



BIG FLAT NEWS



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Big Flat Electric committee nominates board candidates

On September 3, members of Big Flat Electric Cooperative met to nominate director candidates for District 2 (Turner Area), District 4 (Hays Area) and District 6 (Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation Area). Incumbent directors Alan Van Voast, Warren Morin and Patty Quisno were nominated by the committee. Being nominated by the nominating committee is one of two ways names may be printed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting. If any other members in Districts 2, 4 or 6 would like to run for director, the member may turn in a petition, signed by at least 15 members, to the cooperative office not less than 15 days before the Annual Meeting.

The director elections will be held at our October 11th Annual Meeting in Malta. We thank these members for taking the time to represent their district on the Nominating Committee! 



Pictured are Nominating Committee Members David Crasco, Clarena Brockie, Brian Fox, Barbara Longknife and Karlene Cochran. Alwayne LaRoque joined via phone.

Invalid addresses for capital credit checks

THE Big Flat Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved a capital credit retirement for a portion of the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 totaling \$100,000. Checks will be available at the Annual Meeting on October 11 at the Malta High School. Checks not picked up will be mailed at a later date. Below is a list of former members set to receive a check that we don't have a valid address for. If you have a current address for anyone listed, please call the office at 406-654-2040 or email kari@bigflatelectric.com. Thank you!

BOE, DEANNA (ESTATE)
GUENTHER, WES
NORTON, HENRY (ESTATE)
BOE, SYLVIA
HUFFMAN-LABRIE, JAMIE
OLDHAM, JEANETTE
BROCKIE, BRUCE
LONGKNIFE, MARY

POTTER, LETA
BURNTHAND, CHARLES (ESTATE)
MAIN, JAMES SR.
REEVIS, KAREN
BUTLER, LORA A
MANLEY, JUSTINE
SHUMATE, AARON

EREAX, JOHN
MASAITIS, DAVID
WENDELL MOUNT (ESTATE)
EREAX, YOLANDA
MCGUIRE, MARY
ZEIDLER, WYNNE
FOX, DARNELL



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78th ANNUAL MEETING



OCTOBER 11, 2025 • MALTA HIGH SCHOOL
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 A.M. • MEETING AT 10 A.M.

Congratulations Betty on your retirement

Valued board member has served since 1998

BIG Flat Electric Cooperative would like to thank Betty (Duvall) Campbell for her many years of service. Betty has been a valued board member representing District 4, the Hays/Lodgepole area, since 1998. She served as the board secretary/treasurer for the last 22 years, retiring from the board in May.

Betty Hope (Duvall) Campbell, who turned 90 years young on May 10, is the eldest of 10 children of the late Sydne (Trethewey) Duvall and Walter "Dube" Duvall.

Betty grew up on the Duvall Homestead at Antelope Springs, southwest of Landusky in the Missouri River Breaks. The Duvalls ran a horse ranch here where they captured and broke horses in the area. Betty graduated from Dodson High School in 1953, and then attended Northern Montana College in Havre. She spent one summer at



ABOVE: Jake and Juanita Crasco with Betty at the 2018 Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association Today's Member event.

Montana State University Bozeman for graduate work. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her master's degree in education administration, with a minor in reading.

In 1953, she met the love of her life, Michael "Bud" Campbell, along with his eldest children Michael "Skinny" Campbell and Delores Campbell, and together they raised Margaret Campbell, Lil Bud Campbell, twins Sydne Campbell and Sylvia Campbell, and Toma Campbell. Betty has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She is the matriarch of her family and helped raise several grandchildren on the ranch in Old Hays.

Betty worked as a teacher in a one-room school north of Nashua when her firstborn, Margie, was a year old. They then moved to California for a



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- **Visit our website** at www.bigflatelectric.com.
- **Sign up for budget billing** and/or ACH (auto payments) by calling our office.
- **Bills** are generated on the 1st working day of each month, and are due on the 20th of each month.
- **Bills that are 60 days in arrears are subject to disconnect.** Once disconnected, a reconnect fee will be charged. The bill will then have to be paid in full to be reconnected.
- **We have a secure, automated toll-free phone number** for members making payments by credit card and/or bank account: 1-844-968-1965. You will need to have your account number and/or phone number that is on file with our office to access the automated system.
- **Take control of your electric account with SmartHub.** You can pay your bills; set up and cancel reoccurring payments; set up notifications; obtain duplicates of your bills; and view your monthly and yearly usage, all at your fingertips. Visit our website: www.bigflatelectric.com or download the SmartHub app from your Play Store on Android or the App Store on Apple devices.
- New service and service change quotes are only **valid for 30 days**.



Betty and the Big Flat Electric board in 2025. | COURTESY PHOTO

couple years before moving to Winifred to teach at the Gerhard School, then settling in Lodgepole and becoming the elementary principal of the Lodge Pole School, where she worked for 28 years — retiring in 1991. Betty was the third generation of teachers in her family, which led to many others following her career path as her daughter, granddaughters and great-granddaughters took their places in classrooms.

Bud and Betty raised livestock on their ranch on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. After Bud passed in 1996, she continued to operate the ranch until the age of 88. They raised long-horn and black Angus cattle and quarter horses. Betty put up hay for their operation for many years. She is a great cook and maintained a large bounti-

ful garden most of her life, which she shared with whoever came to visit.

Betty, husband Bud, and their family were very active in rodeos. Bud was a bulldogger, pickup man for the late Marvin Brookman and a stock contractor, while Betty served as rodeo secretary. Betty was one of the first women to get a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) secretary's card. Bud and Betty raised their oldest children on the professional rodeo circuit.

It has been an honor and privilege for Big Flat Electric employees and directors to work and serve with Betty for the last 27 years as a board member. Her dedication, integrity and deep commitment to serving our members left a lasting legacy. Congratulations Betty on your retirement.



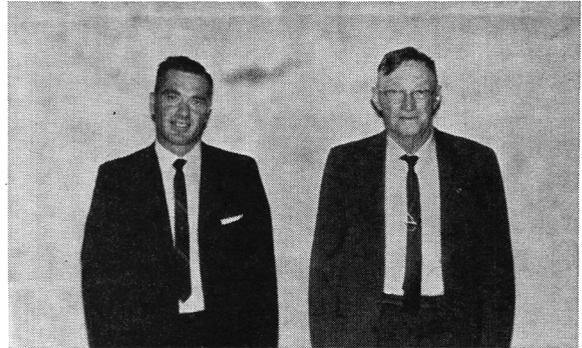
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The most valuable math you can learn is how to calculate the future cost of your current decisions.

FROM OCTOBER 1963: BFEC NEWSLETTER



A lunch of ham and escalloped potatoes with all the trimmings was served to the members at the annual meeting. The lunch was served by the Loring Woman's Club.

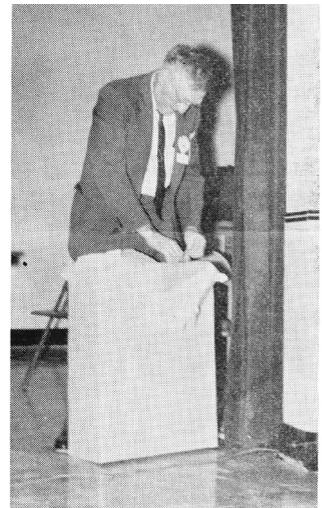


Wellen Jones of Turner was elected president of the Big Flat Electric Cooperative at the annual meeting held in Malta Oct. 5. He replaces D. A. Depuydt of the Forks community who has served as president for 15 years. In the picture above Jones is on the left and Depuydt is on the right.



The new board of directors organized following the annual meeting of all members. Willis McKeon is attorney for

the cooperative and Lonnie Williams is manager.



Dan Depuydt is shown opening a suitcase which he received from the Big Flat after retiring as president of the board after about 15 years service.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- District 1 Duane Klindworth
- District 2 Alan Van Voast
- District 3 Alan Wasson, President
- District 4 Warren Morin
- District 5 Roger Solberg, Vice President
- District 6 Patty Quisno
- District 7 Kevin Koss

General Manager: Gretchen Boardman



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