

## McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc.

# Annual Meeting June 17th, 2025



### PROGRAM

- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order

Determination of Quorum

Invocation

Welcome

Reading of notice and previous minutes

President's Report

General Manager's Report

**Financial Report** 

Operation RoundUp Report

Service Awards

Presentation of Scholarships

Election of Directors

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment



### **MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS**



Larry Gessele Board President

In 2025, McLean Electric has reached the 80-year milestone. The original Board of Directors would scarcely recognize McLean Electric today. Through these 80 years, this co-op has served its members through many landmark events. The first was the completion of the Garrison damn. Another was the blizzard of '66. (all of us old-timers will always remember that one!) The building of the Coal Creek power plant and the opening of Falkirk Mine really gave McLean County an economic boost. The opening of the Blue Flint Ethanol plant was another economic boost as the plant became an essential member of our cooperative.

Today we have a strong, diverse co-op, with a mix of residential, ag, oil, ethanol, production, lake development, and the growth of MHA nation.

As we start the march towards our 100th-year milestone, McLean Electric will continue to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest cost possible and continue to support the community through its various programs.

As mentioned, our priority is to deliver safe, reliable, affordable electric service to our members. With safety at the forefront, MEC was recognized again with several awards for 2024. The first was the Safety Excellence Award for a decade (10 consecutive years) with no lost time injuries. It is believed that only one other coop has received this award in the past. We are very proud of the staff and our strong safety culture of looking out for one another, so everyone goes home each night. Thank you to the staff!

Our board of directors, management, and staff are also dedicated to maintaining the reliability of our



Mark Doyle General Manager & CEO

system while keeping costs as low as possible. Along with other rural electric cooperatives in the state, we have had to raise our monthly base rate to try to cover our fixed costs. Much of the increase is due to the 50 to 100% + increase in materials costs that we need to maintain and upgrade our system while trying to keep up with about 4% annual growth. This increased our cash flow due to carrying a large inventory and supply chain issues that still exist. We have most of the inventory in the yard for the 2025 and 2026 projects, as lead times for delivery are improving but are 6 months to 2 years, depending on the material.

We also have a concern for community, which is another guiding principle. The MEC Trust Board (Operation Round-up) consists of seven members appointed by the board of directors. These trustees review applications for grants with funds provided by you, the member. In 2024, Operation Round Up provided \$17,000 in projects around the county.

In addition, MEC is always proud to sponsor events and projects for organizations in our service territory. Last year, we partnered with Basin Electric, CoBank, and RDFC, supporting local schools, cultural festivals, and community events. Our commitment to the community is an integral part of who we are as a cooperative, and we will continue to prioritize and support community development efforts in the future.

What the next 20 years will bring will be anybody's guess, but one thing is sure - McLean Electric will be part of it.

We look forward to visiting with you at your annual meeting.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Larry Gessele President



Darcy Klain Vice President



Rod Stockdill Sec.-Treasurer



James Odermann



**Clarence Behles** 



**Troy Presser** 



Karen Hanson



Dave Lindell, Attorney



### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2024**

The 79th Annual Meeting of the members of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the company's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 18th day of June, 2024. The meeting was called by order by Vice-President Darcy Klain at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

Dinner was prepared and served by Board of Directors and staff, to the members.

Secretary Rod Stockdill informed Vice-President Klain that a quorum was present and Vice-President Klain informed the attendees that the Cooperative was open for business.

Vice-President Klain introduced Pastor Rick Torkelson of Washburn Baptist Church, of Washburn, North Dakota, who gave the opening invocation.

Vice-President Klain recognized present and past military service personnel and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the playing of the National Anthem.

Vice-President Klain introduced the dignitaries and guests who were in attendance and thanked them for attending.

Vice-President Klain reported that the notice of the 79th Annual Meeting and the minutes of the 78th Annual Meeting were ready to be read for approval. It was moved that a reading of the notice and minutes be waived and that they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Vice-President Klain provided a state of the Cooperative report, as follows:

- She thanked those that provided food for the meeting and those that helped put together the 79th Annual Meeting.
- She introduced the Board of Directors and the Member Advisory Committee to the attendees.
- She reported that 2023 was a good year for the Cooperative and that the employees earned many safety awards including the NDRECA Safety Excellence for five (5) consecutive years. No other Cooperative had received this award.
- She mentioned that rates have risen for the

first time since 2017 but the Cooperative is also experiencing growth.

Vice-President Klain introduced General Manager/ CEO, Mark Doyle, to provide his address to the attendees. Manager Doyle discussed the following:

2023 was a typical year.

- There was frost damage to the beginning of the year even with mild weather and the year ended with a massive ice storm, all of which created significant damage to the Cooperative.
- The Cooperative is experiencing high growth, such as in Lake Sakakawea Subdivisions, expansion of the White Shield community, Blue Flint Ethanol and Rainbow Energy Center.
- The supply chain problems continue which is most likely the biggest issue for the Cooperative at this time.

Vice-President Klain introduced Business Manager, Wendy Kinn to provide the Financial Report for the Cooperative. She reported that plant growth for 2023 was 3.76%, and the equity ratio was 35%. Revenue was \$16,004,463.00 which is up approximately 3% from 2022 and net margin was \$1,513,246.00. Year-end total assets were \$58,621,569.00. 2023 KWH usage was 141,028,296. Year-end active services were 4,264 and the Cooperative had 1,253 transmission miles of overhead and 561 transmission miles underground.

Vice-President Klain introduced Troy Presser, MEC Director as well as the Cooperative's Director to Central Power and the Central Power Director to Basin Electric who provided a Generation and Transmission Report.

- During his report, Director Presser stated that Basin has built a new line to connect substations within its territory to improve efficiency.
- Basin is investing in a new phase of the Pioneer Generation Station near Williston, North Dakota.
- The proposed 345 KV transmission line plan from the Leland Olds power station to the Tande Substation near Tioga is ongoing.



### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED**

 He thanked the attendees for attending and for their support. General Manager/CEO Doyle introduced Mark Jennings, Chairman of the Cooperative 's Operation Round-up Board who provided a Operation Round-up report. He explained how Operation Roundup operates and that the Operation Round-up board is independent of the rest of MEC. Board members are members of the Member Advisory Committee and they were introduced to the attendees.

In 2023 Operation Round-up received income of \$14,114.24 and awarded grants of \$11,900.00 to Turtle Lake Trails Project, Our Savior's Lord Pantry, Guardian and Protective Services, Elks Camp Grassick, First Congregational Church for food pantry, Andrea Andrews for medical expenses, a house fire, and Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress Bike-Fest. He told the attendees that a maximum of \$11.88 can be given in any year with average distributions to Operation Round-up of about \$6.00 annually. When each month's bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Vice-President Klain introduced Secretary Rod Stockdill who announced that the terms for directors in District 4 and District 6 were up for election. The incumbent directors for these Districts were Darcy Klain, District 4, and Karen Hanson, District 6, were running unopposed. Secretary Stockdill asked for the casting of a unanimous ballot to re-elect the two directors. A motion was made and seconded and the directors were re-elected.

General Manager/CEO Doyle announced the following employee service awards:

Daryl Engel, Meter Tech - 50 years

Tonya Graeber, Office Manager - 25 years

Brian O'Shea, Lineman - 15 years

Kelly Schmaltz, Warehouseman/Locator - 10 years

Wendy Kinn, Business Manager - 10 years

Julie Streich - Customer Service Representative - 10 years

Loren Desjardins - Lineman - 5 years

Karen Thompson, Accountant - 5 years

General Manager/CEO Doyle presented the following scholarships:

- Basin Electric Scholarships of \$500.00 each to Alyssa Haakenson, daughter of Steven and Anita Haakenson, of Parshall, High School and Mara Krzmarzick, daughter of Jim and Karen Krzmarzick, of Garrison High School. The McLean Electric Scholarship to Justis Klabunde, son of Robyn and Sheila Klabunde of Garrison High School.
- The 2024 Youth Tour Essay Contest Winner is Neela Sand, daughter of Darin and Serena Sand, of Garrison High School. Vice-President Klain asked for any old business. There was none. Vice-President Klain asked for any new business. There was none. Vice-President Klain asked for a motion to adjourn. Such motion was made and seconded and voted to adjourn.

Vice-President Klain announced that the 79th Annual Meeting grand prize of two \$500.00 prizes to attendees who were present. The 2024 winners were Verle Anderson, of Max, North Dakota, and Jimmy Ravnaas, of Ruso, North Dakota. Other door prizes were presented as well.



### **OPERATION ROUND UP®**

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program in which McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) consumers round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The money goes into a trust fund, with grants awarded by a seven-member volunteer board.

Operation Round Up funds support qualifying individuals, families, or organizations in need of financial assistance. It assists with personal or family emergencies and community-based education, health, charitable, scientific, or safety programs or projects. Recipients must live within McLean Electric's service area, but don't have to be MEC members.

A total of \$17,000 was awarded in 2024. Eight organizations received grants when MEC consumers "rounded up" through the program in 2024:

- Ryder Community Food Pantry
- TL Trinity Lutheran Church -Senior Citizens Exercise Program
- Baby Elliana Behles Medical Expenses
- Turtle Lake Ambulance
- ND 4-H Foundation
- Community Action Back Pack Kids Program
- Bio Girls Empowerment & Preventive Mental Health Program
- Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress (Bike Fest)

The groundwork to establish Operation Round Up began in 2012. Since awarding its first grants in 2013, MEC members contributed \$169,594.71 to the program. Grants totaling \$150,882.46 have been granted to 96 recipients since the program's inception.

The most a McLean Electric account could contribute annually is \$11.88. For most MEC consumers, contributions average about \$6 annually when each month's bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Operation Round Up board of directors shall be elected and voted on by McLean Electric's sevenmember board of directors. Operation Roundup



directors are President Mark Jennings, Washburn; Vice President Debbie Boe, Turtle Lake; Secretary-Treasurer Carla Landenberger, Underwood; Steven Haakenson, Parshall; Lena Volochenko, Butte; Darci Behles, Garrison; Shelly Schumacher, Garrison.

The Operation Round Up board focuses on the organization's goals and mission in its ranking process as it reviews applications. Serving on the Operation Round Up board of directors is a voluntary, non-paying position.

McLean Electric Cooperative employees or board of directors are not involved with the Operation Round Up board or its decision-making. The cooperative's role is advisory, and it helps administer the program and ensuring bylaws and IRS 501(c)(3) regulations are followed.

Recipients can apply more than one time and must be an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt organization. Individuals with medical or emergency financial needs can receive grants through nonprofit organizations' grant requests. More information is available on McLean Electric's website, www.mcleanelectric.com under Community/ Operation Round Up" or call the MEC office and visit with Sonja Moe at 701-463-6700 or toll-free 800-263-4922.

#### 2024 Operation Round Up Financial Report

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2024)		\$ 21,252.06
INCOME Round Up Contributions Total Income	YTD YTD	 14,460.19 14,460.19
EXPENSES Grants Awarded in 2024 Administrative Expenses Total Expenses		\$ 17,000.00 10.00 17,010.00
Ending Balance (December 31, 2024)		\$ 18,702.25



### **BALANCE SHEET**

Assets			
	2024	2023	
ELECTRIC PLANT			
In Service	51,372,579	49,432,894	
Electric Plant Under Construction	4,735,411	4,926,555	
Total Electric Plant	56,107,990	54,359,449	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	14,334,299	13,974,538	
Net Electric Plant	41,773,691	40,384,911	
OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS			
Investments in Associated Companies	10,473,214	9,691,364	
Other Investments	340,713	347,148	
Total Other Assets and Investments	10,813,927	10,038,512	
CURRENT ASSETS		4 0 40 0 40	
Cash	983,159	1,248,343	
Accounts Receivable - Electric Bills	3,196,825	2,933,777	
Curr Portion Other Investments - Loans R		74,500	
Materials & Supplies	3,542,845	3,002,581	
Other Current and Accrued Assets	614,502	473,211	
Total Current Assets	8,370,331	7,732,412	
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DEFERRED DEBITS	371,972	465,734	
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TOTAL ASSETS	61,329,921	58,621,569	



### **BALANCE SHEET**

Liabilities

	2024	2023
EQUITIES		
Patronage Capital - Members	20,832,568	19,417,134
Other Margins & Equities	1,133,892	1,089,601
Total Equities	21,966,460	20,506,735
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Total Long-Term Debt	35,688,537	33,902,836
Total Lease Obligations	376,264	507,078
Less Current Maturities	1,644,923	1,585,018
Total Long Term Debt (Net)	34,419,878	32,824,896
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accumulated Provision for Pension & Benefits	323,243	301,909
Total Non-Current Liabilities	323,243	301,909
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities - Long Term Debt	1,540,615	1,454,202
Current Maturities - Lease Obligations	104,308	130,816
Line of Credit	900,000	1,500,000
Accounts Payable - Power Supplier	1,137,538	941,797
Accounts Payable - General	27,397	127,784
Member Deposits	170,080	167,484
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	506,731	454,064
Total Current Liabilities	4,386,669	4,776,147
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Advanced Payment for Electricity - Members	233,671	211,882
TOTAL LIABILITIES	61,329,921	58,621,569



### **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	2024	2023
OPERATING REVENUES	20.075.679	15 000 500
Electric Revenue	20,075,678	15,908,580
Other	106,425	95,883
Total Operating Revenue	20,182,103	16,004,463
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of Power	12,491,351	9,297,485
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	2,161,607	2,082,530
Member Accounts	475,860	393,014
Member Service	91,247	58,044
Sales Expense	90,887	90,355
Administrative and General	1,448,513	1,395,560
Depreciation	1,561,961	1,503,963
Taxes	142,994	105,482
Other	15,434	15,412
Total Operating Expenses	18,479,854	14,941,845
OPERATING MARGINS	1,702,249	1,062,618
FIXED CHARGES		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,239,102	1,096,596
Total Fixed Charges	1,239,102	1,096,596
O. MARGIN AFTER FIXED CHGES	463,147	(33,978)
G&T AND OTHER CAP CREDIT	1,091,399	1,065,111
NET OPERATING MARGINS	1,554,546	1,031,133
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
Merchandising	(36,953)	(30,394)
Other Income	121,953	452,073
Interest Income	29,782	35,829
Gain (Loss) on Disposal prop	(3,773)	24,605
Total non-operating margins	111,009	482,113
NET MARGIN	1,665,555	1,513,246



### **KWH USAGE**



kWh Usage	
Residential	55,544,310
Irrigation	1,926,760
Small Commercial (1000 KVA or Less)	27,111,927
Large Commercial (Over 1000 KVA)	97,520,216
Public Street and Highway Lighting	24,697
Other Sales to Public Authority	5,830,880
TOTAL	187,958,790

### REVENUE



Revenue From Sales of Energy		
Residential	\$	7,799,416
Irrigation	\$	349,964
Small Commercial (1000 KVA or Less)	\$	4,025,546
Large Commercial (Over 1000 KVA)	\$	7,184,559
Public Street and Highway Lighting	\$	9,769
Other Sales to Public Authority	\$	706,424
Wheeling (WAPA)	\$	85,428
TOTAL	\$	20,161,106



### YEAR END COMPARISON

	2024	2023
Active Services		
Residential	3713	3,698
Irrigation	100	98
Small Commercial (1000 KVA or Less)	429	425
Large Commercial (Over 1000 KVA)	5	4
Public Street & Lighting	8	8
Other Sales to Public Authority	31	31
Total Active Services	4,286	4,264
Submeters	1563	1,551
Miles of Line		
Overhead	1246	1,253
Underground	577	561
kWh sold	187,958,790	141,028,296
Sales of Energy	20,075,678	15,908,580
Average Member Cost	10.68 ¢	11.28 ¢
Employees	20	21



### **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

#### **JAMES ODERMANN – INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 1**



James Odermann farms in northwestern McLean County near Parshall. James currently represents District 1 for the past nine years on McLean Electric Cooperative's (MEC) board of directors. James is seeking re-election because he wants to be part of the direction MEC takes in the many challenging new and existing issues that confront the electric industry.

James has served on the McLean Electric member advisory board as well as the Operation Round Up board. He is active in other community organizations, including the St. Bridget Church council, as the township clerk for Cremerville Township, and Parshall Area Community Foundation. He has also been on the school board, served on the local volunteer fire department and first responders.

He attended Dickinson State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration. James is married to Leslie who is retired after 30 years of teaching. They have four children: daughters, Jayma and Rayessa, who are both Registered Nurses in Bismarck; son Myles, who is an attorney in NYC; son Tyson, who is a second-year economics major at Yale University. James and Leslie have also been blessed with seven grandchildren.

James enjoys hunting, working with his dogs, golf, and reading. Most importantly, James enjoys spending time with his family.

#### **TROY PRESSER – INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 5**



Troy Presser is a farmer/rancher in eastern McLean County. Troy represents District 5 on McLean Electric Cooperative's (MEC) board of directors. He seeks re-election to continue improving power quality while controlling costs and treating all members fairly.

As a current MEC board director, Troy received the Director Gold certificate from NRECA. This is the highest director education certificate available. He also represents MEC on the Central Power Cooperative board of directors. He represents Central Power on the Basin Electric board of directors through that board.

Troy and his wife, Annette, live near Turtle Lake. They have three children: Megan, Tyler, and Heather (deceased), and two granddaughters, Lillian and Chevelle. Troy is

an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake Wildlife Club, Medicine Hill Township Supervisor, and ND Red Angus Association. Troy enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, and trap shooting.



### **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

#### **ROD SROCKDILL – INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 3**



Rod Stockdill currently represents District 3 on McLean Electric Cooperative's (MEC) board of directors. As a former MEC employee who was asked to run for the board several years after retirement, my cooperative knowledge and background can be beneficial in guiding the cooperative in the future.

As a MEC board director, Rod serves as MEC's representative for the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) board of directors. He has taken board leadership credentials and is a NRECA credentialed director. Rod served in the North Dakota National Guard. He came to McLean Electric as a line worker, advancing to line foreman, and retired as operations manager in 2007. He also served as a technician forWest McLean Soil Conservation district.

Rod and his wife, Patricia, live near Garrison along Lake Sakakawea with their two Brittany hunting dogs. Rod is active in the American Legion Post 49 of Garrison and Sakakawea Pheasants Forever as a member/habitat chairman. Rod has a part-time taxidermy business, RPS Taxidermy. Rod enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

#### **DUANE HUMMEL – CANDIDATE DISTRICT 3**



Duane Hummel's career began in the farm machinery industry as a parts person at a dealership in Garrison. Over the years, he held various roles within the dealership and eventually stepped into a management position. When the opportunity arose to purchase the dealership, he partnered with a few colleagues and together acquired the business—renaming it Lakeside Machinery. They successfully operated the dealership for many years until it became part of the Plains Ag Company. He is currently employed with Northern Plains Equipment in Garrison.

Duane is running for District 3 director because he felt that it was time to do his part as a lifelong cooperative member. He is committed to representing the members of District 3, ensuring their voices are heard, and bringing their perspectives to the table as the Board makes decisions that can directly affect its members. To continue the

cooperative tradition of providing "safe, reliable, and affordable electricity" for our members into the foreseeable future.

He graduated from Garrison High School in 1982 and went on to earn a diesel mechanics degree from North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS). He is the proud parent of two children, Bryce and Jessi. Bryce and his wife, Dani, have three children—Jaxson, Harper, and their newest addition, Jett and live in Garrison. Jessi lives in Bismarck with her boyfriend, Zack.

He has served on several boards, both locally and statewide. These include the Garrison Rural Fire District Board, the Garrison School Board, the North Dakota FFA Foundation Board, and the North Dakota FFA Alumni Board. Much of his free time is spent traveling around the state to support his grandkids in their many activities—football, basketball, dance, archery, and more. He enjoys getting outdoors for goose and deer hunting. Above all, some of his favorite moments are simply spent with his kids and grandkids, making memories, and having fun together.



### **SERVICE AWARDS**

#### **10 YEARS OF SERVICE**



Jesse Carter, Lineman

### **5 YEARS OF SERVICE**



Mark Doyle, General Manager



### **YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF**

#### MANAGEMENT



Mark Doyle, General Manager/CEO 5 years

#### **ENGINEERING**



Lucas Schaaf, **Engineering Manager** 7 years



Austin Dillard, GIS & CS Admin 7 years



Daryl Engel, Meter Tech 501/2 years



Levi Kinn, Meter Tech 3 years

#### **FINANCE & ACCOUNTING**



Wendy Kinn, Business Manager 11 years



Karen Thompson, Accountant 6 years

#### COMMUNICATIONS



Sonja Moe Communications Manager 8 years

#### **BILLING & CUSTOMER SERVICE**



Tonya Graeber, Office Manager 26 years



Julie Streich, Customer Service Rep. 11 years



Angie Carr, Customer Service Rep./ Billing Coordinator 3 months



### YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

#### **OPERATIONS**



Keith Thelen, Operations Manager 11 years

#### **GARRISON LINE CREW**



Nathan Ruud, Line Foreman 23 years



Lucas Dusek, Lineman 17 years



Jesse Carter, Lineman 10 years



Loren Desjardins, Lineman 6 years



Conner Moe, Lineman 3 years

#### **TURTLE LAKE LINE CREW**



Travis Voth, Line Foreman 22 years



Brian O'Shea, Lineman 16 years



Trevor Thomas, Lineman 9 years

#### WAREHOUSEMAN/LOCATOR



Kelly Schmaltz, Warehouseman/Locator 11 years



### **2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

As part of our commitment to community and area youth, McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) is pleased to announce the 2025-26 student scholarship winners, whose families are member-owners of MEC. This year, seventeen applications were received. All applicants were rated favorably, which is an indication of the quality of students we have in MEC's service territory

#### **BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Basin Electric Power Cooperative provides two \$500 to McLean Electric Cooperative to be awarded as a scholarship to two qualified candidates. These scholarships were awarded based on academic excellence, which includes the following criteria: ACT scores, work experience, and participation in school and community activities.



#### **TAVI HIRCHERT**

Tavi is a graduate from Wilton High School and is the daughter of Earl and Mary Hirchert of Wilston. She is attending NDSU and majoring in pharmacy. Her goal is to become a pediatric pharmacist. She was valedictorian, active in golf, basketball, track, FFA, FCCLA, National Honors Society.



#### JACK RETTERATH

Jack will graduate from Washburn High School and is the son of Justin and Rachel Retterath of Washburn. He will be attending NDSU pursuing a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics with a minor in business or finance. His plan is to take over the family farm and ranching operation. He is active in basketball, baseball, band, student government, National Honors society student, and volunteering in his community.

#### MCLEAN ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP

Each entry had to include a short statement for an essay question to be eligible for the \$500 scholarship. This year's essay question was: How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?



#### LUCILLE TAYLOR

Lucille will graduate from Garrison High School and is the daughter of Debra Taylor. She will be attending Minot State University and pursuing a career as speech-language pathologist in the school system. She is active in choir, dance, track, volleyball, honor society, volunteering with community events, church, 4-H, and the food pantry.



### **YOUTH TOUR WINNER**



#### ANALIESE KALLBERG

Analiese Kallberg is a junior at Garrison High School and is the daughter of John and Nicole Kallberg of Garrison. She has been selected to represent McLean Electric Cooperative on the all-expense-paid 2025 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington D.C. this June. During the week-long tour, Analiese and other students from across North Dakota will travel with the Montana youth delegates. They will tour sites, monuments, attractions, and congressional offices. They will learn about electric cooperatives and discuss issues facing their community and nation.



### 1,800 students. 7 days. 1 unforgettable trip.

Join us on the adventure of a lifetime. On the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, you'll do it all. You'll explore monuments and museums, meet with members of Congress and get an up-close look at where our country's laws are crafted. You'll stand on the Gettysburg Battlefield, walk the halls of George Washington's iconic 18th-century mansion and witness ceremonies honoring the men and women who fought in uniform for this great nation. For one jam-packed week, you'll be immersed in the cooperative spirit that built and sustains our great nation. And **all expenses are paid** by your local electric cooperative!

Yeah, Youth Tour hits different.

#### To enter the essay-writing contest:

You must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
You and your parents or guardian must be served by McLean Electric Cooperative.

#### Essay question:

Why is it important to be involved in your community, and how does that prepare you to be a future leader?

The application deadline is Jan. 17, 2025.

Email entries to Sonja Moe at sonjadm@mcleanelectric.com or mail a hard copy to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, 4031Hwy, 37 Bypass, PD. Box 399, Garrison, ND, 58540.

Questions? Please contact Sonja Moe, McLean Electric, at 701-463-6700 during regular business hours.



Learn more at ndyouthtour.com



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"It shall be the aim of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management."

McLean Electric Cooperative Founding Board of Directors, 1945