

Director Elections To Be Held at Lamar EC Annual Meeting on April 14

Four director positions are up for election at Lamar EC's annual meeting set for April 14. Following are brief profiles of the candidates to be voted on at this year's meeting.

District 2



Mark G. Jones and wife Debbie have been members of LEC since 1976. He is self-employed. He and Debbie have two children.

District 4



Charles N. Dooley and wife Jody have been members of LEC since 1987. He is retired from International Truck and Engine. He is a member of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce and president of the board of directors for the Boxelder VFD. He and Jody have three children.

District 3



Billy R. Hines and wife Eulavee have been members of LEC since 1965. Billy has served on the LEC Board since 2004. They have four children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Billy was foreman for Smotherman's Aluminum from 1961-1975. He owned and operated K&B Steel from 1975 until his retirement in 1994.

District 8 (One-Year Term)



James S. Cooper and wife Kathy have been members of LEC since 1980. James is a graduate of ETSU. He is owner of Cooper Fina in Roxton. James is a member of the Roxton Masonic Lodge, Roxton ISD school board and Roxton Fire Department. He and Kathy have two children.

District 4



Billy F. Bratton and wife Jane have been LEC members since 1977, and he has served on the LEC board since 2004. Billy retired after 30 years' service with the Texas Highway Department, District 2 Fort Worth Engineering Department on New Construction.

District 8 (One-Year Term)



Edwin "Ed" Holt and wife Tanya have been members of LEC since 2002. Ed is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station. He worked 23 years as Farm Service Manager for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Overton prior to his retirement. Ed and wife Tanya have 10 children and two grandchildren.

Mark Your Calendar

Lamar Electric Cooperative
67th Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 14 • 2 p.m.
Love Civic Center, Paris

Health Fair
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Barbecue Lunch
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Entertainment
provided by the
Prairiland FFA and Beta Talent Teams

An election will be held for director positions in Districts 2, 3 and 4. Directors serve a three-year term. An election for the one-year unexpired term for District 8 will also be held.

One ballot will be mailed to each member the last week in March. Completed ballots may be mailed or delivered to the LEC office. Ballots must be received there by 5 p.m. on April 13 for those not voting at the meeting. Members who wish to vote in person must bring their ballots to the meeting.

If you plan to vote more than one ballot, such as for a church, community center or business, please have identification for the entity.

Only one ballot per return envelope.

A barbecue meal will be served

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP cards were mailed in your March billing statement and should be returned to the cooperative's office by April 11, 2007.

Each member present at the annual meeting will receive a registration gift and be eligible for other door prizes to be given away at the close of the business meeting.

A health fair, provided by the East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville in conjunction with Lennox Health Resource Center, will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grand prize at this year's meeting is a 5,500-watt generator valued at \$550.

Watch your mailbox for your official ballot and for registration times and other details about this year's meeting.



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Ron E. Tippit Clarksville

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Willie (Bill) Ross Paris

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Allen Branch Sumner
Billy Bratton Annona
Bill E. Cunningham Reno
Billy Hines Clarksville

YOUR "LOCAL PAGES"

This section of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine is produced by LEC each month to provide you with information about current events, safety, special programs and other activities of the cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the local office.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Level billing
- Automated meter reading
- Free bank draft service
- Visa, Discover and MasterCard accepted
- Security lighting available

Reduce Hot Water Use for Energy Savings

You can lower your water heating costs by using and wasting less hot water in your home. Two of the best ways to conserve hot water are to fix leaks and install low-flow fixtures.

Fix Leaks

You can significantly reduce hot water use by simply repairing leaks in faucets and showerheads or pipes. A hot water leak of one drip per second can cost \$1 per month in electricity to heat the water.

If your water heater's tank leaks, you need a new water heater.

Install Low-Flow Fixtures

Federal regulations mandate that new showerhead flow rates can't exceed more than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm) at a water pressure of 80 pounds per square inch (psi). You can purchase quality, low-flow fixtures for about \$10 to \$20 apiece and achieve water savings of 25 to 60 percent.

SHOWERHEADS: For maximum water efficiency, select a showerhead with a flow rate of less than 2.5 gpm. There are two basic types of low-flow showerheads: aerating and laminar-flow. Aerating showerheads mix air with water, forming a misty spray. Laminar-flow showerheads form individual streams of water. If you live in a humid climate, you might want to use a laminar-flow showerhead because it won't create as much steam and moisture as an aerating one.

Here's a quick test to determine



whether you should replace an older showerhead with a more efficient one:

- Place a bucket—marked in gallon increments—under your showerhead.
- Turn on the shower at the normal water pressure you use.
- Time how many seconds it takes to fill the bucket to the 1-gallon mark.

If it takes less than 20 seconds to reach the 1-gallon mark, you could benefit from a low-flow showerhead.

FAUCETS: The aerator—the screw-on tip of the faucet—ultimately determines the maximum flow rate of a faucet. Aerators are inexpensive to replace, and they can be one of the most cost-effective water conservation measures. For maximum water efficiency, purchase aerators that have flow rates of no more than 1.0 gpm. When replacing an aerator, bring the one you're replacing to the store with you to ensure a proper fit.

ONLY LEC WORKERS CAN PULL METERS

Lamar Electric Cooperative does not give anyone permission to pull a meter. Meters should be pulled only by authorized LEC personnel.

If you are having electrical work done at your location and require that the meter be pulled, you should contact LEC at (903) 784-4303. LEC will send a serviceman out to pull the meter for you. After the work is completed, LEC should be notified to come replace the meter and reseal it.

The practice of members or their electricians pulling their meters for electrical repairs is no longer acceptable.

SAFETY NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Lamar Electric Cooperative Facilities

It is a violation of LEC Policy (B24) for members (or anyone else) to attach fixtures of any type to LEC facilities; to do so could pose a safety hazard to LEC employees and possibly even to the general public. This includes such items as privately owned light fixtures, signs, basketball goals, bird houses, electric fences or anything other than what has been installed by the co-op. Any "foreign" objects found on LEC poles may be removed by co-op employees.

It is also a violation for anyone other than properly trained LEC employees (or LEC contractors) to work on, or within 10 feet of co-op electrical facilities. If repair to LEC facilities is necessary or if private work is required near energized lines, please call our office at (903) 784-4303 for assistance.

GET PLUGGED IN TO ELECTRIC SAFETY

- Check to make sure all electric cords are free of fraying or cracking. Replace any cords that may be damaged.
- When unplugging appliances, always pull from the plug, not the cord.
- Unplug appliances when they are not in use.
- Make sure all electric plugs fit securely into the outlet. Never try to force a plug into an outlet or use another object to make the plug fit.
- Avoid overloading an outlet with too many appliances.

Paris Junior College *SpringFest*

Saturday, April 21, 2007

On the PJC campus - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

First annual SpringFest is a community-wide event and will benefit scholarships to Paris Junior College



- A fun run and walk kicks off events at 8 a.m.
- Art Show
- Kid-friendly inflatables
- 6 on 6 Volleyball tourney in Hunt Center
- Dog Show
- High School art show
- Balloons, face painting
- Free nature tour on Trail-de-Paris led by master naturalists
- Photos taken in costumes
- Raffles, silent auctions
- Encore! performance and daytime clinics for youth
- FOOD COURTS

A day filled with fun, games, food and entertainment for all ages.

For more information, call 903-737-4321

