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FEBRUARY 2024

Annual Meeting set for March 29

As we start out 2024 it is time to remind our membership of the upcoming annual meeting at the end of March. Cooperatives are democratic organizations that maintain their strength and success through membership participation. Sun River Electric Cooperative's annual meeting will be held at the Fairfield Community Hall on Friday, March 29.

The three districts open for nominations this year are: District 3, Brady,

Genou, Dutton, Power and Collins; District 4, Conrad, Valier, Ledger and Dupuyer; and District 5 Fairfield, Greenfield and Vaughn.

There is a change in the bylaws regarding the nomination and election of board members, which was approved by the membership at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The nomination committees as well as nominations from the floor are no longer the election process. If anyone wishes to

petition to become a trustee, they can pick up a nominating petition at the Sun River Electric office. A minimum of 10 qualifying signatures from that district are needed on the petition to qualify a member to be included in the election process. There are deadlines, procedures and qualifications listed below that explain what is required to become a cooperative trustee. These are taken directly from the Sun River Electric bylaws. RAM

ARTICLE III SECTION 7: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

No member of the Cooperative can petition to become a trustee of the Cooperative unless he or she has been a paying member for five consecutive years and a resident and property owner in the district he or she is to represent. In the year in which a trustee position shall be voted upon at the annual meeting of the members, a person desiring to be elected or re-elected to that trustee position shall submit to the Cooperative a nominating petition. Each nominating petition shall consist of the printed name, address, and telephone number and original and dated signature of no less than ten (10) members of the cooperative, and they must reside in the district described in Section 6 above for which such a trust position is to be elected. In order to be eligible to run for the Board of Trustees, a candidate's nominating petition shall be submitted to the cooperative no less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. The petitioned members name must be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative no less than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting a statement of the number of trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates whom petitioned. The ballot to be used at the election shall list the names of the candidates who completed the requirements. Each member of the Cooperative present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district. The candidate from each district receiving

the highest number of votes at the meeting shall be considered elected as trustee.

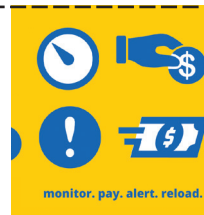
ARTICLE IV: QUALIFICATION AND TENURE

At the annual meeting of the members for the year 1940, the trustees from districts 3, 4, and 5 shall be elected for a three year term, trustees from districts 2 and 7 for a two year term and trustees from districts 1 and 6 for a one year term. In the years thereafter, beginning with the board members next term, all trustees shall be elected for a three year term. All trustees elected shall hold office during the respective terms for which they were elected and until their successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified. 366480 No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who: (a) is not a member of the Cooperative and a bona fide resident of the particular district which he or she is to represent 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 Cooperative or is an employee of the Cooperative. Upon establishment of the fact that a trustee is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, it shall immediately become incumbent upon the Board of Trustees to remove such trustees 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 Trustees.

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Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

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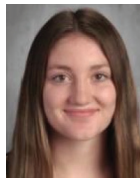


2024 WASHINGTON, D.C. YOUTH TOUR SREC PICKS 2 ESSAY WINNERS

COLE Waldusky, son of Cody and Amanda Waldusky of Conrad, is the first place winner of the 2024 Sun River Electric Cooperative Washington, D.C., Youth Tour essay contest. He is a junior at Conrad High School. He plays football, basketball and golf, and is in honor band and National Honor Society. He is also involved in FFA, 4-H and his church youth group. Cole wrote an essay about meeting with James



Waldusky



Boumans

Madison.

This year Sun River Electric will be sending two students on the Youth Tour. Kristen Boumans, daughter of Herman and Margie Boumans of Valier, is the second place winner. She plays volleyball, basketball, and is involved in 4-H and FFA. And she has received awards in all of those programs. Kristen wrote her essay about having the opportunity to meet Jeannette Rankin.

The topic for the essay contest was "If you could have dinner with one prominent Washington, D.C., figure, whether from the present or past, who



would that person be and why? What would you ask them?"

This year at the SREC Annual Meeting, both Cole and Kristen will join us and share their essays with the membership.

In June, they will travel to Washington, D.C., with winners from other Montana electric cooperatives. They will spend a week in D.C., learning about cooperatives, meeting kids from co-ops all across the United States, meeting legislators, and touring monuments, historic sites and museums. It is an amazing experience. Congratulations Cole and Kristen! RM

**PRESIDENT'S DAY
CLOSURE**

Sun River Electric Cooperative office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19

SCHOLARSHIPS

DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR THE SUN RIVER ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIPS:
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- Sun River Electric Scholarship..... February 29, 2024
- SREC Electric Line Worker Scholarship..... February 29, 2024
- Sun River Electric Continuing Ed Scholarship..... March 29, 2024

Applications are available online, www.sunriverelectric.coop

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