



TEXAS CO-OP POWER

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**FROM:** Alan Lesley, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Directors



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## **REGISTRATION CARD FOR DISTRICT 3 MEETING**

Monday, August 15, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.

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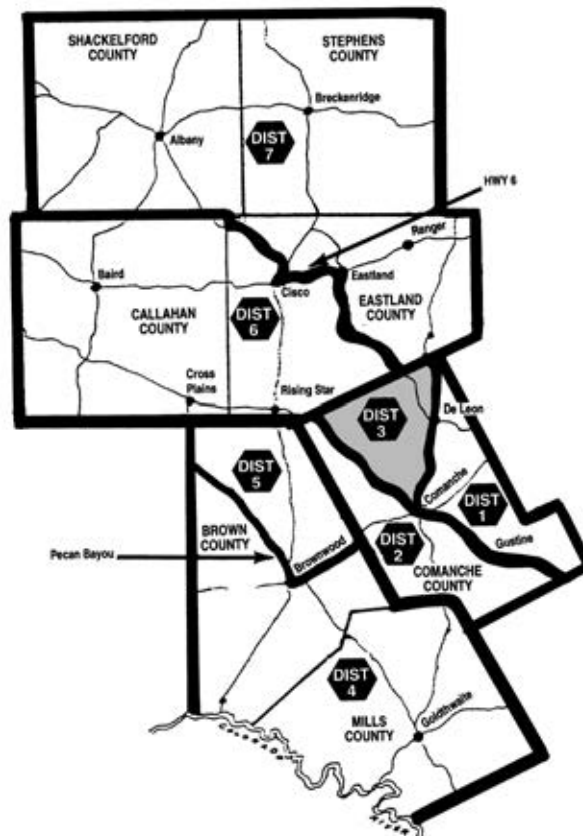
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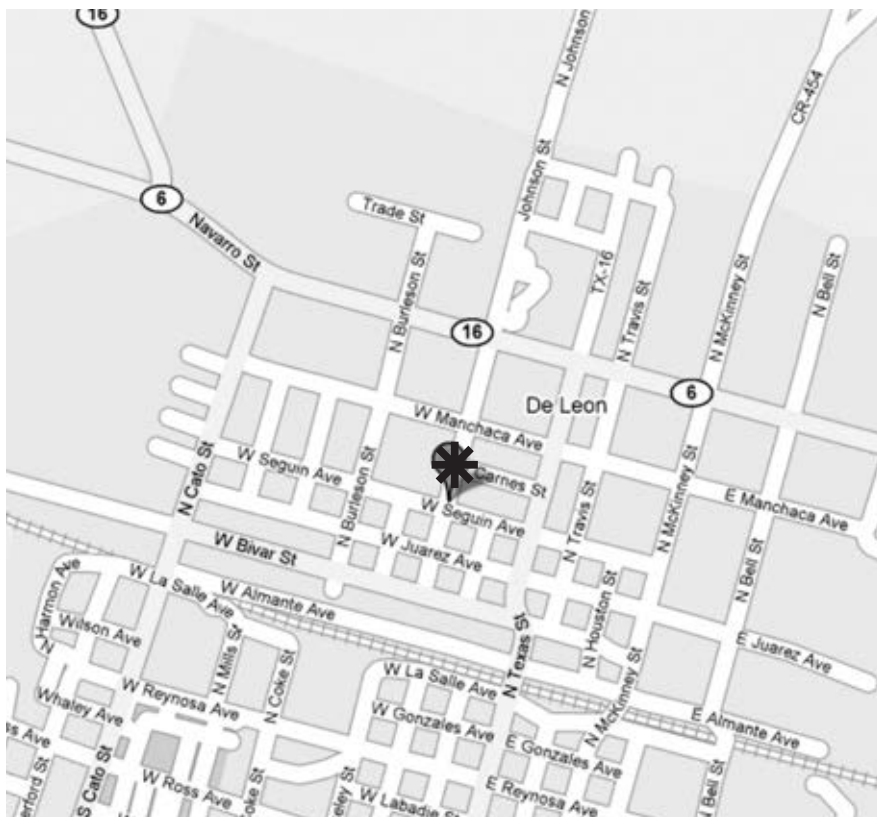
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Thursday, August 18, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.

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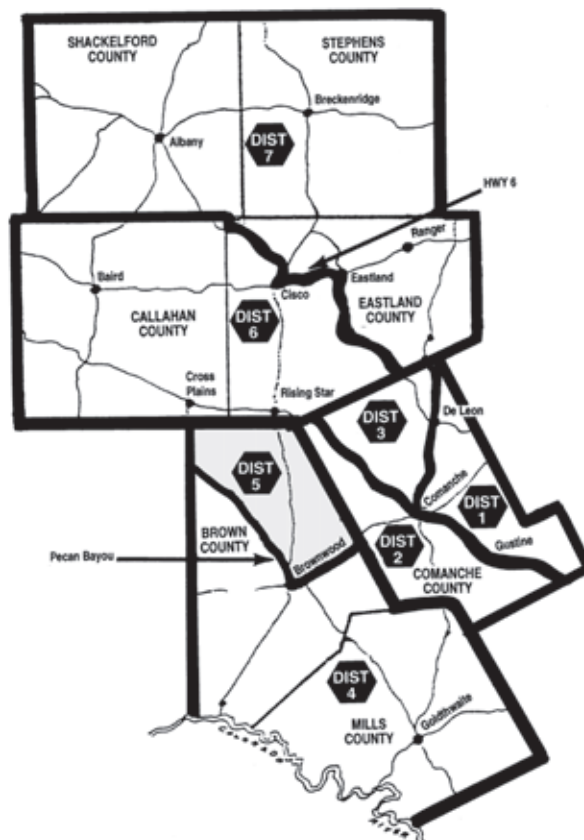
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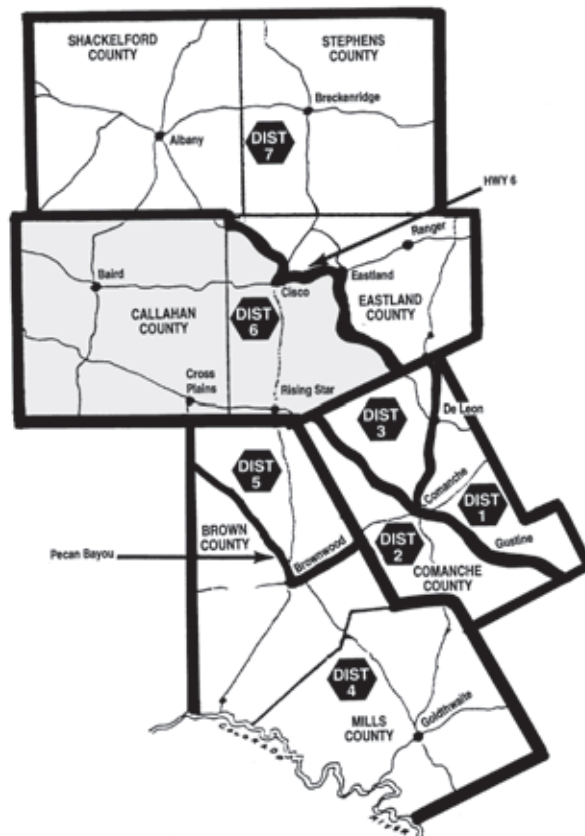
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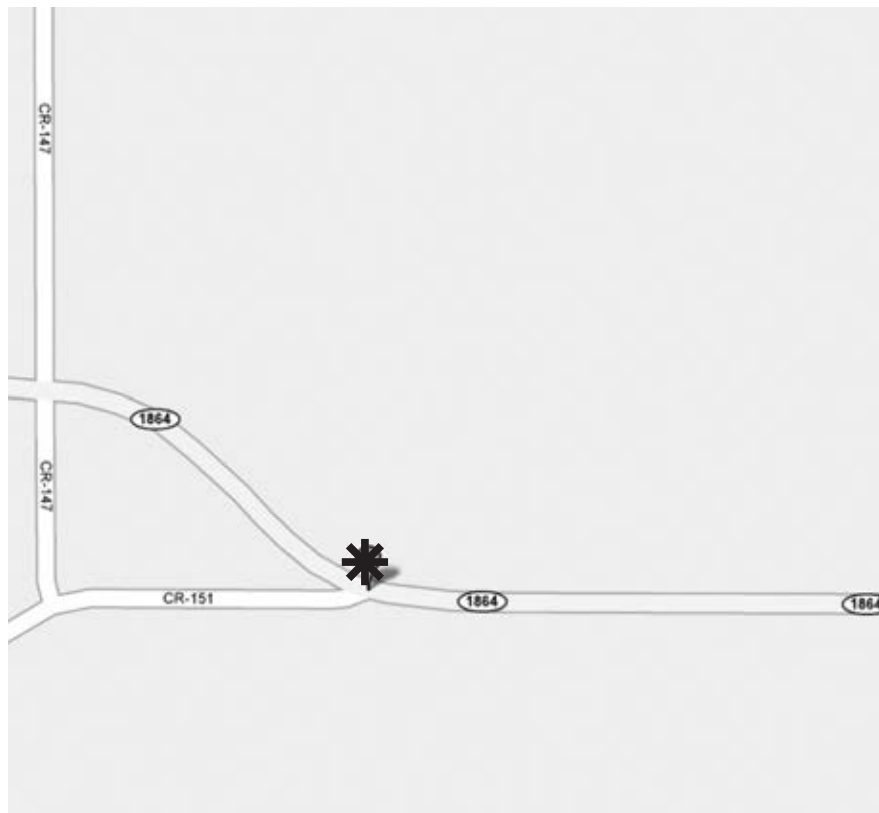
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# Storm Outage Strategies



MESSAGE FROM  
GENERAL MANAGER  
ALAN LESLEY

**TEXAS WEATHER** is full of surprises—sunny, 75-degree days in February, 40-degree chills in April or rain at any given moment.

Comanche Electric Cooperative does our best to be prepared for every situation, but outages are sometimes unavoidable. Power disruptions are often caused by lightning and downed limbs and trees.

We hate to think of our members having to go through a power outage, but we know that in a severe storm, such as the extreme flooding we had this spring, it's possible. In that case, we want to remind you of a few things:

First, give us a call at 1-800-915-2533. Don't rely on your neighbor to let us know the power is out. The more that people report outages, the better idea we'll have of the outage location. The sooner we can pinpoint the outage, the more quickly we can restore service.

We send repair crews as soon as possible, and they work until the lights are back on. Depending on the outage's severity, restoration could take several hours, so make sure you keep supplies on hand, including flashlights or lanterns, as well as water, nonperishable food and blankets.

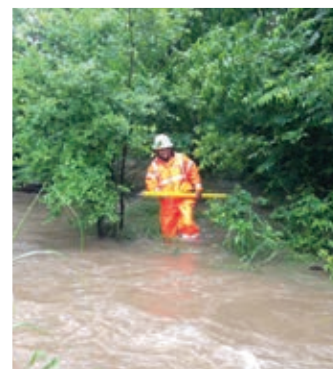
Also, turn off everything in your house but a porch light. That way, when power is restored, a power surge won't damage sensitive equipment. The porch light also helps our employees see when your power has come back on. Once the lights are back on, you can turn on needed appliances, one by one.

Please, above all, be safe. If you see downed power lines,

stay away from them. Call the co-op and 911 to let public safety authorities know so they can help keep the area clear.

If the outage is a long one, and you decide to use a portable generator, know how to operate it safely. Don't plug it directly into your home's wiring. This can cause a dangerous condition known as "backfeeding" that can send electricity onto power lines, injuring or killing the linemen working to restore your service. Instead, plug individual appliances into the generator. Also, make sure to operate it in a well-ventilated area outside to avoid a buildup of deadly carbon monoxide.

At Comanche EC, we take pride in delivering the best possible service at an affordable price. That includes prompt service whenever an outage strikes. Rest assured that we are prepared to do whatever it takes to restore your service.



The spring 2016 flood brought many challenges for CECA linemen. These men worked tirelessly in dangerous conditions and did so with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts!

*Cultivating a  
Brighter Future  
Through Dedication*



CECA would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to repair our system following the floods

## ADULT & NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Going back to school? CECA has a program just for you!



An investment in knowledge pays  
the best interest.

*Benjamin Franklin*



Through Operation Round-Up, CECA is proud to offer a Non-Traditional Scholarship to adults returning to college, or going to college for the first time.

In order to qualify, one must be an active member of CECA, and participate in Operation Round-Up.

For Program Guidelines, or to find out if you qualify, contact Comanche Electric Cooperative's Member Service Department at 800-915-2533, or [memberservices@ceca.coop](mailto:memberservices@ceca.coop).

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 PM, August 31, 2016



P.O. Box 729, Comanche, TX 76442

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

### HEADQUARTERS

201 W. Wrights Ave.  
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–Friday,  
7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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

**Eastland Office:** Tuesday and  
Thursday, 8 a.m.–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 1-800-915-2533.

## Contact Us

### CALL US

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

### FIND US ON THE WEB

[www.ceca.coop](http://www.ceca.coop)



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August is Back-to-School Safety Month. With the beginning of every school year, our lineworkers keep an eye out for children on their way to and from school. Making sure all our children stay safe is part of what holds local communities together. It's part of the work CECA takes pride in every day.





# Emil Luedecke: American Border Collie

BY SHIRLEY DUKES

“He checks his ego at the door, and his opinions are





# ie Hall of Fame

honest and respected.”  
—Mike Neary

*The most important attribute a dog trainer can have is patience. The next is determination.*

—The Working Sheepdog Website

**PATIENCE AND DETERMINATION:** two admirable traits for anyone. But how many of us actually possess both traits? I can tell you that Emil Luedecke certainly does!

Luedecke is retired from Santa Fe Railroad and now spends his free time on his small farm in Zephyr, tending his sheep, and breeding and training his dogs. He is, in fact, so patient and determined that last year his skill and persistence were rewarded when he was inducted as a breeder/handler into the American Border Collie Association Hall of Fame.

Luedecke moved to the Zephyr area as a child to live with his grandparents. Sheep, goats, cattle and horses were constants in his early years of farm life, teaching him the value of hard work, along with the patience and determination that has gotten him where he is today. Many a long day were spent hauling hay and building fences, working alongside his grandfather who raised him. As a young man, Luedecke went to work for Santa Fe Railroad, where he remained until his retirement in 1988.

Those who have farmed or ranched are well aware that it is a way of life that gets in your blood and is hard to expel. Luedecke was no exception. Although he left the farm life to pursue his career with Santa Fe Railroad, the farm never left him. During his time with the railroad, he leased property and continued to raise livestock. It was during those early years that he got his first dog that would eventually lead him to the place he is now: a small farm in Zephyr with a handful of good dogs.

With country life comes good neighbors and friends, and Luedecke became friends with his nearest neighbor, Loy Miller. Luedecke bought his first border collie in 1971, and he and Miller, a fellow dog owner, traveled to San Saba on Sundays to train with their dogs. Miller went on to begin competing in trials, but Luedecke put his dog training on the back burner due to his profession. For the next 20 years, he used his dogs strictly on the farm.

In 1990, with a strong desire to learn more about trialing, Luedecke decided to get serious with his dogs. His original plan was to make money buying, training and selling trial dogs.

**Emil Luedecke and Zac at the Meeker Sheepdog Trials in Meeker, Colorado, September 2015. Photo courtesy Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Colorado.**

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“I was gonna make money trading dogs,” Luedecke said. “You know, buying them and working them a while and reselling, but I decided I was beating my head against the wall. Why not just get a handful of sure ‘nuff good dogs and work ‘em and train ‘em, and maybe sell one once in a while? So that’s what I’ve been doing.”

In 1993, Luedecke officially began his current career when he flew to Great Britain and purchased two dogs, one of which was Tyne, the foundation for the outstanding stock he now possesses. Tyne was what is referred to as a “well-started dog.” Luedecke finished him out and claims that he learned as much from Tyne as Tyne did from him.

His next good dog was Ben, son of Tyne. As with Tyne, Luedecke says he and Ben continued to learn from each other. With Ben, Luedecke expanded his travel and began trialing out of state. In 2002, Ben won fourth place in the National Finals, and Luedecke won Rookie of the Year, a big accomplishment and an honor for man and dog.

Following Ben came Spot, a son of Ben, who won many trials. Spot won sixth place in the National Nursery Finals and second at a big trial in Meeker, Colorado, and went on to win sixth at the National Open Finals in Middletown, Virginia, two weeks later. He then won the Texas Open Finals two years in a row at Stephenville.

Today Luedecke is running Zac, a grandson of Spot. Thanks to his excellent bloodlines and the relationship he has with Luedecke, Zac was eligible to run in the Nursery division at 2 years old. His first year began a successful career for one so young. He was sixth in the National Nursery Finals at Klamath Falls, Oregon. The next year, he was third in the National

Nursery Finals in Middletown, Virginia. The following year, he was fifth at the National Open Finals in Carbondale, Colorado. His most recent accomplishment was in 2015, when he won the Texas Open Finals at Stephenville.

“Dog trialing has been a great honor for me,” Luedecke said. “I have made a lot of friends all over the U.S. and Canada, and even some in the U.K.” Based on his many awards, it is obvious that Luedecke is dedicated to his current career. But the highlight of his trialing career came in 2014, when he was inducted into the American Border Collie Hall of Fame.

Luedecke’s nomination was made by “Mike Neary and friends (lots of them).” In his nomination, Neary said, “The strength of Emil’s nomination lies in the fact that he is strong in all of the criteria to be inducted into the ABCA Hall of Fame—service to all levels of border collie organizations, accomplishments as a breeder and handler, and the very real intangibles Emil has [contributed] to the breed and to the people of the breed.” In his closing comments, Neary stated that “he is well loved by the border collie community for his outstanding contributions of breeding outstanding dogs, long history of service to the breed, but mostly due to his personal qualities and selflessness.”

That year, the induction was held at Carbondale, Colorado, in conjunction with the National Finals. Luedecke was the 12th person to be inducted, and true to his nature, he gives all the credit to his dogs.

Luedecke works his dogs up to six days a week, resting on Sundays. The day I met with him, he was in his pasture, improving Zac’s talents on his personal course. He is working with three dogs in different stages of training: Zac, his finished

**In his signature blue overalls, Emil Luedecke instructs Zac to prepare a shed. After passing through the second drive gates, the sheep are turned toward the shedding ring, where dog and handler sort out and separate a specified number of sheep.**





dog that he is trialing with; a well-started dog just imported from Wales, which he is training for a friend; and Bud, a young son of Zac that he is just starting to train with Zac's assistance.

Watching Luedecke train was a unique experience, as he used both verbal and whistle commands with all three dogs, teaching them traditional sheep dog commands such as: "come by," "away to me," "get back," "lie down," "look back" and "that'll do," along with many, many more. In addition to verbal commands, Luedecke employs the use of a shepherd's whistle, a specially designed metal whistle to be placed inside the mouth, allowing him to control the pitch by placement of his tongue behind the whistle.

Like any other talent that requires patience and precision, Luedecke's action with his dogs is most definitely an art, one that he has honed to perfection. Watching his dogs respond to his commands could almost be compared to a ballet as they ran, stopped, turned and crouched with a sleek movement that can only be referred to as graceful and artful. It was most definitely an honor to watch them.

In his American Border Collie Association nomination, Neary stated, "Emil is a worker and a doer. He is one of the 10 percent of any organization that accomplishes 90 percent of the work. And as one of the organizers of the Meeker Classic states, 'Emil is, and always has been helpful. He arrives early to help with even the most mundane tasks. He's great with the public and always takes time to explain or answer any questions that spectators have. He's a team player and a great ambassador for the border collie world.'"

As if all these accomplishments are not enough, Luedecke gives back much more than he takes. He has been on the board of directors for the United States Border Collie Handlers' Association, the American Border Collie Association and the Texas Sheep Dog Association. In addition to trialing with his dogs, he also judges trials all around the country, including some large ones. His farm regularly hosts trials with a low fee, or no fee at all, as well as benefit trials for Texas Sheep Dog Association members and friends with challenges that need to be overcome.

Neary continued in his nomination to say, "He is frequently asked to serve, as people know he'll get the tasks done and he'll do it with his principled set of values. There's no BS with Emil, just substance. He gets things done, and he does it on time."

Although my association with Luedecke was only two short meetings, I am honored to call him an acquaintance. His gentle nature and humble spirit are a huge testament to the man he is. We could all take a lesson in gratitude from Luedecke, a quiet man from Zephyr with a love for his dogs.

A morning in the life of Emil Luedecke and Zac



Three of Emil Luedecke's most prized possessions: At left is his medal for being inducted into the American Border Collie Association Hall of Fame. The second two were awarded to his dog Zac in 2012 and 2013, for being the most promising young dog.

