County Fair and Rodeo, which kicks off Friday, September 27, and runs through Saturday, October 5. Rodeos, a barbecue cook-off and a solid line-up of entertainers should draw large crowds to the event.

The Waller County Fair Association is also proud to present
their Barnyard Buddies program, a project that began in 2015 to provide a day of activities for special-needs students at the county fair. That year, WCFA organized activities, carnival rides, lunches and backpacks filled with merchandise for approximately 140 special-needs students.

By 2016, 200 students were in the program, which became known as Barnyard Buddies when the special-needs students were paired with high school student volunteers. These young volunteers, along with adults from various organizations, increased the total participant count for the day to more than 500 fairgoers.

Each special-needs student is matched up with a student volunteer to be their buddy for the day. These volunteers come from a number of high school organizations, such as FFA, 4-H, the National Honor Society and Rodeo Club. The buddy pairings enjoy events throughout the day, including a petting zoo, activity stations, a photo booth, interactions with first responders and special appearances by cowboys and cowgirls competing in rodeo events at the fair. Before heading out to the carnival, the buddies enjoy a meal together, such as in past years, when they devoured hot dogs and chips donated by local merchants and cookies provided by local churches.

WCFA’s goal is to promote strong character, excellent work ethic, good sportsmanship and a strong sense of personal responsibility in future generations. Barnyard Buddies works toward that goal by uniting individuals and organizations behind a shared purpose—to provide a fun-filled day to those who may otherwise miss out on the joys of a county fair.

**Friday, September 27**
- 6 p.m. Barbecue cook-off
- 6:30 p.m. Wine tasting
- 7 p.m. Waller Youth Rough Stock Rodeo and Championship

**Saturday, September 28**
- 10 a.m. Parade
- 11 a.m. Rodeo beer booth opens
- 12 p.m. Ag mechanics project judging and awards
- 4 p.m. Wagon wheel opens
- 5 p.m. Barbecue awards
- 5 p.m. Fair Queen and Court announcement
- 5:30 p.m. Ladies Ranch Rodeo
- 5:30 p.m. Elvis impersonator
- 5:45 p.m. Little Mr. and Ms. Waller County announcement
- 6:30 p.m. Harris County Sheriff’s Junior Mounted Posse
- 7 p.m. Best of Texas Open Ranch Rodeo
- 7:30 p.m. Entertainer: Cody Wayne
- 9:30 p.m. Entertainer: Gene Watson
- 11:30 p.m. Entertainer: Kyle Park

**Sunday, September 29**
- 11 a.m. Little Britches Rodeo and Bloody Mary Bar (BYOB)
- 1 p.m. Washer tournament
- 2 p.m. Horseshoe tournament
- 3 p.m. Cornhole tournament
- 4 p.m. Dominos tournament
- 5 p.m. Creative Living: Accepting all entries (except perishable)

**Monday, September 30**
- 9 a.m. Creative Living judging
- 7 p.m. Waller County team roping

**Tuesday, October 2**
- Animal check-ins throughout the day
- 5 p.m. Creative Living exhibit building opens

**Tuesday, October 1**
- 5 p.m. Creative Living exhibit opens
- 6:45 p.m. Cowboy auction
- 7 p.m. Calf roping
**Wednesday, October 2**
- 9 a.m.: Barnyard Buddies
- 6 p.m.: Carnival opens
- 6:30 p.m.: Talent show
- 7 p.m.: Open team roping and team roping eliminator
- 7:30 p.m.: Off the Wall-er Theatre Group

**Thursday, October 3**
- Cancer Awareness Day: 55+ admitted free
- 9:30 a.m.: Senior citizen health fair
- 11 a.m.: Senior citizen brunch
- 7 p.m.: Lone Star Cowgirls
- 7:30 p.m.: PRCA Rodeo: Pete Carr Pro Rodeo
- 8 p.m.: House music
- 10 p.m.: Entertainer: Jeff Woolsey

**Friday, October 4**
- Kids 10 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult
- 9 a.m.: PRCA slack events
- 12:30 p.m.: Old-Timers Showmanship (19 and older)
- Noon: Hay contest registration
- 3 p.m.: Port-a-potty decorating contest assignments posted
- 7 p.m.: Margarita contest

**Saturday, October 5**
- 9 a.m.: PRCA steer roping
- 11 a.m.: Buyers luncheon
- 5:30 p.m.: Entertainer: Cody Wayne
- 7 p.m.: Lone Star Cowgirls Rodeo
- 8 p.m.: Entertainer: Kris Jones
- 9 a.m.: Entertainer: Jarrod Birmingham
- 11 a.m.: Entertainer: Restless Heart

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**Austin County Fair and Rodeo**
The Austin County Fair and Rodeo runs from Friday, October 4, through Sunday, October 13, and this year will include a “family square,” a horseshoe-shaped area connecting the carnival side of the fairgrounds to the entertainment side. By expanding the layout of the fair, organizers hope to give guests a place where they can just hang out. The family square will offer a covered food court with large fans to cool off fairgoers during those hot daytime hours. It will be family-friendly and feature a bubble station, petting zoo, photo booth and food vendors. Fairgoers can also get a complimentary photo taken with Capuchin monkeys. This new section of the fair is bound to become a favorite hangout spot through the duration of the fair.

Austin County Fair organizers are working hard to make this year’s event an enjoyable experience for people of all ages, including senior citizens. On Senior Citizens Day, Wednesday, October 9, admission for seniors is just $3 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Each senior citizen entry includes a meal at the Austin County Fair Convention and Expo Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Austin County Fair invites everyone to see what’s new at the 92nd Austin County Fair and Rodeo in Bellville!
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<td>Odor Eaters Rotten Sneaker Contest</td>
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<td>Ag Mechanics move-in</td>
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<td>Entertainer: Read Southall</td>
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<td>Carnival armband special: $35</td>
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<td>Entertainer: Koe Wetzel</td>
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<td>Rodeo slack followed by steer roping</td>
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**Sunday, October 6**

- **FREE ADMISSION!**
- Floral design competition
- Move-in for bucket calf show
- Ranch Rodeo
- Bucket calf show

**Monday, October 7**

- **FREE ADMISSION!**
- Champion Drive Livestock Show
- Home Economics and Flower Show entries accepted in all departments
- Team roping (Austin County residents only)

**Tuesday, October 8**

- **FREE ADMISSION!**
- Home Economics and Flower Show entries accepted in all departments
- Judging of all home economics exhibits
- Convention and Expo Center
- Country store open
- 4D barrel racing

**Wednesday, October 9**

School Pride Day: Wear your school colors.
Senior Citizens Day: Tickets for seniors are $3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$5 off with coupon for adult day ticket when purchased at gate.
(Does not apply to season passes, child or senior citizen tickets, or online tickets.) Gates open at 10 a.m.
Lil’ Wrangler Photo Contest results posted

**Thursday, October 10**

- Armed Forces Day: $5 off if in uniform or with military ID. (Does not apply to season passes, child or senior citizen tickets, or online tickets.) Gates open at 9 a.m.
- All Austin County students admitted free
- Parade begins
- Petting zoo opens
- Parade arrives at the fairgrounds
- Carnival opens; armband special, $5 off armband with coupon, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Family square open
- Country store open
- Austin County Bands
- Judging of horses
- Danger Magik
- Queen contest
- 6 p.m.-close Carnival: armband special, $5 off wristband with coupon
- Comedy hypnotist Michael Mezmer
- PRCA Championship Rodeo
- Entertainer: Kody West
- Comedy hypnotist Michael Mezmer
- Entertainer: Parker McCollum

**Friday, October 11**

Tough Enough To Wear Pink: Austin County Fair Association gives $1
to American Cancer Society for every pink ribbon given out at gates to fairgoers wearing pink.

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<td>Youth auction buyers appreciation dinner</td>
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<td>Country store open</td>
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<td>Youth livestock auction</td>
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<td>Carnival opens</td>
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<td>10 p.m.</td>
<td>Entertainer: Urban Cowboy Reunion</td>
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**Saturday, October 12**

4-H Day: Wear green to show support for Austin County 4-H.

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<td>Registration for livestock judging contest</td>
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<td>Livestock judging contest begins</td>
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<td>Country store and family square open</td>
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<td>11 a.m.–1 p.m.</td>
<td>Country fair auction buyer appreciation luncheon</td>
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<td>Livestock judging results</td>
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<td>Herdsman/Good Housekeeping Awards</td>
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<td>Lamb and Goat Skillathon award presentation</td>
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<td>Country fair auction</td>
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<td>Followed by</td>
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<td>1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Registration for Stick Horse Rodeo—livestock barn</td>
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<td>Registration for mutton bustin’</td>
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<td>Mutton bustin’</td>
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<td>Poultry and rabbits move out</td>
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<td>Cattle, swine, lambs, goats and horses move out</td>
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<td>Family square opens</td>
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<td>Noon–3 p.m.</td>
<td>Release of all home economics exhibits</td>
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<td>Wine Down the Fair Homemade Wine Show entry registration</td>
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<td>1 p.m.</td>
<td>Carnival opens; armband special, 1–5 p.m., $5 discount on armband with two canned goods to be collected by food pantry volunteers at midway ticket booths</td>
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<td>1–2 p.m.</td>
<td>Photo session for home economics grand/ reserve champions and high-point/trophy winners</td>
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<td>Parade winner awards and photos</td>
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<td>Wine Down the Fair Homemade Wine Show judging begins</td>
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<td>Children’s tractor pull registration</td>
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<td>Children’s tractor pull begins</td>
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**Sunday, October 27**

11th annual C.A. “Bubba” Mewis Memorial Team Roping

Season passes available for advance purchase from any Austin County Fair Queen candidate until October 6. Season passes are $35 and are being sold at the fair office and online.
FOR SALE

HEIFERS—Top-quality heifers and young cows. Call (979) 865-3804.

VARIOUS ITEMS—Electric hospital bed $130; New Home sewing machine, model 921 with table; exercise bike, $30; king-size bed wood headboard, $25. Call (713) 503-4902.

DEER STAND—Steel two-piece deer stand tower, porch in front of stand, stand pulls up with cable and winch (included), $250 OBO. Call (979) 877-8985.

WINDOWFRAMES—17 wooden windowframes, all in good condition, fit window size 52.5 inches by 32 inches. Call (281) 468-6921.

LAND—25 acres. Johnson grass meadow in Mill Creek bottom. Call (979) 357-2387.

VARIOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS—Admiral gas clothes dryer, $75; GE dishwasher, $50; bedside cabinet, $15; Danielle Steele collection of 66 novels, $350; Stinger insect killer, new, $15; Detecto scale, new, $12; Tomcat mole trap, $5. Call (979) 733-9816.

VARIOUS OFFICE ITEMS—Secretary chairs, $35 each; 4-drawer lateral file cabinet, $99; 5-drawer lateral file cabinet, $129; magnifying light desktop, new, $99; Columbus area. Call (979) 733-9816.

VARIOUS MEDICAL ITEMS—Large wheelchairs, 28” for $250 and 30” for $300 (both have detachable arms and footrest); handicap bar, $10; trapeze bar, $75; Columbus area. Call (979) 733-9816.

POND MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES—Two water pumps, UV light holder, skimmer and large biofilter for pond. Call (361) 550-1661.

VARIOUS ITEMS—Lyfe Tyme barbecue pit with fire box, 40” by 16”; 1984 6-hp Troy-Bilt tiller, Make offer, moving. Call (936) 581-3115.


CLEANUP SALE—Various camo clothing and accessories, outdoor BBQ pots and pans, Earthquake tiller, offshore rods, reels and lures, large Igloo coolers, small toaster oven, Mr. Heater propane heater, antique railroad car chairs, Noritake pottery with Flowertime pattern, Noritake china with Guildford pattern, Cosmos gold-tone flatware, Beanie Babies and other items. Also, 2004 GMC Sierra 4x4 Duramax SB, asking $12,500. Call (281) 844-1551 or (281) 844-1593.

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTERS—AKC German shorthaired pointer puppies, UTD tails docked, hunting blood line. Call (210) 289-3231.


ANTIQUE IRON BED—Three-quarter size (48” by 79”), white, nice headboard design, clean and in very good condition, comes complete with custom-made spring and mattress, $1,000. Call (979) 263-4124.

ANTIQUE IRON DAYBED—36” by 79”, white, very good condition, has bed board with strong, firm foam spring and mattress, bed top 25” from floor, end rails 35” from floor. Call (979) 263-4124.

CUB CADET TRACTOR—Cub Cadet RZT S series tractor, zero turn with Kohler 700 series motor, used twice, rest of time stored in shed, paid $2,700, make offer. Call (979) 263-4124.

WANTED

CEMENT MIXER—Tractor PTO-driven cement mixer. Call (979) 865-8820.

LAND PLANE—6-foot-wide land plane with three-point hitch, adjustable scarifies, and angled grading blades adjustable for depth, pitch and blade wear. Call (979) 865-8820.

SERVICES

FREE WILD HOG REMOVAL—Use dogs, well-experienced, willing to travel. Call (832) 715-1130.

ADVERTISE IN THE TRADING POST

SBEC members are invited to submit ads for the Trading Post to P.O. Box 1208, Bellville, TX 77418 or lsamford@sbec.org. However, no commercial business ads will be accepted. Ads are placed on a first-come, first-served basis, and we reserve the right to refuse any ad. Please submit your ad by the 20th of each month. (If you submit an ad by September 20, it will appear in the November issue.) Your ad will be published in two consecutive issues, then deleted. If you want the ad to run another two months, you must resubmit the ad. The ad will not exceed four consecutive months.