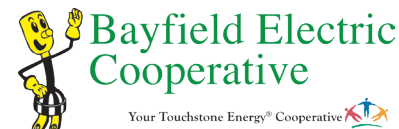


# DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 7 UP FOR ELECTIONS

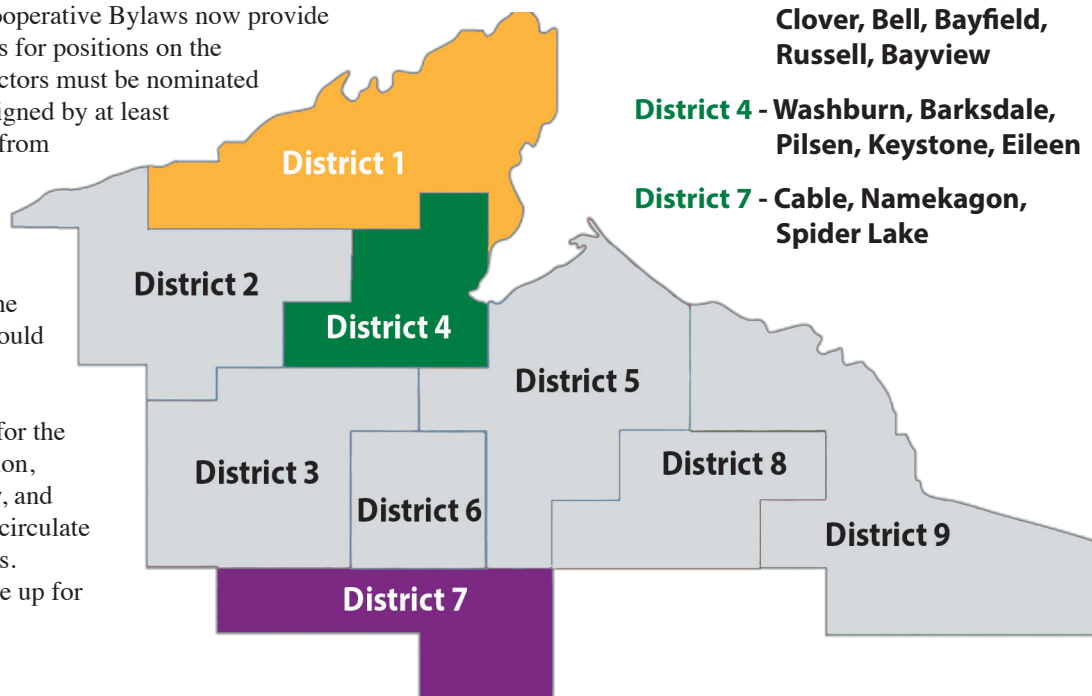


## Candidate nomination petitions due March 9

As approved by the annual membership meeting in June 2014, the cooperative Bylaws now provide that all candidates for positions on the cooperative board of directors must be nominated exclusively by petition, signed by at least 10 cooperative members from the district for which the candidate is seeking election, and filed with the cooperative at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting, which would be by March 9 this year.

Interested members, please contact our office for the Verification of Qualification, Declaration of Candidacy, and Official Petition Form to circulate for the required signatures.

Districts 1, 4, and 7 are up for election this year.



**District 1** - Orienta, Port Wing, Clover, Bell, Bayfield, Russell, Bayview

**District 4** - Washburn, Barksdale, Pilsen, Keystone, Eileen

**District 7** - Cable, Namekagon, Spider Lake

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## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 14

**Did you know...** Daylight Saving Time can save energy? Experts studied the impact of Daylight Saving Time on overall energy consumption in the United States. They found that the extra four weeks of Daylight Saving Time saved about 0.5 percent in total electricity each day. If you were to study individual states, you may find different results, but overall, the four-week extension of daylight saved 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours. That amount of electricity could power 100,000 houses for a year! If you want to maximize your energy savings this season, visit [www.bayfieldelectric.com](http://www.bayfieldelectric.com) and click on "Together we Save" for energy-saving tips.

Source: Charles Q. Choi- Scientific American, a Division of Nature America Inc.



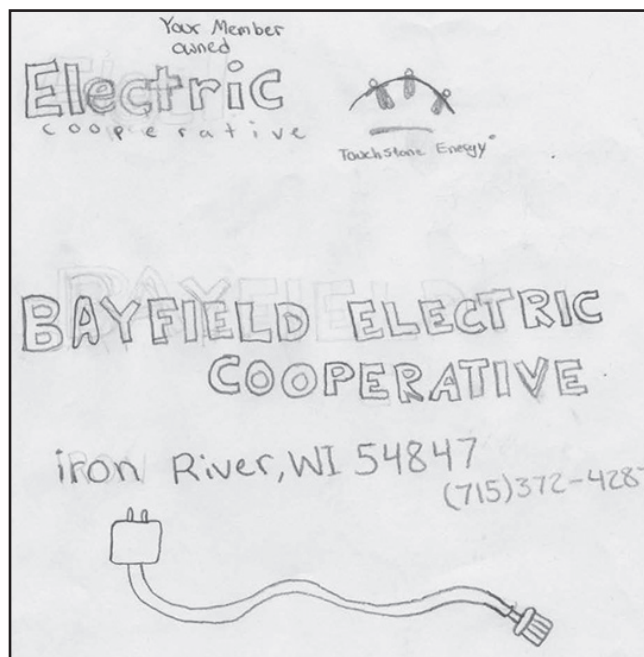
**Bayfield Electric  
Cooperative  
Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, June 7, 2021**  
**MORE DETAILS  
TO COME SOON**



## Principal #7: Concern for Community

# BEC SPONSORS AD FOR NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION WEEK

Bayfield Electric Cooperative practiced the seventh cooperative principle, Concern for Community, by sponsoring a student-designed ad in the *Daily Globe's* student writing and advertising design contest. Students were invited to complete a writing assignment or design an ad. Teachers forwarded the entrants from their class and Bayfield Electric chose a winner from the finalists. Carine Cole designed the winning ad for Bayfield Electric (pictured at right). Congratulations, Carine!



## SMARTHUB: AN EASY WAY TO MANAGE YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

SmartHub means you have options when it comes to managing your electric bill with Bayfield Electric Cooperative. Have you ever wondered when your lowest or highest electric usage took place? Have you wondered why your bill is what it is? SmartHub helps you determine those answers. If you have not signed up, you're missing out on a lot of smart benefits including:

- Pay your bill online
- Set up your bill for automatic payments
- View your billing history
- View and manage electric usage

It's easy to sign up for SmartHub. Just go to [www.bayfieldelectric.com](http://www.bayfieldelectric.com) and click on the SmartHub icon in the upper right-hand corner. All you need is your account number, last name, and an email address. Or, you can download the SmartHub app right onto your smartphone or tablet.





# OPERATIONS REPORT

## Maintenance projects improve reliability

**W**ith routine maintenance, storms that go through, and miscellaneous outage calls, our linemen have been very busy. One of the major projects completed in 2020 was the conversion of seven miles of three-phase overhead powerline to underground out of our Bayfield substation. This project will increase the reliability of the electric service for people in the Bayfield and Cornucopia area. The seven miles are located on inaccessible right-of-way, which greatly increased outage times during large storms.

Another area of concern was the Pigeon Lake area. Due to the rising lake, we rerouted the line serving the members on the north side and moved other infrastructure away from the lake. We also buried a half mile of line on the south side of Highway N. Bayfield Electric and the National Forest System worked together to increase the safety and reliability of power in the area.

Right and below right: BEC crews at work in the Pigeon Lake area.  
Below and below left: Crews at work in the Star Route area.



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## KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE NOW AVAILABLE!

The Keeping the Lights specialty license plate recognizes the work of Wisconsin utility workers. You may soon see a few of our vehicles driving around town with these. It is available to any Wisconsin driver for an issuance fee of \$15. Visit [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) to order yours.



## BOARD BRIEFS

The monthly meeting of the Bayfield Electric Cooperative Board of Directors was held on February 4 in the Iron River headquarters building. All directors were present.

- The meeting was called to order by President Mark Santikko at 10:18 a.m.
- A safety message was provided to drive slowly and cautiously on slippery and snow-covered roads.
- The agenda, expenses, and the minutes of the January 2021 meeting were approved.
- Operations Department Report – 109 new services for 2020

## MONTH OF MARCH

Billing date: March 10, 2021

February usage

Bills due upon receipt: March 30, 2021

Disconnect day: March 15, 2021

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Don't keep your refrigerator too cold. The Department of Energy recommends a temperature setting of 35 to 38 degrees for the fresh food compartment and zero degrees for the freezer. Make sure the refrigerator doors are sealed airtight to maximize efficiency.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



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