

Sheridan Electric Cooperative

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Sheridan Electric Cooperative - Medicine Lake, Mont. 406-789-2231

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YOUR ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING SOON

Oct. 12

Medicine Lake High School gymnasium

- 8 a.m. Registration**
- 10 a.m. Business session**
- Noon Dinner**
- Door prizes**
- Drawing for some great gifts**
- Drawing for a bike for the kids, along with a movie**
- Movie tickets for all kids at meeting**
- Progressive drawing is up to \$400 at the 2019 meeting**



Rick Hansen
DISTRICT 5



Rob Rust
DISTRICT 3



Jody Lagerquist
DISTRICT 2



Absentee ballots 2019

Sheridan Electric Cooperative Inc.

Every year, Sheridan Electric Cooperative has trustee elections as three-year terms expire. Although trustees can be nominated for additional terms, other candidates can also run for the positions.

One component of this process is the absentee ballot process. In this process, a member of Sheridan Electric can vote by proxy if they cannot be present at the scheduled annual meeting.

The process is simple, but has to be requested by the member when needed. Below is the section from the Sheridan Electric bylaws that describes the process.

“Absentee ballots for elections of officers are available upon request. Absentee ballots will only be issued upon request of a member. Ballots will be mailed to the member no more than 45 days nor less than 15 days before the annual meeting of the members. Absentee ballots must arrive at the cooperative offices no later than five (5) days before the annual meeting of the members.”

We encourage any member of Sheridan Electric Cooperative to use this feature for voting by proxy. Just give Tasha or Jamie a call at 406-789-2231.

Thanks for all of your support. ■

District Nominating Committee report

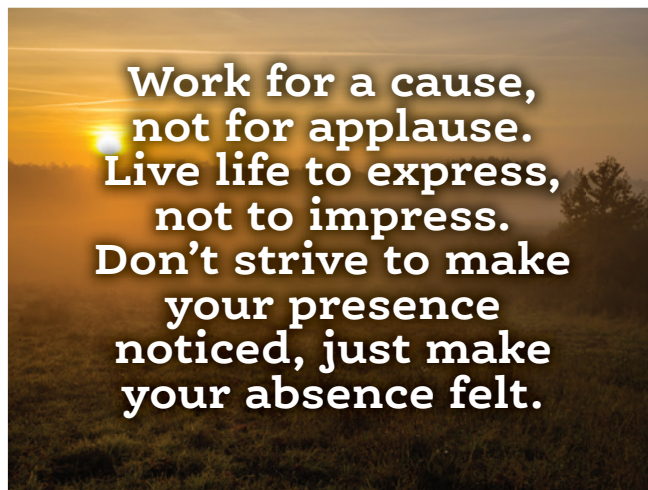
Every year, you have the opportunity to vote for three directors at the annual meeting. The directors serve for a three-year term. The directors whose terms expire this year are in District 2 (this includes the area in and around Westby), District 3 (all areas in North Dakota), and District 5 (area from Bainville to Culbertson and north to the Sheridan County line).

Sheridan Electric Cooperative uses several steps to help members get on the ballot. First, we appoint a Nominating Committee. This committee is made up of members in each district who are your neighbors. These committee members then hold a meeting and nominate who they think would be good board members. These nominations then appear on the printed ballot at the annual meeting. This year, all of the incumbents were nominated.

In District 2, incumbent Jody Lagerquist was nominated. In District 3, incumbent Rob Rust was nominated. In District 5, Rick Hansen was nominated.

There were no further nominations.

We want to thank the district Nominating Committee for assuming the responsibility of nominating these candidates. Finding members with the time to serve on the board is difficult. We hope to see you, the members, at the annual meeting Oct. 12 so you can vote on these candidates. ■





Cooperative education project goes into full swing

BY SCOTT WESTLUND

September will be a full month in regards to school presentations. Sheridan Electric Cooperative has been working on a cooperative education project to teach young folks (sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders) about cooperative history, past, present and future. Having done pilot projects at the Westby school and in Medicine Lake, we have fine-tuned this project to meet with all 10 schools in September.

The project was born out of necessity, as we learned that most students don't know what a cooperative is or about the cooperative business model. Targeting the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, we will do this annually so the sixth-graders will receive the training three times before they graduate. We have dubbed this endeavor as a 10-year plan. It is also part of the strategy to target these age groups, because in 10 years, they will be 19-, 20- and 21-year-old members who will understand what cooperatives are all about in this region.

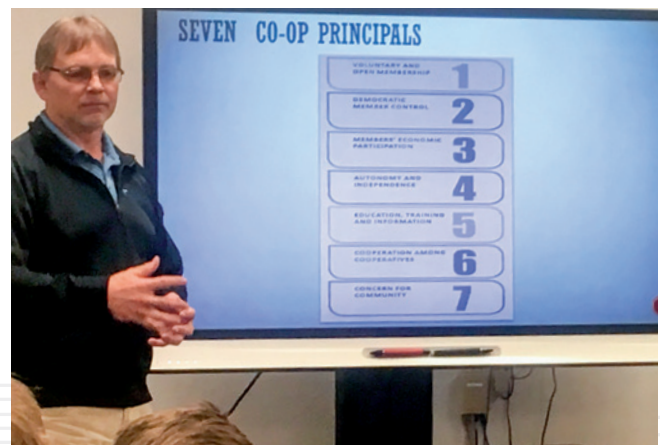
Now to take the project even further, we will have a scavenger hunt at the annual meeting in October. This will consist of students attending the meeting, and meeting the employees and board members. Each employee and board member will have tokens with their

names on them to be given out. This will also consist of defining, in an essay, what the manager's report meant to them and the message he was sharing.

Keep in mind that this is a group effort from a school for the best representation at the meeting. The best school representation and participation, and tokens collected, will receive a check from the cooperative as a donation.

The message is clear. We care about the future of cooperatives in this region. We care about who our next board members, CEOs, office managers and accountants will be, and we care about answering the issues that haunt all cooperatives – dwindling participation in the business model and member engagement.

We are taking all of this seriously. Wish us luck. Please encourage all students to attend, whether they saw the presentation or not, and let's continue to believe in the cooperative way. ■



Lighting to be given away



In the spirit of efficiency, Sheridan Electric Cooperative is giving away light-emitting diodes (LEDs) each month. Each month's winner will receive 12 new LED bulbs.

So this month, take a moment to complete and mail the coupon. Maybe you'll be this month's lucky winner and save on your energy costs. Good luck. ■

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Account number: _____

*Congratulations to **Joy Rasmussen** for winning this month's light bulb giveaway.*



Sheridan Electric Cooperative STATISTICAL REPORT

| | June 2018 | June 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total miles of line | 2,831 | 2,835 |
| Consumers billed | 3,081 | 3,112 |
| Kilowatt-hours purchased | 9,653,105 | 10,099,969 |
| Kilowatt-hours sold | 9,341,997 | 9,292,474 |
| Average KWH per residential consumer | 868 | 807 |
| Average bill per residential consumer | \$120.37 | \$107 |
| Cost of purchased power | \$439,294 | \$491,841 |
| Margins year to date | \$2,167,853 | \$2,390,326 |

LINE DEPARTMENT STATS

| | June 2018 | June 2019 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Weather | 21 | 21 |
| Age or deterioration | 5 | 6 |
| Animals and public | 4 | 11 |
| Power supplier | 1 | 1 |
| Equipment | 0 | 0 |

SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED

| | June 2018 | June 2019 | Year to date |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Pole installations | 8 | 36 | 48 |
| New construction | 15,087 | 4,363 | 20,530 |
| Miles driven | 23,819 | 23,256 | 123,832 |
| New accounts | 10 | 6 | 19 |
| Accounts retired | 1 | 5 | 13 |

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TRUSTEES

Rod Smith, President Dagmar, Mont.
 Rick A. Hansen, V. President Froid, Mont.
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 Alan Danelson, Trustee Scobey, Mont.
 Andrew Dethman, Trustee Brockton, Mont.
 Harlan Skillingberg, Trustee Plentywood, Mont.
 Jody Lagerquist, Trustee Westby, Mont.
 Sherl Shanks, Trustee Brockton, Mont.

EMPLOYEES

Rick Knick Manager
 Riley Tommerup Office Mgr./Accountant
 Scott Westlund Marketing/Member Service Manager
 Jamie Ator Accountant
 Lisa Salveold Office Assistant
 Tasha Roness Customer Service Representative
 Torie Waller Work Order Clerk
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 Bryan Lenz Line Foreman
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 Tim Ereth Operator/Utilityman
 Josh Johnson Electrical General Foreman
 Tom Hinds Electrical Foreman
 Steve Augustine Line Sub Foreman
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