



LEFT: Justyn Tedder, a Mason High School student representing Central Texas EC on the 2015 Government-in-Action Youth Tour, seemingly has the Lincoln Memorial in the palm of her hand while posing for a photo at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. **RIGHT:** A champion of rural electric cooperatives, President Lyndon B. Johnson greets Government-in-Action Youth Tour participants at the White House during his administration.

Youths Needed To Fulfill LBJ's Vision

Area high school students can apply for all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, A HILL COUNTRY NATIVE BORN in Stonewall and 36th United States president, was an innovator in a number of ways. Although he's known mainly for his "Great Society" reforms and passage of the Civil Rights Act, he also inspired a youth program for electric cooperatives that Central Texas Electric Cooperative youths can enjoy to this day.

As a Texan who understood the value of quality rural life, Johnson was a champion of electric cooperatives, including CTEC, even helping form neighboring Pedernales Electric Cooperative.

Before his presidency, the young, first-term Sen. Johnson inspired the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, a program that is still going strong after 51 years.

More than 50,000 U.S. teens, including local youths from Central Texas EC, have participated in the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., following Johnson's challenge for electric cooperatives across the country to "send youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

CTEC is proud to follow the call to serve by sponsoring three high school students from our service area to participate

in the tour.

"It was amazing watching students that for the most part were total strangers when they arrived in Austin and how fast they became hopefully lifelong friends," said Laura Parson of CTEC member services in Mason, who served as a chaperone on the 2015 trip.

"During the tours, the students glowed with excitement even when they had to get up only a few hours after going to bed," she said. "I would randomly inquire if they were having fun, and the answer was always a unanimous, 'Yes.'"

Participation is open to high school students who have completed their sophomore year by May 2016. Students whose parents or guardians are members of CTEC are eligible. The CTEC electric account must be in the name of the parent or guardian.

All expenses for the tour (except personal items such as souvenirs, etc.) are paid by the co-op.

CTEC holds an annual essay contest to select three participants in the Youth Tour. This year's essay prompt and additional details on submitting an application will be available in the December issue of Texas Co-op Power.

CTEC Employees Reach Two Years Without Lost-Time Accident

EMPLOYEES AT CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE achieved two consecutive years worked without a lost-time accident as of the end of business September 12.

This milestone marks the collective effort of four separate offices in an 11-county service area for the 133 employees and managers working at CTEC.

“Safety is always THE primary concern in any electric business,” said CTEC Board President Riley Kothmann. “On behalf of the board, I want to convey our sincere congratulations to all our employees on two years of work without a lost-time accident. We are very proud of this accomplishment.”

CEO Bob Loth joined Kothmann in applauding co-op employees. CTEC’s accomplishment is significant among the approximately 75 electric co-ops in Texas, Loth said.

“To put this milestone in perspective, it means more than 514,097 man-hours of work without a lost-time accident,” Loth said. “When you think about the kind of work our employees do—working on high-voltage electric lines, operating all kinds of machinery in all kinds of terrain, driving about 100 vehicles over a million miles at all hours of the day and night and in all kinds of weather conditions—this accomplishment is remarkable.”

CTEC continues to provide regular safety training for its employees and keeps safety as a top priority. Despite reaching this two-year achievement, our goal is to never have another lost-time accident.

“No matter how long the day is, what matters most is that when we close the gate, everyone goes home safe,” Loth said.

Member Survey Continues

CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC has been participating in a national phone survey about “The Cooperative Difference” that began in October and continues this month.

Approximately 400 CTEC members will be called and asked to participate by giving feedback about Central Texas Electric Cooperative. The survey will be handled by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

If you are called, please take the time to answer their questions. The CTEC Board of Directors is interested in hearing your answers and using them to enhance your CTEC experience. Thank you!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Central Texas EC will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26–27, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.



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1-800-900-CTEC (2832)

including Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Blanco, Real and Kimble counties

LLANO AND SAN SABA AREAS

(325) 247-4191

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AVAILABLE FROM CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Fredericksburg Football Honors Longtime CTEC Employee

THE SEAT WHERE KERMIT KLAERNER enjoyed Battlin' Billie football games for more than four decades remains vacant on Friday nights now.

Klaerner missed only two Fredericksburg High School football games in 40 years from his seat halfway up the home stands on the 50-yard line.

A Central Texas Electric Cooperative first class lineman 1977–2001 and 2002–2008, he never missed an opportunity to serve CTEC members or support his Battlin' Billies.

"Kermit missed about as many days of work at CTEC as he did Fredericksburg football games," CEO Bob Loth said. "He was a valued employee for almost 30 years and is truly missed."

After he passed away in 2010, the Fredericksburg High School athletic department honored Klaerner in a remarkable way, which was chronicled as part of a feature on longtime Billie football season ticket holders in the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post.

His place in the stands—seat 22 in row 10 of the center D section at FHS Stadium—remains unsold and vacant in his memory.

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