

CCEC Annual Meeting To Be Held in Coleman



COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL HOLD ITS 80TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP meeting July 13 at Coleman High School in Coleman. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Anaka Grace will be there to play her guitar and sing before the business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

There will be homemade ice cream and cookies prepared and served by Runnels County 4H at the Coleman Junior High cafeteria. Each registering member will receive attendance gifts, as will kids in attendance. There will be prize drawings for adults and children, too.

We would just like to remind you that whether you mail or bring your ballot to the meeting, you need to vote for the directors of your choice. Place the ballot in the envelope and sign the outside of the envelope. The signature must be on the outside of the envelope and the envelope must be sealed for your vote to be counted.

Please mark July 13 on your calendar and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Coleman. Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business of your cooperative.

Board Selects Nominating Committee

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, of the bylaws of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, the board of directors has appointed seven members to serve on the committee to nominate director candidates for the upcoming annual meeting.

The nominating committee will meet at the cooperative office at 9 a.m., Monday, May 14.

The committee will select qualified members to run for three-year terms on the board of directors. The current director for District 3 is **David Wright**, and the director for District 7 is **Bob Fuchs**.

Nominating committee members for this year are: **Dwaine Lange**, District 1; **Bill Bredemeyer**, District 2; **Jerald Wilson**, District 3; **Lorene Halfmann**, District 4; **Jody Barr**, District 5; **Jerry Ellis**, District 6; and **Harriet Fischer**, District 7.

Any member wanting to make a recommendation to the nominating committee should contact one of the committee members prior to May 14.

The committee's nominations will be posted at the cooperative office at least 20 days prior to the annual meeting.

The nominations also will be published in the July issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. All questions concerning bylaws requirements can be answered at the office of Coleman County EC by directors or by nominating committee members.

Your cooperative membership means you are an owner of your electric cooperative and you have a say in how it's operated. Member participation is vital to keeping it that way. Please participate.



From left: Avery Ransberger, Katlin Parks and Ashley Beauchamp

Local Students Win Trip to Washington, DC

IN JUNE, KATLIN PARKS, ASHLEY BEAUCHAMP AND AVERI RANSBERGER, STUDENTS AT Coleman High School, will be in Washington, D.C., expanding their horizons by exploring the monuments on the National Mall, shaking hands with elected officials and dancing on a boat on the Potomac River as part of the 2018 Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

Parks and Beauchamp were chosen through Coleman County Electric Cooperative's annual Youth Tour interview contest. Ransberger will join them because of Cooperation Among Cooperatives, one of the Seven Cooperative Principles. The prize is a place on Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid trip to the nation's capital, June 6–15, with 147 fellow Texas students and 1,700 other youths from around the country.

Youth Tour has been a Texas tradition since 1965, when co-ops—inspired by then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, who encouraged youths to go to Washington to “see what the flag stands for and represents”—began sponsoring teens on the trip. Educating and mentoring young people fits in with co-ops' missions to support the communities they serve, and since the program's inception, nearly 4,000 Texans have gone on what many call the trip of a lifetime.

This year, Parks, Beauchamp and Ransberger will begin their adventures in Austin, where winners from across the state are greeted by Texas Electric Cooperatives, the association that organizes the state's participation in Youth Tour. From there, the agenda includes a tour of the state Capitol and Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum before boarding a flight to Washington.

In Washington, the itinerary is jam-packed with sightseeing and meaningful events, including a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and appointments with elected officials. Highlights also include visiting national monuments and historic sites, touring Smithsonian Institution museums, seeing a show at the Kennedy Center and rallying with fellow students from around the U.S. for a day of inspirational leadership speakers.

After their week in Washington, the ladies will bring home memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information about Youth Tour, visit TexasYouthTour.com, find the Texas Youth Tour Alumni page on Facebook or ask Coleman County EC for a copy of *Your Tour* magazine.



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Operating in Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Runnels, Taylor and Tom Green counties

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- Richard Lange, *District 1*
- Roger Kruse, Vice President, *District 2*
- David Wright, Secretary-Treasurer, *District 3*
- Les Dobbins Jr., *District 4*
- Brent McMillan, *District 5*
- Darla Wise, *District 6*
- Bob Fuchs, President, *District 7*



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Memorial Day

Coleman County EC will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of the holiday.

Coleman County EC Bylaws Excerpt

ARTICLE III

Directors

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a board of not more than nine (9) or less than seven (7) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the articles of incorporation of the cooperative or by these bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE. The directors elected shall serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of their election, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, subject to the provision of these bylaws with respect to the removal of directors. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the cooperative who is not a bonafide resident in the area served by the cooperative, or while a Director or at any time prior to becoming a Director, either was or becomes convicted of a felony crime, or pleads or has pled guilty to a felony crime, or who 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 members of the cooperative, and no person shall take or hold office as a director who is the incumbent or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid. No employee and/or spouse of an employee shall be eligible to become a Director of the Cooperative who has been employed by any other electric cooperative, municipally-owned utility or investor-owned utility; or has been employed by Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc within five (5) years immediately following the last day of employment. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors for good cause, a Director must attend at

least three-fourths (3/4ths) of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors during each twelve (12) month period between annual meetings in order to remain qualified to be a Director. No person shall be eligible to seek a director position if the election for such position is to occur after the individual becomes seventy-five (75) years of age. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected a director, provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2A. RESIDENCE OF DIRECTORS. Not more than one director may be elected from the same Detail Area of the territory served by Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, as such territory and Detail Area are defined and shown on the current map of the cooperative as established by the Board of Directors; such detail areas being drawn off by red pencil. If, after his or her election a director of the cooperative shall, for the purpose of residing therein, move into a Detail Area wherein one other director of said Cooperative is then residing, the office of the director so moving into such Detail Area shall automatically become vacant without further action on the part of the cooperative or its Board of Directors; and such Board of Directors shall at its first regular, or special meeting thereafter name and appoint a qualified member of the Cooperative as director to fill the unexpired term of the director so disqualifying himself or herself.

SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred and twenty (120)

days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors; but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition, if any. The members may, at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND DISCIPLINE.

(a) Removal by Board. A director may be removed for cause, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining directors, who are not subject to current challenge, at a regular or special board meeting called for such purpose. The affected director shall be informed thereof in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which such a vote is scheduled to take



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place and shall have an opportunity to be heard in person at such meeting.

(b) Cause shall include: (1) a conviction or judicial determination involving a felony crime or a crime of moral turpitude; (2) becoming ineligible to serve due to failing to meet the qualifications of Section 2 of this Article; (3) failure, without excuse, to attend a majority of board meetings in a one (1) year time period, and/or failure of health, or other violation of a director's fiduciary duty to such a degree as two-thirds (2/3) vote of remaining Board members finds to warrant such disciplinary action; or (4) the bringing of such disrepute or disparagement to the Cooperative by unacceptable personal conduct to warrant such discipline as determined by two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining Board members.

(c) Director Discipline. The Board shall create a committee to investigate any formal complaint of a director's conduct. The committee shall be composed of the current Board President, or next highest officer if the current highest officer is subject of the complaint, and two (2) other directors selected by the Board. Following investigation, the committee shall make its report to the full Board with recommendations, if any, of discipline of the affected director. The committee and the Board may meet in executive session to consider the complaint or report. The affected director shall not participate in the committee or Board's deliberation except as requested. The affected Director shall be provided a copy of the report and given opportunity to respond prior to the vote on any recommended action. Discipline action may range to include: (1) a verbal warning; (2) a written reprimand; (3) censure; (4) a reduction in director benefits or compensation; or (5) removal pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Coleman County EC Scholarship Award Rules

PURPOSE: COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for qualified individuals who are seeking enrollment in an institution of higher education.

Eligibility

The scholarship is available to 2018 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman. The applicant must be a child of a member, a grandchild of a member, or a child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County EC. The applicant must reside with the active member whose residence is served by Coleman County EC.

Application

Applications are available at Coleman County EC, 3300 N. Highway 84, Coleman 76834, or from our website, colemanelectric.org. The application must be typed or printed and completed in its entirety. The application must be signed and dated by the student and a parent or legal guardian. A picture of the applicant must be included with the application. All applications must be mailed to P.O. Box 860, Coleman, TX 76834, or turned in at the cooperative's office no later than June 30. Contact CoriAnn Carrillo at (325) 625-2128 for any questions concerning the application.

Drawing

Each approved applicant will be designated to their correct district by the cooperative, according to their residential location. The eligible applicants will be chosen via a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be eight separate drawings, one for each of the eight director districts of the cooperative's service area.

Scholarship

Each scholarship is worth \$500, payable to the winner's qualifying college, technical school or university. The winner of the scholarship must be registered as a full-time student and provide the cooperative with the name, address, phone number and student identification number of the institution they are going to attend. The scholarship check will be made payable to the school's financial aid office, and the amount will be credited to the student's account.