

Congratulations to NCEC Apprentices



We would like to congratulate Gilbert Medrano, Josh Boortz and Breezy Elder for completing the first level of our apprenticeship program, a five-year program. Good job, men!



Garretson Joins NCEC Team

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR new employee, Justin Garretson, to the Navarro County Electric Cooperative staff. Garretson is a groundman and has completed his 90-day training period.



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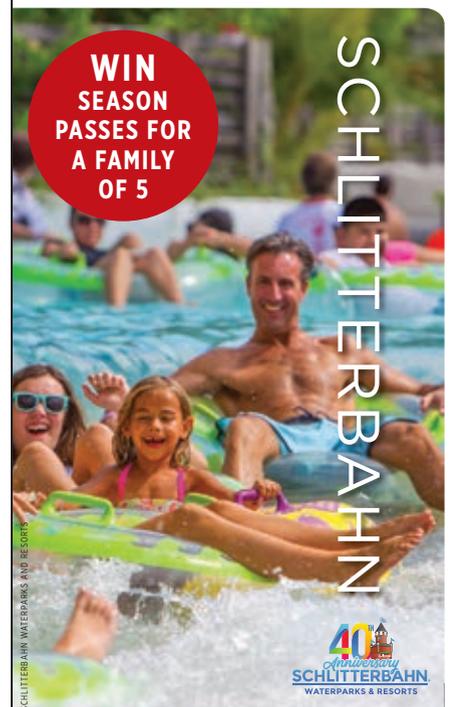
Apply Now for Scholarships

NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS who are attending or want to attend college or vocational school.

The cooperative will award six \$6,000 scholarships in 2019. These scholarships must be used for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters.

Applicants must be members of the cooperative or dependents of members of the cooperative. Applications are available online at navarroec.com. Applications must be received in our office by February 18.

For more details, please contact Nina Barber, scholarship fund department, at the cooperative office.



Get details and enter online at TexasCoopPower.com/contests.

One lucky Navarro County EC member will win!

Find Schlitterbahn info at schlitterbahn.com.

Winter Weather Safety



ICE STORMS ARE AN INEVITABLE PART OF WINTER. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CAN take a toll on our system and lead to downed power lines and outages. Remember the following tips to stay safe and warm should you find yourself in the dark after a severe winter event:

Never touch a fallen power line, and always assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. Call 911 and Navarro County Electric Cooperative at (903) 874-7411 to report it immediately. Avoid contact with overhead lines during cleanup and other activities.

In the event of an outage, if you use an alternate heating source—such as a fireplace, propane space heater or wood stove—use extreme caution. Ensure proper ventilation and never leave heaters or fires unattended.

Make sure carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors are working properly.

Do not use a gas-powered oven for heating. A gas oven may go out or burn inefficiently, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Do not use a gas or charcoal grill inside the home or charcoal briquettes in the fireplace.

If you use a portable generator, keep it outside your house for proper ventilation. Do not use a generator in an attached garage. Follow the manufacturer's directions for operating the generator.



Happy New Year

Navarro County EC will be closed Tuesday, January 1, in observance of the holiday.

Navarro County Electric Cooperative

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*Operating in Ellis, Freestone, Hill,
Limestone and Navarro counties*

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Billy P. Jones

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George Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, *District 6*

Van Fowler, *District 7*

Bennie Melton, *District 5*

Leonard L. Mixon, *District 3*

Bill Southard, *District 4*

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*For information during office hours
and outages after hours*

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CONVENIENT WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

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1-855-385-9975 to pay by phone

We no longer take payments over the phone at the office.

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Bylaws—Director Elections

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 of the bylaws of Navarro County Electric Cooperative, the board of directors, at their December 20, 2018, meeting, appointed committees to nominate director candidates for Districts I, III and VII.

District I includes all members inside an area bounded by and beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 14 in Mexia, Texas, heading north along Highway 14 to FM 27, then east along FM 27 to Tehaucana Creek, then northeast along Tehaucana Creek to the Trinity River, then southeast along the Trinity River to U.S. Highway 84, then west along U.S. Highway 84 to FCR 441, then south along FCR 441 to Keechi Creek, then along a line westerly to State Highway 75, then north along Highway 75 to U.S. Highway 84, then southwest along U.S. Highway 84 to its beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 14 in Mexia, Texas.

District III includes all members inside an area bounded by and beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 14 in Mexia, Texas, heading north along Highway 14 to FM 27, then east along FM 27 to Tehaucana Creek, then northeast along Tehaucana Creek to the Trinity River, then north along the Trinity River to Richland Creek, then west along Richland Creek to U.S. Highway 31, then south along U.S. Highway 31 to Highway 171, then southeast along Highway 171 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 14 in Mexia, Texas.

District VII includes all members inside an area bounded by and beginning at the intersection of Interstate 35E and FM 387, heading north to the Ellis-Dallas County line, then east along the Ellis-Dallas County line to the Trinity River, then south along the Trinity River to the Ellis-Navarro County line, then west along the Ellis-Navarro County line to Interstate 45, then north along Interstate 45 to FM 813, then northwest along FM 813 to FM 387, then west on FM 387 to its beginning at the intersection of FM 387 and Interstate 35E.

BYLAW ARTICLE IV
Section 3. Election and
Tenure of Office

(a) Nominating Committee. Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the annual membership meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the district where the term of the Director is expiring. Such nominating committee shall nominate one or more members from the district where the term of the Director is expiring, as a Director for that district for the ensuing year. The nominating committee shall meet at a place convenient to the committee to select nominees, such meeting to be held not less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the members, and report to the Cooperative the names of its nominees within three (3) days thereafter.

(b) Nominations by Petition. In addition to Nominating Committee nominations, Members may nominate, through petition, individuals from the district where the term of the Director is expiring, as a Director for that district to run for election for a Director position. Nominating Members make nominations by petition by returning to the Cooperative no later than March 15 (or the next business day, if March 15 falls on a weekend or holiday for which the Cooperative's business office is closed), a completed application package obtained from the Cooperative for each petition nomination:

1. listing, on each page of the petition, the name of the petition nominee;
2. indicating, on each page of the petition the Director position (District) for which the petition nominee will run; and
3. containing the printed names, addresses, and telephone numbers, and original dated signatures signed within sixty days of the first signature, of at least 50 members from the District for which the nominee is nominated; provided that any



candidate(s) so nominated must meet the qualifications prescribed in Section 4 hereof.

(c) No Nomination From the Floor and Write-In Candidates. Members may not make nominations from the floor nor nominate or vote or write-in candidates.

(d) Notice of Director Nominations. At least ten (10) days before a Member Meeting at which Members are scheduled to elect Directors, the Cooperative shall notify Members of the:

1. director positions scheduled for election by Members;
2. names and corresponding Director positions of all Nominating Committee Nominations; and
3. names and corresponding Director positions of all Member petition nominations, if any

(e) Approval of Director. Each member present at the annual membership meeting may vote for one candidate from each District where the term of a Director is expiring. The candidate from each district who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared the Director for that District.

(f) Notice of Bylaws. At least sixty (60) days before a member's meeting where Directors will be elected, the Cooperative must provide Members with this Bylaw section.

Section 4. Qualifications. No person

shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

(a) Is not a member, or has a controlling interest in another person or entity that has one or more accounts with the Cooperative, that is not in good standing, and maintains a bona fide principal place of residence receiving electric service from the Cooperative in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative for a period of twelve months prior to nomination (and continuously thereafter); or

(b) Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative; or

(c) Is the incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid. School trustees shall not be considered as salaried, elective public officers; or

(d) Is a current employee or has been, within five (5) years, an employee of the Cooperative or who has ever been an employee of the Cooperative and had such employment terminated by the Cooperative, or is a spouse, brother, sister, mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather of a current employee of the Cooperative or a person who has been, within five (5) years, an employee of the Cooperative or a person who has ever been an employee of the Cooperative and had such employment terminated by the Cooperative; or

(e) Has ever been convicted of a felony; or

(f) While serving on the Board, is not present at 3 consecutive meetings (other than due to bona fide illness).

Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such director from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

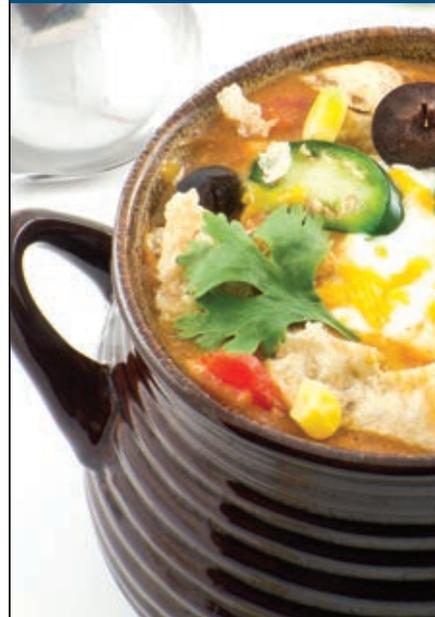
The directors whose terms are expiring are **Kent Sheffield**, District I; **Leonard Mixon**, District III; and **Van Fowler**, District VII.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS THE RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Billy Jones, general manager and CEO. Any individual or specific class of individuals who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above and/or file a written complaint. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 1-800-795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



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Creamy Chicken Tortilla Soup

- 3 pounds chicken breast, cubed
- ½ cup chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 6 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 48 ounces mild picante sauce
- 26 ounces cream of chicken soup
- 26 ounces cream of mushroom soup
- Pepper, to taste
- Tortilla chips
- Mild cheddar cheese, finely shredded

1. In a large pot, boil chicken in 8 cups of water with cilantro and garlic. Once chicken is fully cooked, add tomatoes and picante sauce and cook 15 minutes.
2. Add soups and pepper to taste. Let simmer an additional 30 minutes.
3. Serve over crushed tortilla chips and top with cheese. Add avocado slices, jalapeños, black olives and sour cream, as desired. ▶ Makes 7 quarts.

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