

EIGHT DECADES OF LIGHTING THE WAY!

It's a milestone year for Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. We're turning 80. The co-op, originally called the Lower Colorado River Electric Cooperative, received its state charter on Aug. 2, 1939. The mission was to provide electricity to rural residents in 10 Central Texas counties (which later grew to include parts of 14 counties). In 1965, the co-op was renamed Bluebonnet.

We're celebrating our history with stories in Texas Co-op Power magazine, fun content in our social media, on our website



and at our five member service centers — where we will host birthday parties (and all members are invited). We'll have displays of old appliances at our Annual Meeting, a call for heritage recipes from our members, video memories from some of our oldest residential and business members, a look at what was happening in each of our eight decades and

some great giveaways throughout the year (including some new appliances).

Follow us in the magazine, on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for content you'll enjoy. Are you one of Bluebonnet's earliest members, or do you know someone who is? We want to tell your story. Please contact Lisa Ogle at 512-332-7968 or email her at lisa.ogle@bluebonnet.coop.



A handful of hardy linemen pose in 1947 at the cooperative's headquarters in Giddings. Photo courtesy of Gene and Karen Urban

In the headlines: February 1939

- Germany launched the battleship Bismarck.
- 'Stagecoach,' the John Ford-directed Western movie starring Claire Trevor and John Wayne, was released.
- The average annual wage in the U.S. was \$3,800.

CONTACT US

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Member services: **800-842-7708**, email memberservices@bluebonnet.coop or visit one of our five member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor.

OFFICE CLOSING

Bluebonnet offices will be closed Feb. 18 in observance of **Presidents' Day**.

REPORT OUTAGE, PAY BILL

Report outages at **800-949-4414**, bluebonnet.coop or via our mobile app. Pay your bill any time online, on our mobile app or by calling member services at **800-842-7708**.

ABOUT THE MAGAZINE

For inquiries about Bluebonnet's pages in Texas Co-op Power magazine, contact Lisa Ogle at **512-332-7968** or lisa.ogle@bluebonnet.coop.

BOARD MEETING

Bluebonnet's Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. **Feb. 19** at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave., Bastrop.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO POWER YOUR

EDUCATION

30 SCHOLARSHIPS for trade and technical programs

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative is awarding \$2,500 each to qualified students graduating from high school or accredited home study programs.

30 SCHOLARSHIPS for colleges or universities

Get information from your high school counselor, Bluebonnet's member service centers or at bluebonnet.coop. For applications, click the Scholarships link under the Community tab.



Application deadline is 5 p.m. March 8, 2019

Questions? Contact Karen Urban at 512-332-7961 or karen.urban@bluebonnet.coop