

Sheridan Electric Cooperative

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ANDY DETHMAN
has served as director since 2012
District 6

MEET THE INCUMBENTS: District nominating committees formed

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 6, (Fort Kipp and surrounding area), District 8, (Flaxville and Scobey), and District 9 (north of Poplar).

Sheridan Electric Cooperative goes through several steps to help members get on the ballot. First, we appoint a Nominating Committee for each district. This committee is made up of members who are your neighbors. The committee members wait for potential candidates to contact them to express an interest in the position. These committee members then hold a meeting with cooperative management to deliver the names. These nominations then appear on the printed ballot at the annual meeting.

This year's nominating committees are:

- District 6: Earl Bernston, 406-963-2322, and Grant Labatte, 406-963-2323
- District 8: John Tade, 406-783-7301, and Don Hagfeldt, 406-783-7332
- District 9: Stan Sundheim, 406-963-2538, and Darrell Dahlberg, 406-448-2531 ■



ALAN DANELSON
has served as director since 2012
District 8



WAYNE DEUBNER
has served as director since 2003
District 9

Absentee ballots 2018

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. Following is the section from the Sheridan Electric bylaws that describes the process thoroughly.

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 and they will assist you.

Thanks for all of your support. ■

Member highlight Sundsteds share talents

BY SCOTT WESTLUND

In March, I had the pleasure of meeting Jim and Pam Sundsted. Searching for annual meeting gifts, I was informed by Jamie Ator that the Sundsteds produce products from tanned animal fur. The preferred raw material is pale coyote hide.

Pale coyotes are exclusive to this area, and the supply is plentiful. If you have trappers in the area who target these destructive predators, you would find an unending supply of raw material for a business and a craft of this nature.

Jim Sundsted takes his craft to the nth degree by trapping, skinning and tanning his own

hides, prior to constructing them into a well-sought product.

I saw scarves, headbands, and leg and hand warmers, all handsewn beautiful garments.

We commend one of our extensively talented members who has created a product from natural raw materials. It is something to be truly proud about.

Please support Jim and Pam's new adventure in our area. They have been at the recent farm shows and events to showcase their products. ■



Sheridan Electric Cooperative's installations LEDs surge upon the markets

LED lighting is making its presence known to several members' homes and businesses in the area. Sheridan Electric's electricians have been busy ordering and installing LED panels throughout the service territory. The cooperative recently upgraded the lighting in the office to this product.

Pictured are Tom Hinds and Tristan Ereth working on the new lights at Curtis Auto in Plentywood. This was a completed conversion over to LED panels for the lighting



needs of the business. Stop and take a look. If you have questions, give us a call.

Sheridan Electric Cooperative employs journeyman electricians to serve the membership and towns of this region. Shops, houses, grain bins and commercial wiring needs are their specialty.

Our team is ready to serve your needs.
Call 406-789-2231. ■

Nominating committees scheduled to meet in July

Each year, Sheridan Electric Cooperative holds Nominating Committee meetings in three alternating districts. This year, directors are up for election in districts 6, 8 and 9. Each district's board member will select a Nominating Committee for this process.

It is the membership's responsibility to contact the committee members if they have a nomination they would like to see on the ballot.

The current director for District 6 is Andy Dethman. This district includes the area north of Fort Kipp and West Froid/Medicine Lake.

The committee members for District 6 are Earl Bernston and Grant Labatte.

The current director for District 8 is Alan Danelson. This district serves the areas around Scobey and Flaxville.

The committee members for District 8 are John Tade and Don Hagfeldt.

The current director for District 9 is Wayne Deubner. This district covers the areas north of Poplar to the Daniels County line.

The committee members for District 9 are Darrell Dahlberg and Stan Sundheim.

If you have questions pertaining to the district in which you or a possible candidate might live, please contact Sheridan Electric at 406-789-2231.

Being nominated by the committee is one of two ways to get on the printed ballot. If the committees have already met and you would like to get on the printed ballot, you will have to go through the petition process, signed by at least 15 members, delivered to the co-op five days before the annual meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the meeting. Please contact Sheridan Electric if you need more information or need assistance with a nomination. ■

The child of a lineworker BY SCOTT WESTLUND



Do you ever wonder what the child of a lineworker thinks when his or her mom or dad goes to work every day? Pictured to the left is a 7-year old's perception of that question. This picture is an understanding by Rylan Gillett of her dad, Ronnie Gillett.

Our lineworkers, the lineworkers of this state, and the lineworkers of this nation, are heroes to not only their children, but also the heroes

of the members they serve. They work in the freezing weather during storms, they work when it's very hot, they work at night and they work during the day. They also work to help people who may have hit something like a pole or wires as in Rylan's picture. Lineworkers work in hazardous conditions and around energized lines. Let's take time to thank lineworkers and their families for the work they do. ■

Plentywood Farm Show 2018

In early March, Sheridan Electric once again participated in the farm show in Plentywood. Serving 650 cookies within the two-day event gave Jim Bakken and Scott Westlund the opportunity to see many of our membership. Also, classes of children came through eager to learn something about agriculture. ■



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 **Darrell Frideres** for winning this month's light bulb giveaway.*



Sheridan Electric Cooperative STATISTICAL REPORT

	March 2017	March 2018
Total miles of line	2,831	2,836
Consumers billed	3,081	3,095
Kilowatt-hours purchased	12,336,028	12,800,077
Kilowatt-hours sold	12,041,059	11,695,089
Average KWH per residential consumer	1,517	1,544
Average bill per residential consumer	\$144.39	\$140
Cost of purchased power	\$617,619	\$532,814
Margins year to date	\$1,406,863	\$1,242,976

LINE DEPARTMENT STATS

	March 2017	March 2018
Weather	19	8
Age or deterioration	1	2
Animals and public	1	4
Power supplier	2	0
Equipment	0	0

SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED

	March 2017	March 2018	Year to date
Pole installations	0	3	6
New construction	21,962 ft.	8,186 ft.	8,186 ft.
Miles driven	23,033	20,163	55,105
New accounts	6	2	2
Accounts retired	0	0	0

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TRUSTEES

Wayne Deubner, President Brockton, Mont.
Rod Smith, V. President Dagmar, Mont.
Rob Rust, Sec. Alkabo, N.D.
Kerrey Heppner, Treas. Plentywood, Mont.
Alan Danelson, Trustee Scobey, Mont.
Andrew Dethman, Trustee Brockton, Mont.
Rick A. Hansen, Trustee Froid, Mont.
Harlan Skillingberg, Trustee Plentywood, Mont.

EMPLOYEES

Rick Knick Manager
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Lisa Salveold Office Assistant
Tasha Ronnes Customer Service Representative
Torie Waller Work Order Clerk
Kory Opp Line Superintendent
Bryan Lenz Line Foreman
Nick Oelkers Staking Tech
Tim Ereth Operator/Utilityman
Josh Johnson Electrical General Foreman
Tom Hinds Electrical Foreman
Steve Augustine Line Sub Foreman
Tristan Ereth Apprentice Electrician
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Shawn Sansaver Journeyman Lineman
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OFFICE HOURS: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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