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CMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

The Enlightener

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Lightbulb Winners

Congratulations to this month's lightbulb winners:

- ▶ Calvin Button
- ▶ Dora Davis
- ▶ Lavon Cordes
- ▶ Betty Ewy
- ▶ Karen Girk

Contact us today for your free lightbulbs!



Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Trustee Positions Open for Election

The board of trustees of the CMS Electric Cooperative, Inc. announces the following trustee's terms will expire in 2020 and their positions are open for election.

▶ District 1, Position C

GARY WARDEN

▶ District 2, Position C

LINDA TOMLINSON

▶ District 3, Position C

KEITH RANDALL

The board also announces that members wishing to serve on the board of trustees shall be nominated by presenting a petition to the cooperative office with the signatures of 15 valid members within the district they are to represent.

Blank petitions are available at the cooperative office in Meade, or call and one will be mailed to you. Petitions are due by March 17. If you need additional information, please call CMS at 800-794-2353.



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ANNUAL MEETING



Meade High School, Meade

Thursday, April 16 | Meal at 5:30 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

(If there are any changes in your mailing address please contact us so you may receive your official notice to be mailed in March.)

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer, or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

CMS Promotes Safety at Area Schools

Each Spring, CMS Electric Cooperative employees visit elementary schools in the area to conduct electrical safety demonstrations, coinciding with the study of electricity in schools.

Students learn through table top demonstrations and live electrical connections the basics of electricity and how electricity travels. Tips are given on how to avoid coming into contact with overhead and underground electrical lines and the importance of reporting exposed and downed power lines to the cooperative for repair.

The demonstration is free and available to any group in our service



Michael Bushnell, CMS District Manager, Coldwater, gives a safety demonstration to third graders at South Central Elementary School in Protection.

area. Please contact our office for more information at 800-794-2353 and speak with Kent Davis or Michael Bushnell for more details.



DON'T WADE in the water



In the U.S., **floods kill more people** each year than tornadoes, hurricanes or lightning.
National Severe Storms Laboratory

WHEN FLOODS ARE FORECAST

Have an **evacuation plan** in place for family and pets.



Gather an **emergency kit** complete with water, food and medications.



Before evacuating **turn off** power at the main service panel and **disconnect** electrical appliances.



AFTER A FLOOD

INSIDE Never enter a flooded basement; the water could be energized. Do not use appliances, electronics or other devices that are wet. After waters subside, have an electrician check your home.

Assume all downed power lines are energized and could be deadly. Live, downed lines can be lurking under debris or water. When using ladders, keep a distance of 10 feet from power lines.

OUTSIDE



FLOOD FACT

More U.S. homes are **damaged by flooding** than by any other type of natural disaster.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

