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2024 OFFICIAL NOTICE

The 2024 Tri-County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, October 3 at 7 p.m. During the meeting, cooperative updates will be presented and the results of the 2024 director elections announced. The meeting will be broadcast virtually and will be streamed on the Cooperative's website.

This year's director election ballot includes director candidates for districts 3, 6 and 8. Full voting details and ballot instructions are located on the inside back cover of this magazine. All members who vote prior to the election deadline will be entered to win door prizes announced during the virtual Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink that reads "Margaret Koprek". The script is fluid and cursive.

Margaret Koprek
Board Secretary/Treasurer

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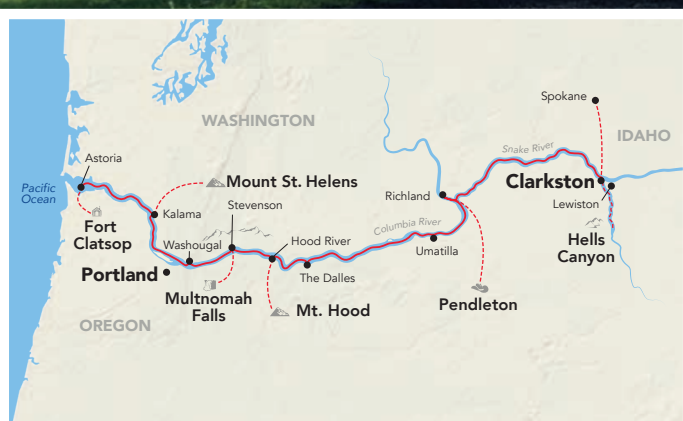
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Photo by CoServ

Boosting Rural Texas

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To see if TRF can help your town or organization, visit texasruralfunders.org.



365 The length, in feet, of an aircraft in development called the WindRunner, which is intended to deliver wind turbine blades too large for transport on public roads. Its proposed record-breaking length would be three times the distance of the Wright brothers' first powered flight, in 1903.

FINISH THIS SENTENCE

My first job was ...

TCP Tell us how you would finish that sentence. Email your short responses to letters@TexasCoopPower.com or comment on our Facebook post. Include your co-op and town.

Here are some of the responses to our July prompt: **I'd like to be famous for ...**

Designing a health care system for all.

DORIS REDMAN
BLUEBONNET EC
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A little while.

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SHAW NIELSEN

One Town's Social Glue

What are folks in my town called [Vegan Panhandlers, July 2024]? Little Elmites? Little Elmians? A quick search lends the most validity to Little Elmers. Whimsical and a bit silly. I think Mr. Strong would approve.

Carrie Binns
CoServ
Little Elm

I live in Fischer and my name is Peter, so I like to call myself a Fischerman.

Peter Locke
Pedernales EC
Fischer

You omitted one obvious city that doesn't fit your demonym paradigm: Mesquite. People from Mesquite are referred to as Skeeters.

Ed Girard
HILCO EC
Hillsboro



DAVE SHAFER

JULY 2024 Vegan Panhandlers

“Here in Kerr County we enjoy calling ourselves Center Pointers, Kerrvillians, Ingramites, Hunters and Mountain Homies.”

LYNETTE WALDREP
CENTRAL TEXAS EC
MOUNTAIN HOME

One night during dinner when I lived in Oklahoma, the local weatherman referred to the people of Moore as Morons. I'll never forget it. I choked and spit food everywhere.

We never saw that young man on TV again.

Donna Allon
Bluebonnet EC
“A Bastropian”

Literary Menu

We stumbled across the Cactus Book Shop while looking for a restaurant 20 years ago [Texas Book Man, July 2024]. We found books by Paul Patterson, John Erickson, Elmer Kelton and others. Forgot about lunch and bought a first edition of *Crazy Women in the Rafters*, which I loaned to a friend and never saw again.

Now I'm going to call Felton Cochran and see if I can get another copy of that lost masterpiece.

J. Phil Dering
Pedernales EC
San Marcos

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Calling an Audible

Texas School for the Deaf fights preconceptions and a pandemic with gridiron grit

BY MARK WANGRIN • PHOTOS BY SCOTT VAN OSDOL

ENERGIZED AND RAUCOUS, it was largely a pep rally like any other. Teams introduced. Cheerleaders cheering. Students screaming. The sound was deafening, even if in fact nearly all the attendees were already deaf.

The differences in the packed Austin gym on the Thursday before the Texas School for the Deaf's homecoming game were subtle but noticeable. No band. No chanting.

Sign language more than made up for that.

That's the rule at TSD, the only Deaf high school in Texas. Although there's a wide range of hearing loss among the students and staff, American Sign Language is the only allowed means of communication.

Except on the football field. There, anything goes.

Pad-popping hits are a universal language. Players who can talk, talk loudly and emphatically—the Rangers even got flagged in a recent season for “cussing.” Music blares in the weight room, the more bass the better. But communication is mostly by sign language, the intense looks on coach's faces and the use of other senses sharpened by hearing loss.

Players can't watch their opponent and coaches simultaneously, so signing from the sidelines isn't an option on the field. They can't hear opponents changing plays to better counter or attack, or teammates shouting adjustments. Paul Hubbard, a player at Gallaudet College, a Deaf school in Washington, D.C., invented the football huddle in the early 1890s to prevent opponents from stealing signs.

TSD's Kenneth Montanez, who shared head coaching duties with Archie Savannah Jr. in 2023, played multiple sports growing up but always loved football. He played five years at what is now Gallaudet University and kept feeding his passion by playing semipro football and rugby.

“It's more than physical for them,” writes Montanez, who lost his hearing as a baby in New York City. “It teaches self-discipline and how to achieve things as a community.”

The Rangers' annual 10-game schedule includes at least two games against other Deaf state schools, one home and one away. The host school puts on a dinner and dance for the visitors, with the idea of forming a nationwide network of peers who face similar obstacles.

Ursa Rewolinski's network was closer to home. Her godfather is former TSD head coach Andy Bonheyo, and she grew up in Austin as a fan of the football team. By age 3, she could identify NFL teams playing on TV by their helmets. After



OPPOSITE AND TOP: Quarterback Xiovan Tomlinson is aware of preconceptions in the hearing world. “They think that we have low IQs or we can't drive,” he says. “But really, deaf people can do anything.” ABOVE: Ball carrier Daniel Sweet looks for an opening during a scrimmage.

graduating from the Maryland School for the Deaf, she returned to teach at TSD in 2019, her football passion evident but unfulfilled.

“Everybody’s like, ‘Why are you not a coach?’ You know what, the door hadn’t really opened up for me,” she says through an ASL interpreter. “And so, long story short, I came back here, became a teacher and the door opened, and now I’m here.”

She became the team’s first female coach last season.

Great and Small

TSD began playing sports with a baseball team in 1887. Since then its teams have won 69 national championships in 12 sports, including 16 in football. And while those titles were meaningful, they weren’t statement-making the way a 2020 championship was. All it took was a pandemic and remarkable adaptability.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began in spring 2020, it hit TSD hard. Some 40% of the 500 students live on campus—they come from all over the state—and many concerned parents kept their children home. Other players fell ill.

Football is a physical sport that requires numbers—11 players per team on the field at any one time. It began looking like the Rangers might not have the numbers to field a team, much less compete, as the pandemic tore through its roster.

TSD belongs to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, which also sponsors six-man football, with smaller teams that play on shortened fields. To keep playing, the Rangers downsized.

“To continue to have a football program, it was the best decision that we ever made,” says athletic director Chris Hamilton, a member of Pedernales Electric Cooperative. “However, we had to deal with some very upset community



“It’s more than physical for them. It teaches self-discipline and how to achieve things as a community.”



OPPOSITE, FROM LEFT: Family members escort Lev Shayman, a member of the homecoming court, onto the field. Jeremiah Garcia played most of his life in the hearing world but didn't feel he got the proper support, academically or socially. He transferred to TSD in 2022. ABOVE: Cheerleaders keep school spirit front and center for the fans.

members and explain to people that we just couldn't make it as a full team.

"So it took time. The community kind of went through a grieving process."

And the team went through, well, a shrinking process. An 80-yard field was marked at their on-campus stadium, even as the goalposts remained in place for a 100-yard field. Illness and injury occasionally limited the 20-person roster to seven players.

But they won. And kept winning, through a 63-32 state championship victory over crosstown power Veritas Academy, which had routed them in a preseason scrimmage.

"Winning the state title as a Deaf school is way more challenging than winning the national title," writes Kylar Sicoli, a senior wide receiver on that team, in an email. "A Deaf school will always win the [Deaf] national title. We never won a football state title, so we made history."

Sound of Success

Winning the state title was another step in dismissing preconceptions hearing people might have.

"They think that we have low IQs or we can't drive. Things like that," says quarterback Xiovan Tomlinson, a third-generation deaf player at TSD. "But really, deaf people can

Sign of Their Times

American Sign Language has thousands of signs, from "aah" to "zucchini," but sometimes they just don't seem to be enough.

For example, there are two signs for Ranger, the TSD mascot. One is for park ranger. One is for forest ranger. Phil Mauro, a former TSD athletic director, didn't think either evoked the courage, resourcefulness and independence of the name-sake legendary Texas lawmen.

"Texas A&M had Gig 'Em, Miami had the 'U,'" recalls Mauro, 79, who is still coaching football in Ohio. "The biggest thing was to make the kids feel they were on the same level as everyone else."

Mauro borrowed the Hook 'em Horns sign from that school 3 miles up Congress Avenue in Austin, the University of Texas, and customized it by wrapping the middle finger over the index finger—the ASL sign for "R."

Almost 40 years later, it still represents what it means to be a Ranger.

"I'm really glad they still use it," Mauro says. "It was and is our Rangers No. 1 sign."



ABOVE: Players come together after a pregame pep talk. RIGHT: Theo Savannah with his father, Archie, who shared head coaching duties last season.

do anything.”

Montanez points out that he’s seen studies that deaf drivers are safer because they aren’t easily distracted and “have a lifetime’s learning on using their peripheral vision. It’s the same in football.”

AD Hamilton, who joined the school in 2001, says this is nothing new.

“Historically, Deaf teams have been oppressed just as deaf people have been oppressed, but hey, we’re here,” he says. “We’re doing this. We can do it. We’re just like you, and we’re better than you in some cases.”

Jermiah Garcia played most of his life in the hearing world and was a budding standout as a freshman at Shoemaker High School in Killeen, but he didn’t feel he got the proper support, academically or socially. So, encouraged by his interpreter, a TSD alumnus, Garcia transferred to TSD for his sophomore season in 2022.

“I was really lost trying to communicate with my teammates. I couldn’t have my interpreter on the field,” Garcia says. “My interpreter would tell me, some of the students are saying that you can’t do this, you can’t do that, you can’t play.”

Teammate Niven Zhang is more succinct. “I just feel like going to a public school would be really a waste of time because there’s a lot of logistical things that we have to work



“When coaches like me are able to communicate clearly, in depth and spatially, I can see the ‘aha’ moment in their eyes and faces.”



Ursa Rewolinski grew up with strong connections to the TSD football team. She became a teacher at the school in 2019 and last season became an assistant coach, the first woman to do so in the team's history.



out with interpreters,” he says. “Here at Texas School for the Deaf, everything works just like it should.”

Montanez knows his players are in the right place for success.

“Too often, when they’re being coached by someone who doesn’t understand them (tends to be hearing), things fly over their head,” he writes. “When coaches like me are able to communicate clearly, in depth and spatially, I can see the ‘aha’ moment in their eyes and faces.

“I love seeing that.”

Help Ahead

One of the main challenges of a football player not being able to hear is, not surprisingly, communication.

Whistles. Audibles. Referee warnings. In-game coaching. Fans. Trash talk.

“Oh yeah, every opponent we go against has a lot of trash talk,” junior Theo Savannah says. “Then we show them we can play.”

Midway through the 2023 season, AT&T introduced a field-leveling technology, equipping helmets with 5G-augmented reality lenses that can display text.

NCAA rules, which many high school associations, including TAPPS, follow, prohibit electronic devices in hel-

metts, but Gallaudet was granted a one-game waiver to use the technology. The Bison promptly ended a four-game losing streak.

Sicoli, one of several TSD alums playing for the Bison, writes that the technology could help them avoid late hit penalties caused by not being able to hear the ref’s whistle.

“That could be a game changer for some deaf players,” Sicoli writes. “Also the helmet would help the coach and players communicate during the game. The coach always has difficulty getting the player’s attention.”

David Goodnight, a referee from Somerville who is a member of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, doesn’t know ASL—few who officiate TSD games do—but officiating deaf teams’ games is an ongoing education.

“I just learned two words last week,” he says. He points just above his temple for “heads” and puts the palm of his right hand over the top of left hand and wags his left index finger for “tails.”

Goodnight says deaf players do a good job avoiding late hits. “Coaches say you play to the whistle,” he says. “Deaf players understand you play till the end of the play.” ■



THE RAMP CHAMPS

Volunteers and wood corralled by the Texas Ramp Project lift neighbors statewide

BY BOB MCCULLOUGH

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Patsy Beasley with her late husband, ramp recipient Oral Beasley. Cooperative volunteers from CoServ with a ramp they built in Denton, and Wood County EC volunteers with one of their finished projects. OPPOSITE: CoServ volunteers have built dozens of ramps, and the CoServ Charitable Foundation has awarded more than \$70,000 to the Texas Ramp Project.

Texans love the ability to go and do as they desire—freedom that a lot of folks can take for granted. For some, leaving home is a struggle.

But Texans also care about their neighbors, so it's not surprising that a statewide army of 3,500 volunteers works year-round to give life-changing mobility to those dependent on wheelchairs.

The nonprofit Texas Ramp Project has coordinated the construction of more than 27,500 ramps that, if placed end to end, would stretch 142 miles. Recipients of the simple but durable wooden ramps are low-income older adults and others with disabilities identified by health care providers.

"Ramps change lives," says Keith R. Henderson, TRP president. "They bring safety, independence and improved quality of life. They also ease the burden on family and caregivers. With safe access, older adults can age in place at home in their own environment. Where else can you show up on a Saturday morning and go home four hours later having transformed a person's life?"

Such transformations originated in 1985, when members of the Richardson Kiwanis Club built a wheelchair ramp. One build after another led to the creation of the Dallas Ramp Project, which led to the construction of 1,400 ramps and showed a clear statewide need.

In 2006, TRP was incorporated to build ramps on a much

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: BOB MCCULLOUGH, COSERV, WOOD COUNTY EC, OPPOSITE: COSERV.

"Where else can you show up on a Saturday morning and go home four hours later having transformed a person's life?"

broader scale. John Laine, who had served as volunteer director of the Dallas Ramp Project, founded TRP and became its executive director. He continued in that capacity until late last year.

"Personally, I believe God gave each of us skills, and our job is to learn what those skills are and to use them to help others," Laine says. "I was given certain skills that seem to have blended well with TRP. It has been a blessing for me to have had this work put into my path."

TRP doesn't accept direct requests from clients or families seeking ramps. Referrals must come from a third-party health care provider via the TRP website, texasramps.org. That's also the web address for volunteering and making donations.

After an eligible ramp request is processed, TRP directs a trained surveyor to visit the prospective ramp recipient and design a structure that meets the client's needs. A volunteer construction crew then implements the design, typically in a few hours, with the help of precut wood delivered by TRP.

"Two hours of preparation probably saves three hours at the build site," says Tom Canfield of Fredericksburg, a surveyor and construction coordinator. Canfield has had a hand in more than 100 ramps.

Shortly after daybreak in July 2023, he and four friends converged on the rural home of Oral Beasley, who used a motorized wheelchair because of a stroke. Thanks to Canfield's prep work and his team's carpentry skills, Beasley was cruising smoothly on his new ramp by midday.

Beasley died just three months after the build, but his wife, Patsy, says the ramp drastically improved his well-being. She praises Canfield and his crew "for doing such a beautiful thing, the first time anyone helped us like that. It took away my husband's fear about tumbling over."

Regaining freedom and no longer feeling trapped at home are common experiences relayed by ramp recipients.

To make mobility miracles happen, TRP partners with churches, civic clubs, businesses, military units, youth groups and other organizations, says Sandy Knutson, TRP executive director. Among the most active are electric co-ops, which are guided by the co-op principle of Concern for Community.

Co-op employees live up to that principle by performing community service for members who are also their neighbors and friends.

CoServ, an electric co-op based in Denton, became actively involved in TRP in 2016, and since then CoServ employees have built more than three dozen ramps. The CoServ Charitable Foundation has awarded \$71,000 in grants to the nonprofit.

"For people facing surgery or who have other mobility issues, traversing even a few steps can be dangerous," says Conan Tearney, CoServ client services manager. "It's a great feeling knowing you helped build something with your hands that means so much to a co-op member."

Another ardent TRP supporter, Wood County Electric Cooperative, has donated \$25,000 through its member-funded charitable foundation that helps nonprofits in its nine-county service area in northeast Texas. Employee volunteers are also involved in builds.

"Our mission statement is: Providing safe and reliable electric service while improving our communities where we live and serve," says Paige Eaton, communications director. "Caring for the communities we serve is embedded in what we do every day. Our members are our neighbors, and in Co-op Country, you look out for one another. TRP is just one of the ways we can do that." ■



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**SCOTT
SPENCE**

PRESIDENT/
CHIEF
EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

EMBRACING INNOVATION AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

As summer is winding down, and I enter my sixth month with the Tri-County Electric team, we remain focused on enhanced member offerings and financial responsibility. This month, we are excited to announce the successful completion of a multi-year initiative to install Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) across the service territory. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the Cooperative, ushering in an era of enhanced member services and operational efficiencies. The Tri-County Electric team is eager to explore the exciting benefits total AMI deployment brings, particularly improving outage management, member communication, and ongoing efforts to ensure financial responsibility.

Relatedly, the team is also pleased to implement updates to outage communication technology designed to keep you informed during power disruptions. By leveraging technology made available through AMI and a recent software upgrade, these updates were made without incurring additional costs.

INTRODUCING ADVANCED OUTAGE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

We understand that power outages can be a significant inconvenience, and timely, accurate information is crucial during these events. To improve our communication with you, we have updated notification feature offerings.

Here's how this benefits you:

- 1. Real-Time Notifications:** Within a few minutes of a power outage, you will receive alerts about outages affecting your account via text message. The good news is – you don't have to contact us to report an outage! Receiving an outage text means your meter reported the outage and no action is needed by you.
- 2. Interactive Outage Map:** Our website also features an interactive outage map that displays current outages and affected areas. This tool allows you to track the situation and get a visual understanding of the scope of the outage. Access the outage map online at <https://oms.tcectexas.com>.
- 3. Customized Preferences:** Ensure you receive outage notifications by logging in to the MyTriCountyTX web portal or mobile app to view and update the cell phone number on your account.

Our goal is to enhance your experience and minimize the inconvenience caused by power outages. By keeping you informed and connected, we hope to provide greater peace of mind and a smoother recovery process during these events. More real-time communication ensures you are informed and reassured, knowing that the Cooperative is aware of the issue and working on restoring power. This proactive approach reduces the uncertainty and inconvenience that outages can cause.

As we think about and discuss outages, I want to take a moment to acknowledge recent weather events across the state and the incredible work of linemen. These dedicated professionals work tirelessly, often in challenging conditions, to restore power during outages. Their commitment to ensuring our communities have reliable electricity is truly commendable. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for their hard work, expertise, and unwavering dedication.

ONGOING FINANCIAL BELT-TIGHTENING AND VOTING CREDITS

Over the past five months, the Tri-County Electric Cooperative team has worked to identify and implement cost-saving measures including increased budget discipline, eliminated any additional headcount, and selling underutilized assets.

Consistent with these cost-saving efforts, TCEC will not offer bill credits for voting in the 2024 director election. Last year alone, more than \$600,000 in voting bill credits were paid for the general and run-off elections at an estimated cost to every member of \$6. Cutting unnecessary expenses helps keep electric rates as low as possible.

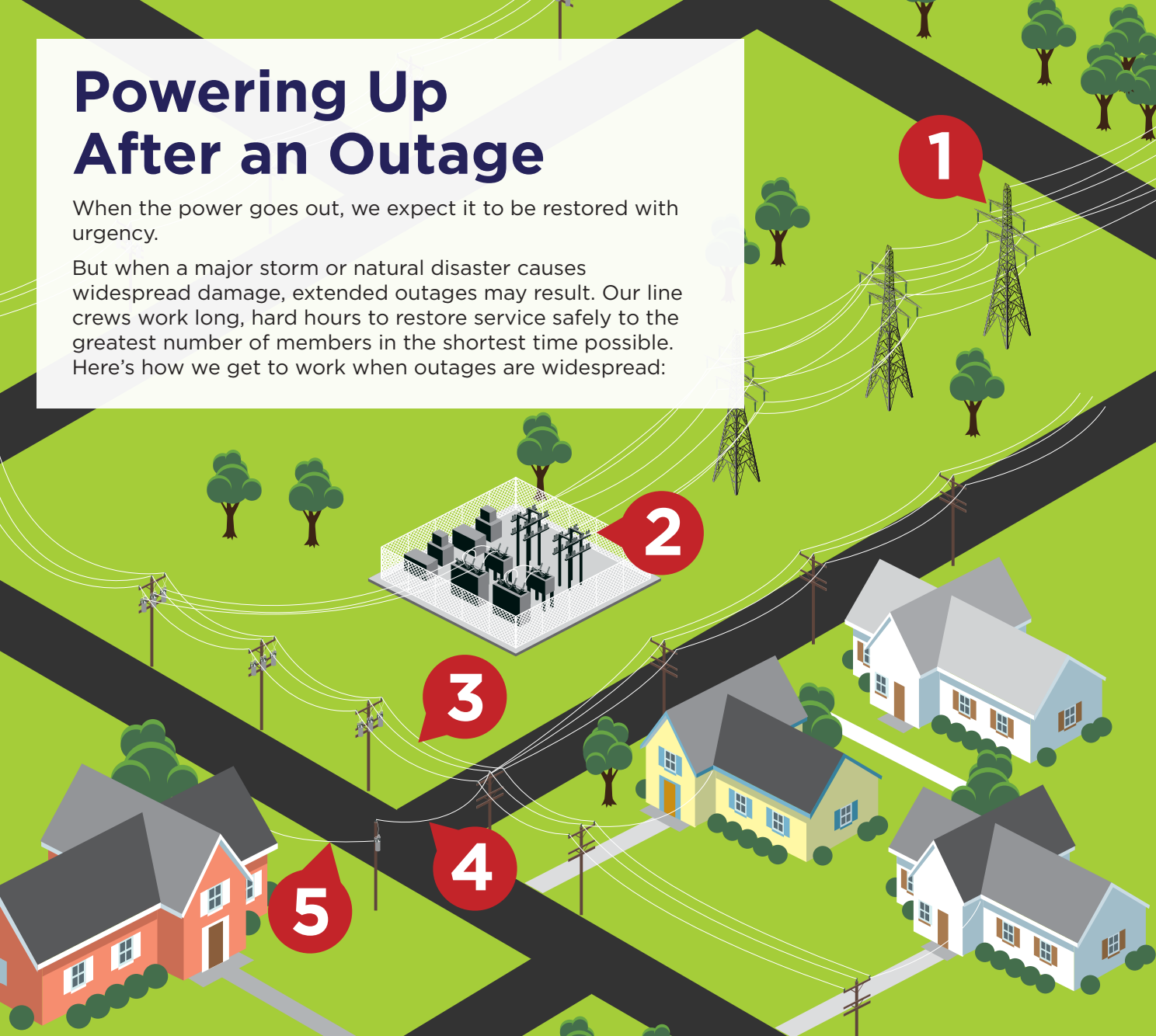
As we move forward, this team remains dedicated to finding innovative ways to enhance member service and manage financial resources responsibly. Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate the future together. Your trust and cooperation are vital to our success, and we are committed to serving you with excellence and integrity.

Scott Spence
President & CEO

Powering Up After an Outage

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored with urgency.

But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible. Here's how we get to work when outages are widespread:



1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members), and they rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of members. When a major outage occurs, our line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of members in our local communities.

4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

5. Service Lines:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND DIRECTOR ELECTION

ANNUAL MEETING

Tri-County Electric Cooperative's 85th Annual Meeting of the Members will be held online Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m. The official Annual Meeting notice is on the front inside cover of the magazine. This year's Annual Meeting will include a cooperative update, director election results, and a door prize drawing. Members who vote in the election by the deadline will be entered into the door prize drawing.

2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION

Members may vote on three director seats this year—districts 3, 6, and 8. Candidate biographies are on pages 18D-22. On August 19, a director candidate forum was posted to Tri-County's website, allowing members to learn more about each candidate. The forum video is available at tcectexas.com/director-elections.

The election opens September 2 and closes September 25 at 5 p.m. Members may cast one vote either online or by mail. All ballot information is on the back inside cover of this magazine. Voting in the director election is one of your rights as a cooperative member. The 2024 election results will be announced at the virtual Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 3.

According to the Cooperative's Bylaws, a director candidate in an election with three or more candidates must receive a majority of the votes. If a candidate does not receive a majority - 50% plus one vote - a run-off election must be conducted between the top two candidates until a majority is achieved.

OCTOBER 3

HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7 P.M.

85TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

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2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Qualifications is responsible for reviewing and accepting applications from members interested in running for a seat on the board of directors. The committee carefully reviews application packets from candidates for the director seats up for election each year.

In order to serve on the committee, members must be in good standing with the cooperative, not serving as a cooperative board member, not employed by the cooperative, not a director candidate or closely related to a cooperative director or director candidate.

The committee met at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18, to accept and review nomination applications. Committee members carefully reviewed each application submitted by members interested in running for the board based on eligibility outlined in the cooperative's bylaws, and election policies and procedures. The deadline for members to apply to be nominated by committee was 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

NOMINATION BY PETITION

Members may seek nomination by member petition. Application packets were due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

DISTRICT 3

J. Steven Bartley (Nomination Candidate)
David Manning (Nomination Candidate)
Curtis Nager (Nomination Candidate)
Ryan Miller (Petitioning Candidate)

DISTRICT 6

John Killough (Incumbent)
Brenda Wilde (Nomination Candidate)
Timmy Yeary (Nomination Candidate)

DISTRICT 8

Mike Sivertsen (Incumbent)
Jarrett Armstrong (Nomination Candidate)



2024 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS MEMBERS

Jeffrey Bass, District 1 | **Mallory Goff**, District 2 | **Vacant**, District 3 | **Edward Daugherty**, District 4 | **Ramey Keeth**, District 5, Chairman | **Danny Tuggle**, District 6 | **Ranell Scott**, District 7 | **Paula Baron**, District 8 | **Wayne Parkman**, District 9

Minutes from the 84th Annual Meeting of the Members

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 | 7 PM

The 84th Annual Meeting of the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held virtually at 200 Bailey Ranch Road in Aledo, Texas, on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Janet Rehberg, Interim CEO, Chief Strategy Officer and Vice President of Engineering opened the meeting with the introduction of Wes Scheets, Interim CEO, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Operations, who gave the invocation. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance given by Melissa Watts, Interim CEO, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance.

Mrs. Rehberg introduced the current board of directors and then turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Max Waddell. Dr. Waddell called the meeting to order and appointed Don Richards of Richards, Elder and Gibson, Counsel, as the Chairman of the 84th Annual Meeting.

The notice of the Annual Meeting and proof of mailing statement was then read by Don Richards. In accordance with the bylaws, 105,990 copies were mailed to the membership on August 31, 2023.

Tri-County Electric Cooperative partnered with Survey and Ballot Systems to conduct the election. Members were able to vote by mail or electronically. According to the Cooperative bylaws, a minimum of 3% of the total membership is required to conduct business. The minimum quorum requirement is 3,179. Survey and Ballot Systems reported a total of 2,917 ballots submitted by mail, and 19,064 were submitted electronically for a total of 21,981 ballots for the election. Quorum was met and qualified the election for the 84th Annual Meeting of the membership.

Mr. Richards then called for the approval of the minutes of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2022 Annual Meeting. The Membership voted virtually and confirmed the approval of the minutes for the Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. 83rd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

Mr. Richards then called for the approval of the Committee on Nominations and Qualifications and explained according to the Cooperative bylaws, each year the Board shall nominate and the Membership shall confirm Cooperative Members to serve on the Committee on Nominations and Qualifications. One Member from each district shall serve on the Committee to qualify the candidates for the board elections and set the ballot. According to Section 4.4 of the bylaws, the Committee is comprised of Members in good standing, who are not currently a director or employee and who are not closely related to a director or a director candidate. The following were appointed by the TCEC Board of Directors at the conclusion of the 2022 election and need to be confirmed to serve 3 year terms which will end on December 31, 2025. The nominees are District 5, Ramey Keeth, District 7, Ranell

Scott and District 9, Wayne Parkman. Mr. Richards called for the Members to confirm the Committee on Nominations and Qualifications. The membership voted and confirmed the Committee on Nominations and Qualifications.

Mr. Richards then announced the Chairman of the Nominations and Qualifications Committee, Mr. J. Steven Bartley, to present the 2023 Director Committee on Nominations and Qualifications report. The Committee on Nominations and Qualifications accepted and reviewed four applications for Districts 1, 2 and 4 and set the ballot as follows: District 1, Kevin Ingle, incumbent, District 2 Margaret Koprek, incumbent, District 4 Jerry Walden, incumbent, and David Miller, District 4, Nominations candidate.

Mr. Richards returned to the podium to discuss candidates who submitted nomination by petition to be considered for the 2023 ballot. The following two candidates were reviewed and approved by Mr. Richards for the 2023 ballot, Julie Walden, District 4 and Stan Mickle, District 4.

Mr. Richards then read the 2023 election results. Survey and Ballot Systems, the third-party election partner, provided the election results as follows: District 1 incumbent Kevin Ingle, ran unopposed therefore received 100% of the votes and is elected as the Director for a three year term. District 2 incumbent Margaret Koprek, ran unopposed therefore received 100% of the votes and is elected as the Director for a three year term. District 4 incumbent Jerry Walden received 38.1% of the votes, Nomination Candidate David Miller received 29.4% of the votes, Petitioning Candidate Julie Walden received 25.2% of the votes and Petitioning Candidate Stan Mickle received 7.3% of the votes. Due to no candidate receiving a majority of the votes there will be a runoff election between the top two candidates. With Jerry Walden receiving 38.1% of the votes and David Miller receiving 29.4% of the votes, they will be placed on the runoff election ballot. Information for the runoff election will be published in the November issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. The runoff election ballot will be published in the December *Texas Co-op Power* magazine and will be emailed to Members with an active email on file as of December 1, 2023.

Mr. Richards introduced Mrs. Margaret Koprek, Secretary-Treasurer, who gave the Treasurer's report to the membership.

This concluded the business portion of the agenda items.

Mrs. Rehberg then announced some of the door prize winners which were donated voluntarily courtesy of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. vendors and the remaining door prize winners are to be published on the Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. website.

Mr. Richards then responded to member questions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes from the 2023 District 4 Run-Off Election

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 | 6:30 PM

The 84th Annual Meeting Runoff Election of the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held virtually at 200 Bailey Ranch Road in Aledo, Texas, on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Max Waddell, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board Chairman opened the meeting with the introduction of Melissa Watts, Interim CEO, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance who gave the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Dr. Waddell then called the meeting to order and appointed Don Richards of Richards, Elder and Gibson, Counsel, as the Chairman of the 84th Annual Meeting Runoff Election.

The notice of the meeting and proof of mailing statement was then read by Don Richards. In accordance with the bylaws, a minimum of 3% of the membership must participate to conduct business for the meeting. According to Survey and Ballot Systems, 14,972 ballots were cast online, and 3,680 ballots were submitted by mail, for a total of 18,652 ballots cast in the runoff election or 17% of the membership participating. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Mr. Richards then reported on the runoff election portion of the meeting. Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. held its 2023 election in September 2023 leading up to the 84th Annual Meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023. Three Director districts were on the ballot, Districts 1, 2 and 4 and the entire membership, regardless of the district they lived in, was eligible to vote in the election. Incumbent candidates in District 1 and 2 ran unopposed and therefore were elected by acclamation.

The District 4 position had four candidates, and since none of the candidates received the majority of the votes, a runoff election was called between the top two candidates: incumbent, Jerry Walden and nomination candidate, David Miller.

Survey and Ballot Systems provided election results for the District 4 runoff election. Nomination candidate David Miller received 50.8% of the votes and therefore is elected as the District 4 Director for a three year term ending in 2026.

Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Jerry Walden for his years of dedication and service to the cooperative and its membership. He also reported the unexpected loss of Director Jorden Wood who served the cooperative for 17 years as Director of District 3. The Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors voted to fill this vacancy through the democratic process since District 3 is up for nomination election in 2024.

Mr. Richards then reported the 2024 Director nomination cycle would include District 3, District 6 and District 8. Information on the 2024 election cycle will be included in the January 2024 issue of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine, as well as on the Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. website at tcectexas.com/director-elections. Interested and eligible members were encouraged to review the information and

resources and to reach out to the cooperative with questions.

This concluded the business portion of the agenda items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES



DISTRICT J. STEVEN BARTLEY NOMINATION CANDIDATE

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J. Steven Bartley is a dynamic individual whose leadership spans both the cooperative and financial sectors. Previously serving as the Chairman of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Committee on Nominations and Qualification since 2020, Steve's commitment to the cooperative is unwavering. His journey within Tri-County Electric Cooperative reflects his dedication and leadership.

After successfully chairing the Committee on Nominations and Qualification, Steve's admiration for Jorden Wood, the former President of the Board of Directors, led him to seek Mr. Wood's vacated position as the District 3 Board of Director. This transition showcased not only his passion for the cooperative but also his willingness to step into key leadership roles.

Professionally, Steve Bartley is the Market President for Ciera Bank, the role he held since its inception as Aledo National Bank in 2005. Ciera Bank, a full-service financial institution with eight community banks across North Texas, has thrived under Steve's leadership. With a remarkable career spanning over 36 years in the banking and finance industry, Steve has held various management positions with prestigious organizations such as JP Morgan Chase, Chevy Chase Bank, and Ford Motor Credit.

Steve's academic achievements underscore his commitment to continuous learning and professional development. A graduate of Texas Christian University, he also completed the SMU Southwest Graduate School of Banking in Commercial Lending. His pursuit of knowledge continued with the attainment of a Master Certificate in Organizational Leadership from Villanova. Steve further honed his skills at the Texas Bankers Association (TBA) school for management development and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Leadership and Governance programs.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Steve is deeply involved in community service and development. Serving on the Board of Directors for Ciera Bank, he is also a founding member of the Business Development Group of Aledo (BDGA). Currently serving as Director of the BDGA and BDGA Foundation, Steve's impact on local business development is evident. He extends his influence on the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board, the Aledo Lions Club, Aledo ISD Community Partners, and the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Steve's dedication is further highlighted by his previous role as a trustee of the Aledo ISD School Board.

Steve's personal life is marked by a longstanding commitment to family. Celebrating 35 years of marriage to his wife, Jay Bartley, the couple moved to Aledo, TX, in 1995 with their two sons, Hayden and Preston. Hayden, residing in Tomball, TX, with his wife Chelsea and their one-year old son Rutherford, and Preston, with his wife Taylor, call Tulsa, OK home.

In every aspect of his life, be it professional leadership, community service, or family commitments, J. Steven Bartley exemplifies a dedication to excellence and a passion for making a positive impact on those around him.



DISTRICT DAVID MANNING NOMINATION CANDIDATE

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Retired Fort Worth Police Officer and former President of Fort Worth Police Officers Association. My wife, Terrie, and I attend Christ Chapel Bible Church; have a daughter and a son; and have been Tri-County Electric Cooperative homeowner members for the past 30 years. My goals for serving on the Tri-County Electric Coop Board of Directors are straightforward. To ensure reliability and affordability of our electricity. To remove the Winter Storm Uri surcharge on homeowner electric bills. And to have our Electric Coop staff be responsive and timely with member service. I also serve as a Captain the Texas State Guard (2007-present); and have earned certification as a FEMA Military Emergency Management Specialist. My community service includes serving as an appointee of Governor George W Bush on a statewide Commission; former Chairman of the City of Fort Worth's Employee Retirement Fund; and former President of the Fort Worth Police Benevolent Association. Finally, I pledge to be respectful and accessible to my fellow Electric Coop members; and will strive to promptly return all phone calls and emails. In short, I believe in results, not rhetoric.

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2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES



DISTRICT 3

**CURTIS
NAGER**

NOMINATION
CANDIDATE

Personal Info

- Resident of North Texas for 38 years, including residing in Parker County the past 20 years.
- Married to my beautiful wife, Katrina Nager, 34 years and counting
- Two adult children, and three grand children
- I enjoy spending time with my family, in a variety of adventures. As well as engaged with our church family, Lighthouse Fellowship Church.

Education

- After graduating High School (Avon, Indiana) I attended Devry Institute of Technology (Lombard/Chicago, IL) in Electrical Engineering
- Youth Ministry, 20+ years of continuing education courses and seminars
- Ministry Safe Sexual Abuse Awareness Training, through an approved Texas Department of State Health Services training facility.
- OSHA 10 Safety Certified
- Construction Industry continuing education

Work Experience

- 7+ Years (Current) Owner/Managing Member of Custom Fabrication company in the commercial/retail construction industry
 - Management and daily operations of the company -
 - Sales/Design of all projects
 - Materials acquisition
 - Accounting
 - Payroll
- 8 Years (2014-2022) Owner of Food Distribution company
- Y Years (2006-2013) Sales and Production Manager of Custom Fabrication company in the commercial/retail construction industry
- 20+ Years (1983-2004) Management positions in the Retail and Food Distribution Industries

Civic Experience

- Trustee for Coutts Memorial UMC (Weatherford)
- Assorted Church Council-Administrative roles for Coutts Memorial UMC (Weatherford)
- Youth Ministry- salaried staff position - Coutts Memorial UMC (Weatherford) and St. Paul UMC (Hurst)
- Served in numerous roles with Tarrant Area Food Bank



DISTRICT 3

**RYAN
MILLER**

PETITIONING
CANDIDATE

Ryan Miller was born in Rapid City, South Dakota and raised on a working Black Angus Cattle Ranch near Faith, South Dakota where he & his family also raised top AQHA ranch and rodeo horses. After graduating high school, he received a full-ride rodeo scholarship at Odessa College in Odessa, TX and then transferred to the University of Nevada Las Vegas on another full ride rodeo scholarship where he graduated with a degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Advertising. He then rodeoed professionally in the PRCA for a few years completing in the Steer Wrestling event. He was then was hired by Dodge Rodeo/Daimler Chrysler where he traveled across the US promoting the brand Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep at special events. Since 2007, he has lived in the Weatherford area and formed Miller Land Services, LLC where he has contracted with multiple Oil & Gas companies throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Ryan has 2 daughters, Italee (14) and Irelynd (10) who are busy with competitive dance and gymnastics.

Ryan has served as the National Student Vice-President of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) in 1997. Been a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) since 2008 and the Permian Basin Landman Association (PBLA) since 2015.

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2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES



DISTRICT 6

JOHN
KILLOUGH

INCUMBENT

Being a generational resident in Hood County has kept me grounded and made me value serving our community through civic organizations as well as my active participation in the Triple Cross Cowboy Church. My wife Dana and I are both graduates of Granbury High school and have chosen to call Granbury home.

I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Tarleton State University, and for more than 30 years have been a small business owner in Hood County which has included being owner and operator of Killough's Dirt Service, working and maintaining agricultural operations providing quality hay to fellow farmers and ranchers across most of our service territory, while running my own cow/calf operation. This has allowed me to foster relationships and better serve others in the community.

I have invested time and energy reading and studying National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) courses obtaining national recognition as a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) and am working toward a Board Leadership Certificate (BLC). This effort has provided me the knowledge necessary to understand the electric cooperative business model where I proudly serve as the board vice chairman and am dedicated to the continuous improvement for the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative.



DISTRICT 6

BRENDA
WILDE

NOMINATION
CANDIDATE

I grew up in a military/farming/ranching family. I was raised to always give back to the community. My father was a career enlisted soldier in the USAF. My mother was the procurement administrator for Sheppard AFB until her civil service retirement. We lived on my grandparents' cattle ranch after my dad's military retirement.

I have volunteered through my childhood, as well as adult years. I have helped with numerous churches, youth, community, and educational organizations over the years. I have been active in 4H, Math/Science teams, UIL sports and academic competitions, church youth retreats, church outreach events, and Faith Mission in Wichita Falls. After a teaching career in both public and private education, I now volunteer at Parker County Center of Hope tutoring English for non-English adults, as well as owning WBRV and More mobile RV service company.

I received a BSIS from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls in Elementary Education, as well as endorsements in Life/Earth Sciences, Gifted and Talented, ESL (English as a Second Language), Early Childhood Education, and Special Education.

I completed training at NRVTA (National RV Training Academy) and am a nationally certified RV inspector through NRVA (National RV Inspectors Association), a registered technician through RVTAA (RV Technician Association of America), as well as a certified hydro jet RV tank cleaning technician through Royal Flush RV Tank Cleaning Program.

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2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES



DISTRICT

TIMMY
YEARY

NOMINATION
CANDIDATE

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To all involved with the Tri-County Electric Co-op board election process, my name is Timmy Yeary and I am honored to submit my candidacy for the board seat in District 6. My family has been in Parker and Hood Counties for four generations, mostly focused in the agriculture and transportation sectors. I completed high school in Weatherford, and my wife graduated from Brock ISD. We later married in 1995 and kept this area our home while raising two kids, like the generations before us. We love to travel, but there is something special about always coming back to this area we call home. From the early years of our marriage we have been committed to serving in our local church as well as with local and international ministries.

After graduating high school in 1991, I began working as a framing contractor during the early years of the Parker County growth. This later evolved into becoming a design builder of custom homes throughout our area. After the housing crisis of 2008, I spent the next 12 years working in the trucking industry. I began working in logistics and later moved on to the nation's largest commercial insurance brokerage. This opportunity presented immeasurable lessons working as an intermediary between actuaries and clients on large commercial risk. This knowledge and experience has been beneficial as I have re-entered the residential development sector.

Having been both an individual customer, as well as a builder member of TCEC for many years, I appreciate the model of the membership cooperative. I am in alignment with the goals of autonomy through democratic representations, and I feel this is the root of all healthy organizations. I am eager to contribute my skillset and experiences to furthering the organization's impact in our communities.

I believe that a self-driven, entrepreneurial minded individual, possesses natural gifting's that is rooted in something deeper than themselves. The humility to know that I am standing on someone else's shoulders, while hoping my highest accolades are the next generations floor in which to build from. We are all small links in a very long chain. My greatest challenge is asking what kind of steward will I be with the link I am given.

The speed in which technology and innovation are evolving will require great insight from a multitude of counselors. I eagerly look forward to the opportunity of partnering with the board and leadership at TCEC in planning for the future that awaits the membership.

Change brings challenges, but with a healthy balance of strategy and implementation I feel confident that TCEC can continue being a valued asset to its cooperative members.

In conclusion, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to join the TCEC team as a board member. I am confident that my background, work ethic, and integrity will serve the organization well. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I look forward to the opportunity of serving the TCEC members in District 6.

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2024 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES



DISTRICT 8

**MIKE
SIVERTSEN**
INCUMBENT

I took very seriously my initial election to the TCEC Board in 2021 and showed up "ready to work." I leveraged 15 years of electric utility experience, an undergraduate degree in Physics, and a Master's degree in Knowledge Management to fulfill this important responsibility. In addition, I pursued all of the education opportunities available to a new Director and was awarded the Director Gold Certification by NRECA in 2024. Prior to my retirement in 2021, I was a Systems Engineer with Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Fort Worth.

I was born and raised in Wisconsin and attended the University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology, where I graduated with a Physics degree in 1979. My wife and I married that same year. I then worked for Schlumberger Well Services as a Field Engineer in the gas wells of West Virginia. This was followed by positions in the nuclear engineering department of the largest utility in New England.

My nuclear engineering experience was wide-ranging and included scientist positions in both radiation physics and information systems. A manager noted that they needed a person of honesty and integrity in a company-wide information management position, which is why I was hired. During my eight years as an accredited nuclear training instructor, I trained over 3,500 employees and was recognized for exceptional instructional design. A memorable time for me was as a quality control inspector during the consolidation of over 2,100 nuclear fuel rods in a large spent fuel pool.

In the mid-1990s, I intentionally choose Texas for the future home of our five-member family. I secured a job and we all relocated in 1997. My three grown children and their spouses love Texas as much as I do. They have all remained in North Texas and have blessed us with eight wonderful grandchildren. So the family of five has now grown to 16!

Activities I enjoy in Texas have included engineering and science career presentations at local high schools, presentations on radiation biophysics to community groups, and bicycle rides with my grandchildren. I have also enjoyed elk hunting in nearby states.

My Master's Degree in Knowledge Management, coupled with an expertise in personal knowledge management, enables me to stay abreast of numerous topics that could impact our Board and Members. This increased situational awareness supports better decision making in the face of complexity.

In 2023, I was the newest Director asked to serve on the CEO Search Committee. I was impressed with the professionalism and thoroughness throughout the six-month search process and was pleased to make meaningful contributions in order to select the most qualified person to lead our great co-op.

The importance of a Board member with electric utility experience, a radiation science background, and the thoroughness of a systems engineer, is unique to the TCEC Board and complements the skills of other Directors. Thank you for your vote to continue to serve you as your TCEC District 8 Director.



DISTRICT 8

**JARRETT
ARMSTRONG**
NOMINATION
CANDIDATE

Dr. Jarrett Armstrong is a candidate for District 8. He's owned Armstrong Chiropractic Center in Keller since 1992. He's passionate about ensuring others stay healthy with natural, compassionate care. He's also dedicated to helping his community with day to day needs and serving in whatever capacity he can.

He's been a devoted cooperative member of this area for 30 years. Raised on a dairy farm in Wise County, he was active in his small family-oriented community where he built a strong foundation and desire to serve others. He studied Pre-Med at Weatherford College and graduated in 1988 from Parker College of Chiropractic in Irving. He established a business and family with wife Cheryl in Keller where they raised 4 sons who all still reside there. He has created a dedicated and esteemed reputation as a pillar in Keller and the surrounding communities.

A Keller Lions Club member 25+ years, he's held all offices and is currently elected Secretary. Throughout his tenure, he's been an annual volunteer at Texas Lions Camp. He's served on the Keller Lions Foundation Board for 20 years, also currently elected as Secretary. Other notable memberships include North Texas Charity Board 5 years, Keller Masonic Lodge 40+ years, Scottish Rite 20+. Past community leadership endeavors include Tricounty Electric Cooperative Board, Keller Rotary Club, KISD Board, Keller Planning and Zoning Board and others. With this varied experience, he's faced a wide range of challenges and successes. His expertise in advocating for the members he serves is unmatched.

If elected, he is committed to returning Tricounty to its true "member-owned" status and facilitating optimal transparency and communication between its members and Board of Directors. Believing members need to have a voice and the ability to resolve concerns directly with their Board, he would first establish open access to all Board members via direct communication as the current Board does not support this level of transparency. He would also seek to reverse the 2022 policy created by the current Board prohibiting members from attending Board meetings. Next, he would address the urgency in providing the fairest possible price of electricity with consistent, professional, competitive, and affordable service to all members or seek Power to Choose options. He will improve respect and trust between members and employees of Tricounty Electric Co-op.

Dr. Armstrong is passionate about people being treated with respect and consideration. It's not just about a person's health, it's about their complete well-being in all aspects of life. This means as a Dr., their physical well-being; as a neighbor, assisting with community needs and issues; as a Board member, their financial well-being, including an affordable cost for a basic necessity.

He's devoted his life to serving his community. His creed is simple, "Help Others." In every moment of his day, professionally and personally, you'll find him helping someone without a second thought, always with a smile. He is available to all members at 817-688-6777 or kaccdoc64@msn.com

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The Beatles perform at Dallas Memorial Auditorium in September 1964.

Invading Dallas

Frenzied fans saw—but barely heard—music history when the Beatles came to Texas

BY LORI GROSSMAN

IT HAS BEEN MORE than 60 years since what some people call the world's first boy band appeared on a Sunday night TV show and changed everything. And this month marks exactly 60 years since the Beatles first came to Texas.

The British pop band's first U.S. tour brought them to Dallas Memorial Auditorium on September 18, 1964. The band touched down at Love Field just after midnight that day, greeted by thousands of screaming fans. North Texas was abuzz with anticipation, including 10-year-old Pud (short for Puddin') Kearns of suburban Greenville.

In early 1964, Kearns was a fourth grader when word spread that the Beatles would be on the *Ed Sullivan Show* on February 9. That night, she was watching.

"I was just blown away," she remem-

bers. "I'd never heard anything like that before. And I immediately fell in love."

Kearns and her friends acquired the band's records and read about them in fan magazines. Later that year, North Texas Beatles fans got some thrilling news: John, Paul, George and Ringo were coming to Dallas for one of 32 shows in 25 cities over 33 days.

"There was a lot of excitement when it was announced," Kearns says. "At that time, I didn't think there was any possibility that I would get to go."

But Eliza, the 10-year-old granddaughter of a family friend, had tickets and invited Kearns.

"I couldn't believe my luck!" Kearns says. The girls had no idea that a big surprise awaited them before the concert. They showed up early to have a

picnic behind the auditorium (now part of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center).

"All of a sudden, an ambulance drives down the ramp past us towards the auditorium. This was an old-fashioned station wagon," Kearns says. "The Beatles were in it! They looked out of the window and waved, and then they were gone. I remember seeing Paul and Ringo. They were only 20 or 30 feet from us."

A sellout crowd of 10,000 fans packed the venue and waited through three opening acts—Clarence "Frogman" Henry, the Exciters and Jackie DeShannon, all backed by Bill Black's Combo. Pud and Eliza's \$5.50 tickets earned them balcony seats, where they eagerly waited for Dallas DJ Irving Harrigan (aka Ron Chapman) to introduce the main act.

"All the girls were screaming. Eliza and I did, too," Kearns says with a laugh. "George was my favorite. I remember *All My Loving* and the first chord of *A Hard Day's Night*. You could hear opening notes but not much more because of the screaming."

The Beatles' 30-minute set list included 12 songs. The band returned to Texas in August 1965 for two sold-out shows at Houston's Sam Houston Coliseum.

An editorial in *The Dallas Times Herald* that day in Dallas took a dim view of the band: "While some others may be able to recall who or what they were in ... five years, most people will not."

Kearns knew better.

"I was a rock star in fifth grade for a while before and after the concert. I knew that I had seen something very, very special," she says. "And 60 years later, it's still a big deal." ■

Football Favorites

We've recruited proven winners for your game day lineup

BY VIANNEY RODRIGUEZ, FOOD EDITOR

I first made my slow cooker bean dip for a Super Bowl fiesta, and boy was it a hit. It was soon requested for every family gathering and was one of the first recipes added to my slow cooker cookbook. This elevates canned beans to a whole new tasty level.

Slow Cooker Bean Dip

1 teaspoon olive oil
½ onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cans pinto beans (15 ounces each), drained and rinsed
2 cans red beans (15 ounces each), drained and rinsed
2 cans black beans (15 ounces each), drained and rinsed
2 cans kidney beans (15 ounces each), drained and rinsed
2 cans Mexican-style diced tomatoes (15 ounces each), undrained
½ cup chopped cilantro, plus more for garnish (optional)
2 teaspoons cumin
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
Shredded cheddar cheese, for garnish
Mexican crema or sour cream, for garnish

1. Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté 3 minutes, or until light and translucent. Add garlic and cook, stirring often, for 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

2. Combine sautéed onion and garlic, beans, diced tomatoes, ½ cup cilantro, cumin, chili powder, salt and pepper in a slow cooker. Stir until combined. Cover and cook on low 2 hours.

3. Serve warm, topped with more cilantro, shredded cheese, and Mexican crema or sour cream.

SERVES 12

TCP Follow Vianney Rodriguez as she cooks in Cocina Gris at sweetlifebake.com, where she features a recipe for Tex-Mex Onion Dip.



Dry Rub Baked Chicken Wings

JACKIE MCEATHRON
PEDERNALES EC

These tender, juicy baked chicken wings coated in a mouthwatering homemade dry rub will have football fans raving! And they're so good, you won't miss the deep fryer. Serve with your favorite dipping sauce.

- 2 pounds chicken wings
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper. Coat a baking rack with cooking spray and place on the baking sheet.
2. Dry chicken wings with paper towels. In a medium bowl, combine baking powder, salt, paprika and garlic powder. Add chicken wings to bowl and toss to coat evenly. Shake off each wing and place on the baking rack.
3. Bake 30 minutes, then turn and bake until golden and crispy, about 10–15 minutes longer. Serve warm.

SERVES 4



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This brisket chili is a surefire crowd pleaser—hearty, a little spicy and packed with flavor. Garnish with your favorite toppings to make the perfect meal-in-a-bowl. Double the recipe to ensure tasty lunch leftovers.

SERVES 6–8

- ¼ cup canola oil
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 red bell peppers, diced
- ½ tablespoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon chipotle powder
- 2 tablespoons smoked paprika
- 1 pound smoked lean beef brisket, diced
- 2 cans diced fire roasted tomatoes (14.5 ounces each)
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1 small bunch cilantro, chopped
- Sour cream, for garnish
- Shredded cheddar cheese, for garnish

1. Heat oil in an 8-quart pot over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, garlic and peppers until tender.
2. Add salt, spices, brisket, tomatoes and beef broth. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and let cook 2 hours. Remove from heat and stir in cilantro.
3. Serve topped with sour cream and shredded cheese.

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Jalapeño Wontons

SUZANNE HAWKINS
CENTRAL TEXAS EC

The crispy wonton cups and filling can be made pregame. When it's time to nibble, fill the wontons, pop them in the oven and bake until golden.

12 wonton or eggroll wrappers
Kosher salt
8 slices fully cooked bacon, diced

**1 package cream cheese (8 ounces),
room temperature**
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
½ cup sour cream
¼ cup mayonnaise
**1 jalapeño pepper, finely diced,
seeds removed for less heat**
3 green onions, chopped
¼ cup chopped cilantro, for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a muffin pan with cooking spray.
2. Slice wonton or egg roll wrappers in half and place two strips crisscross in each muffin cup. Sprinkle wontons with kosher salt. Bake wontons 5–8 minutes or until lightly golden brown.
3. In a large bowl, combine bacon, cream cheese, cheddar cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, jalapeño and green onions. Mix well. Spoon filling into wontons.
4. Bake 10–15 minutes, until bubbly. Serve warm, garnished with cilantro.

MAKES 12

Kick Things Off Right

BY VIANNEY RODRIGUEZ

Team spirit: Add a few drops of food coloring in your team colors to frosting for cupcakes or cake. Sneak team colors into popcorn by stirring in colored candy.

Drinks: Keep plenty of beverages on hand to balance out all the salty snacks you're serving. Include options for those who don't drink alcohol, like sparkling water or soda. Don't forget the ice!

Stay fresh: Keep food at the ideal temperature in a slow cooker or chafing dishes. Cover food with lids or foil if hosting outdoors, and place dips and guacamole over a bowl of ice to keep them chilled.

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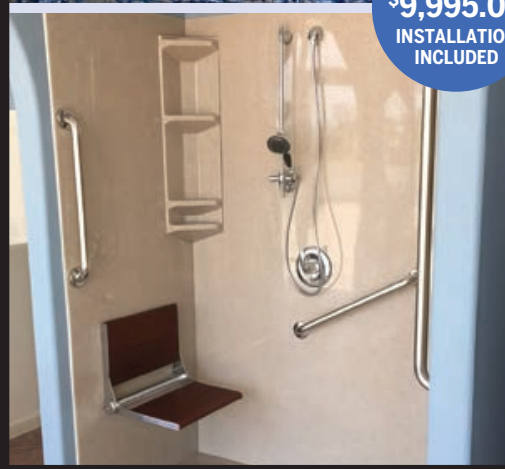
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Creeping Back in Time

The Munster Mansion in Waxahachie brings 1960s Hollywood to life

BY CHET GARNER

IN MOST CIRCLES, asking someone if they prefer *The Munsters* or *The Addams Family* can make for fun dinner conversation. But in Waxahachie, there's only one right answer. Because even though *The Munsters'* beloved sitcom wrapped in 1966, the family's iconic mansion on 1313 Mockingbird Lane lives on in this growing town south of Dallas.

Pulling up to the house felt like the opening scene to a scary movie, with overgrown trees obscuring the mansion's dark facade. However when I knocked on the door, I was greeted with a kind Texas smile from owner Sandra McKee, who grew up watching the show and dreaming of someday living in the kooky mansion.

When she had a chance to make her dream a reality, she and her husband, Charles, obsessed over all 70 episodes of the show to recreate the exact layout and dimensions of the haunted abode, which, ironically, never existed in real life but was just a collection of soundstages on a Hollywood backlot. But this home feels as real as Spot, the pet dragon under the stairs. The McKees host paid private tours by appointment only.

Not only has Sandra collected a number of authentic props, such as a complete dining room set, she's also found life-size mannequins of all the characters, including a towering Herman Munster and his beautiful bride, Lily. Upstairs I found Eddie holding his famous bat and Grandpa tinkering in his lab. I couldn't believe the details and the true-to-screen secret passages.

Each cobweb-filled room tapped into the dusty vaults of my brain and brought back memories of watching the show from my grandparents' floor.

Sandra proudly shared the story of the time actor Al Lewis (aka Grandpa) visited, and his eyes filled with tears of joy and disbelief. It seems this spooky reality is better than fiction. ■

ABOVE Chet cozies up to a likeness of Grandpa from *The Munsters*.

TCP If you dare, join Chet as he checks in on the Munsters. Watch the video and see all his Texplorations on *The Daytripper* on PBS.



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The Farmer's Regret

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BY JOHN TERRY WENDE
ILLUSTRATION BY
DAVID MOORE

THIS WAS SUPPOSED to be a really good deal. Smart too.

We had bought a 15-acre farm south of Austin in 1974 and now, 10 years later, our (new to us) 1940s Farmall B tractor was the perfect choice for our small operation.

Living on an educator's salary and applying my knowledge as a high school economics teacher, I was proud of myself for taking extra-close care of my tractor. I even built a small shed to keep it protected and dry.

I remember that no matter what happened or what the problem was, I always found a way to keep that Farmall in good running condition.

Over the years, I have seen a number of tractors—and pictures of tractors—silently keeping vigil in their temporary-turned-final resting places.

An old Ford tractor, for years on end, sits under the canopy of a large live oak tree, proudly displaying a “for sale” sign. Then there's the tractor sitting near the corner of a fence row with an assortment of brush and vines winding their way through it. I had often wondered: How could a person abandon their machine and leave it out there all by itself?

I would never do that—would I?

Then I started having battery and generator issues and struggled to get the parts I needed to fix my Farmall. The longer that tractor sat outside in the very same spot, the less I thought about hauling it back to the shed, so I could at least get it out of the weather.

Suddenly I had become that farmer who let his machine down.

It's not just the weather you have to watch out for either. A friend told me about his family trying to raise cattle in Arkansas in the 1950s, and when that didn't work, they moved back to Texas and settled in Taylor County. They brought back all their farm equipment, including a Minneapolis-Moline tractor, which they parked between the house and the county road.

He said that, over the years, people would sneak onto his property and help themselves to various tractor parts. It made him really mad because, he said, all they had to do was ask.

Farm tractors are nearly indestructible—if you take care of them. For what I bought it for, my Farmall B gladly did everything I asked it to do. My responsibility was to take good care of it and keep it running.

I didn't hold up my side of the deal, and my Farmall fell victim to the mystic landscape of abandoned tractors, forever stuck in the mud a few feet from my tractor shed. ■

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Your official election ballot is located on the back of this Texas Co-op Power magazine.

Voting Information

Every member is eligible to vote in the election, regardless of the district in which you reside. Only one ballot may be cast per membership.

All members who vote prior to the deadline below will be entered to win door prizes announced during the virtual Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 3.

How to Vote

Members may cast one vote either online or by mail-in ballot. Online voting opens September 2. Ballots will not be accepted at local offices.

ONLINE



Go to **directvote.net/TCECTX** and enter your ballot ID and election passcode printed on the back of this *Texas Co-op Power* magazine.

OR

MAIL-IN



Complete the ballot located on the back of this magazine and mail to Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS), in the postage-paid envelope provided.

**VOTING CLOSSES AT 5 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 25.
ANY VOTES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

Voting will close at 5 p.m. on
Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

All members are eligible to vote regardless of the Director District in which you reside.

Mail your completed ballot to Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) in the envelope provided, or vote online at directvote.net/TCECTX using your unique ballot ID and passcode listed below. Online voting opens September 2.

Director candidate photos and biographies are located inside the magazine on pages 18D-22.

Full voting instructions are located on the reverse side of the ballot.

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- ☐ **J. Steven Bartley**
Nomination Candidate
- ☐ **David Manning**
Nomination Candidate
- ☐ **Curtis Nager**
Nomination Candidate
- ☐ **Ryan Miller**
Petitioning Candidate

District 6
(choose 1)

- ☐ **John Killough**
Incumbent
- ☐ **Brenda Wilde**
Nomination Candidate
- ☐ **Timmy Yeary**
Nomination Candidate

District 8
(choose 1)

- ☐ **Mike Sivertsen**
Incumbent
- ☐ **Jarrett Armstrong**
Nomination Candidate