



By Jan Rahn

Managing Editor

Arrangements are in place for the 66th annual meeting of the Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation to take place on Thursday, March 14.

The evening at Perkins County High School in Grant is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with registration and meal.

Election of directors, entertainment, a cash drawing, gifts and door prizes are all part of this enjoyable evening planned for members and their guests.

Three directors will be elected for the Districts of 1, 5 and 9. Incumbents whose terms expire are Ron Ivers, Ron Hagan and Rod Clough, respectively. All three have been nominated for re-election.

Other nominees selected by the nominating committee in mid-January include:

Dist. 1: Calvin Berry and Denny Ansley of Lemoyne, and John Ervin of Brule join incumbent Ivers.

Dist. 5 nominees besides Hagan are Shannon Malmkar and Pat Aerni, both of Madrid.

Dist. 9 nominees besides incumbent Clough of Wallace are John Friesen and Brian Banks who are also both from Wallace.

Following a meal of hot roast beef sandwiches, baby new potatoes, corn and ice cream cups served by the Youth Development Club, cowboy poet and humorist Chuck Larsen will entertain.

Many door prizes will be given away, plus a cash prize of \$2,000 will be awarded to a lucky winner.

The \$2,000 drawing is for members only and the winner must be present to claim the prize.

Cowboy Poet

Growing up on a farm in South Dakota, Chuck Larsen had ample opportunity to “do it all” when it came to working livestock.

Early on, he realized that he leaned toward the horse and cow side of this lifestyle.

He and his wife, Linda, now have a little place in the Upper North Platte River Valley near the

town of Saratoga, Wyo., where they keep a string of good horses and pack mules.

Although Larsen's job at the co-op takes up most of his time, he still finds plenty of opportunities to maintain his cowboy credentials, while lending a hand on valley ranches.

In his spare time, he keeps busy riding colts, fixing fence and packing a string of mules into the high country.

Every once in a while he might also be caught announcing a local rodeo, doing some team roping or wrangling.

Larsen's unique style of writing and performing his poetry will allow the audience to visualize his cowboy experiences as he relates them.

He has been writing and performing his poetry since 1990, and has been featured at many cowboy gatherings around the country.

His poetry can bring laughter or a sentimental tear.

He was selected by the Wyoming Arts Council to be on their artist roster. Available on CD are his recordings, "Blue Cowboy Moon" and "Stock Tank Reflections."

He has also written a book, "You're Gonna Get A Kick Outta This."