



Slope Electric members **Jerry** and **Carolyn Erickson** greet drivers passing through Amidon.

## Hearts for hope

Joining the efforts of Gov. Doug Burgum, to promote safety and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Slope Electric Cooperative closed its lobby doors to the public in March. Employees continued to work hard behind those doors and in the field, to make sure you, our members, had the essential service of power.

Many co-op and community members, and families of Slope Electric employees, created colorful art projects to offer signs of hope to first-responders, community members and others who may be feeling anxious during this time of isolation.

Members, please stay safe, and know we are doing everything we can to protect you, our communities and employees. ■

Slope Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**OUTLOOK**

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~~ANNUAL MEETING BASH / JUNE 4, 2020, FOUR SEASONS PAVILION, BOWMAN~~



## POSTPONED

The 75th Annual Meeting of Slope Electric Cooperative will be rescheduled due to the coronavirus. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

## Annual Meeting POSTPONED

Members, your milestone 75th annual meeting of the membership scheduled for June 4 in Bowman has been postponed. We do not know the future of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are doing everything we can to keep members, communities and employees safe.

Slope Electric Cooperative will provide an update as alternate plans develop. Until then, know we will celebrate our historic anniversary with you when the time is right.

Thank you for your support. ■

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating/Resolutions Committee connected on March 26 via conference call to make nominations and approve resolutions. Names to be placed on the rescheduled annual meeting ballot are:



**Adams County**  
Steve Wegner



**Hettinger County**  
Angela Carlson



**Hettinger County**  
Charlotte Meier

**More information will become available  
at a later date as to how members can vote.**

## Report from

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FEB. 27, 2020  
CONFERENCE CALL**

- Approved minutes of the Feb. 27, 2020, Board Meeting.
- Heard reports from senior staff, including the financial report for February.
- The Co-General Managers/CEOs gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and what management is doing to keep employees and the membership safe.
- The Board approved to postpone the June 4, 2020, annual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's requirements on social distancing and gatherings.
- Heard reports from Directors who attended various meetings throughout the month.
- The Nominating Committee held their second meeting by conference call prior to the board meeting, to make nominations to be placed on the ballot at the annual meeting. Names to be placed on the ballot are for Adams County: Steve Wegner, and for Hettinger County: Angela Carlson and Charlotte Meier. Also approved resolutions to be printed in the annual meeting report, and Laurie Braaten from Bowman County, whose term is up was re-elected to the Operation Round Up Board.
- Reviewed and approved several board policies.
- Reviewed and discussed possible Bylaw amendments.
- The next Board Meeting is set for 9 a.m. MT, April 30, 2020, by conference call.
- Held Executive Session.



## Call before you dig!

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Don't fall for scammers pretending to be utilities.

## Beware of scams

Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the coronavirus, and some Slope Electric Cooperative members became a target in March. A few members reported receiving a call in which a person threatened to disconnect their electric service unless they made a payment over the phone using a credit card.

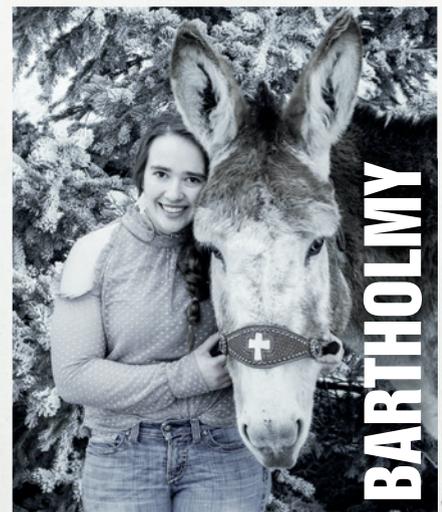
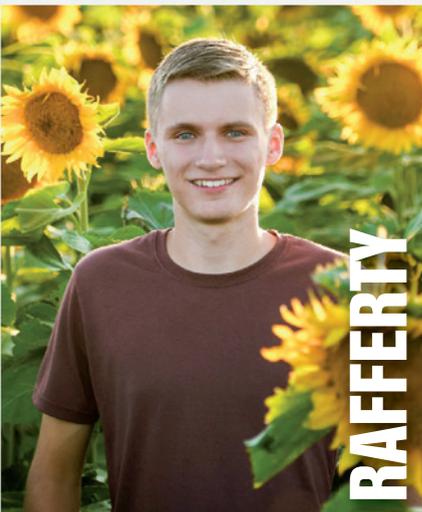
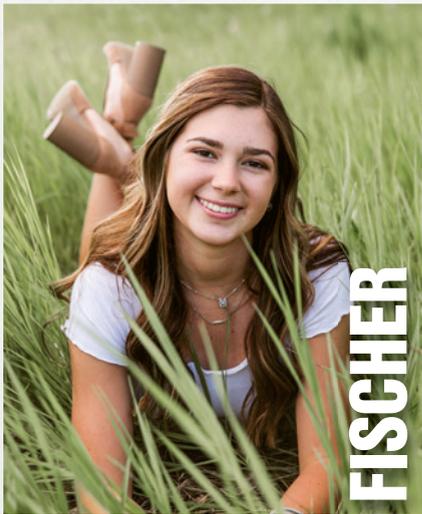
Your safety is important to us! If you receive a similar call, please hang up and call us at 701-579-4191 or 800-559-4191 to let us know.

To learn about some common scams circulating in North Dakota, visit the Attorney General's website at <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/> and click Consumer Resources and Common Scams. ■

## **Congratulations to Slope Electric's 2020 Scholarship Winners!**

**S**lope Electric Cooperative's scholarship program is designed to recognize our youth's achievements and encourage development of rural leadership in our region. Slope Electric is pleased to offer this program to our cooperative members. Congratulations to the scholarship winners!

1. Clairra Kees, Bowman - Basin Electric \$1,000
2. Elise Fischer, Rhame - Bowman County High School \$500
3. Alyssa Andress - Hettinger High School \$500
4. Anna Beer - Lemmon High School \$500
5. Blake Rafferty - Mott-Regent High School \$500
6. Boedy Schenbeck - New England High School \$500
7. Kaitlyn Bartholmy - Scranton High School \$500



Each year, **Basin Electric Power Cooperative** provides \$1,000 to Slope Electric Cooperative to be awarded as a scholarship to a Slope member's graduating high school senior or college freshman. This year, Clairra Kees was chosen to receive this scholarship. She is the daughter of Nathan and Tiffany Kees from Bowman. Clairra plans to attend Bismarck State College and pursue a career in human services as an eligibility worker who will help others.

*As part of our commitment to community and area youth, Slope Electric is pleased to also award one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from each of the high schools within our service area:*

**Bowman County High School:** Elise Fischer, daughter of Paul and Amy Fischer. Elise plans to attend North Dakota State University and pursue a career in radiologic sciences.

**Hettinger High School:** Alyssa Andress, daughter of Eric and Dana Andress. Alyssa plans to attend Dickinson State University and pursue a career in nursing.

**Lemmon High School:** Anna Beer, daughter of Ryan and Jackie Beer. Anna plans to attend Northern State University and pursue a career in secondary education/science.

**Mott-Regent High School:** Blake Rafferty, son of Shannon and Natalie Rafferty. Blake plans to attend the University of North Dakota and pursue a career in atmospheric sciences.

**New England High School:** Boedy Schenbeck, son of Thomas and Amy Metz. Boedy plans to attend Dickinson State University and pursue a career in science education.

**Scranton High School:** Kaitlyn Bartholmy, daughter of Roger Bartholmy. Kaitlyn plans to attend Dawson Community College and pursue a career in the Associate of Applied Science program of business management.

**3C Construction and West Dakota Utility Services** generously extended a \$500 scholarship to each of its owners this year, including Slope Electric. The intention of the scholarship is for students entering into the lineworker program or mechanic program at a certified vocational or technical school. We have incorporated this scholarship into our current scholarship program, which allows Slope to offer two more scholarship awards to our member-dependents. No qualifying applications were submitted. ■

## [ Hats off to the graduates! ]





**Riley, Macee and Ali Lawhead;** children of Jon and Tanya. Jon is a Slope line technician in Bowman.

## ‘A World of Hearts’ spreads hope across the Slope Electric service area

Families of Slope Electric Cooperative members, employees and community members spread messages of hope across our service area this spring, to unite and show support during the coronavirus crisis.

Home time due to distance learning provided a great opportunity for kids to dig out their colored pencils and scissors, or sidewalk chart, and showcase their ideas and talents.

Many families shared photos of the completed projects — and their beaming children — on Facebook, and tagged #aworldofhearts. They joined the worldwide “A World of Hearts” movement, in which people share photos of hearts posted on windows, sidewalks and in nature.

Slope Electric Cooperative thanks everyone who submitted photos and spread joy. Your contributions gave us hope for a brighter tomorrow. ■



**Aria Hoff,** daughter of Dusty and Brittani Hoff. Dusty is a line technician in New England.

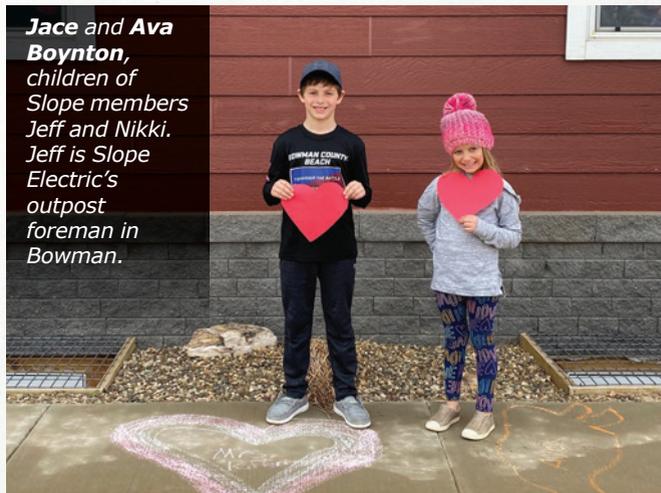


**Eloise Waltner,** daughter of Slope members Chad and Brooke Waltner. Brooke is the Slope bookkeeper.

# OUTLOOK



**Taylor and Rylee Sonsalla**, daughters of Slope members Andrew and Alicia. Andrew is Slope Electric's senior engineering technician.



**Jace and Ava Boynton**, children of Slope members Jeff and Nikki. Jeff is Slope Electric's outpost foreman in Bowman.



Home of Slope members Don and Daniela Howie. Daniela is Slope Electric's operations coordinator/consumer rep.



**Westin Gilman** and a **♥** calf. Westin is the son of Slope members Arian Doe and Don Gilman.



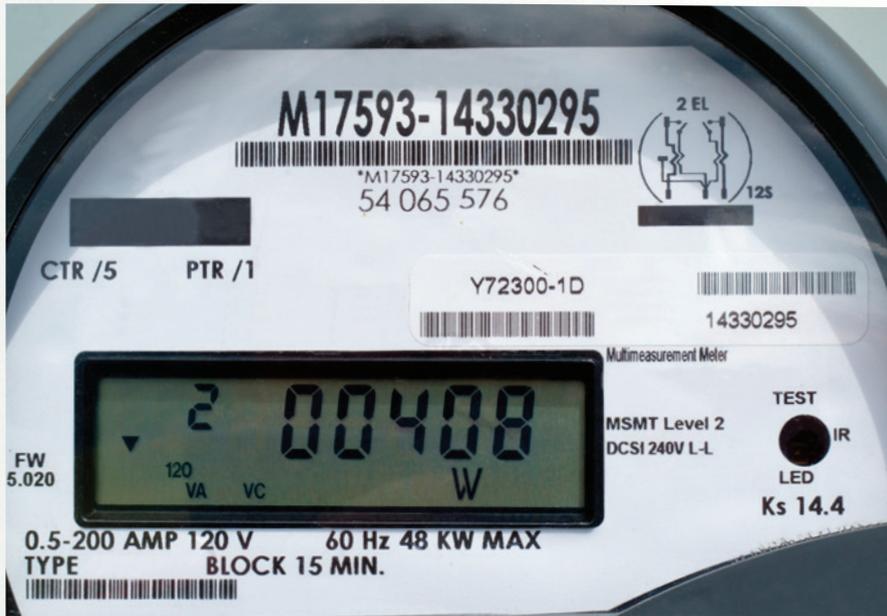
**Piper Braaten**, daughter of Cody Braaten and Hannah Randklev. Cody is a Slope line technician in Bowman.



**Sierra, Samantha and Max Fitterer**; children of Slope members Doug and Janelle Fitterer. They are also the nieces and nephew of Slope Executive Assistant Lynn Klein.



**Blake and Ava Backhaus**; children of Chris and Andrea. Chris is a Slope line technician in New England.



## Breaker, Breaker!

Members, heat meters need to be energized at all times for billing purposes. Please notify Slope Electric if the breaker to your heat meter needs to be turned off. There is a \$50 charge to reinstate the heat meter if Slope Electric is not notified. Thank you. ■



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