

# KNOW THE NOMINEES



**June Shelhamer**  
Franklin Township, Pa.

## **District 1: Springfield, Conneaut, Girard, Elk Creek and Franklin townships and Cranesville and Plateau boroughs in Erie County; and Monroe Township and City of Conneaut in Ashtabula County, Ohio.**

June T. Shelhamer has been a member of Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) since the day she was born and currently lives on the property she grew up on in Franklin Township.

Shelhamer served as the Franklin Township tax collector from 1978 until she retired on Jan. 1, 2022. During her time as an elected official, she sat on the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors Board of Directors for several years in the 1990s. Throughout her working career, Shelhamer also owned and operated the Priority Pack and Ship store in Edinboro from 1993 to 2005. She also served as a controller at Beacon Lubricants, Inc. from 2006 until she retired in 2019 to care for her ailing husband, Gary, who passed away in November 2021.

Shelhamer has been a member of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department for the past 40 years, where she dispatched calls for the fire police. Currently, she serves as the fire company's treasurer and helps raise funds.

She has one daughter, a son-in-law and two grandsons, one of whom is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Her other daughter passed away in 2014. Along with her deceased daughter's husband, she also has a step-daughter-in-law and a step-granddaughter.

"I look forward to serving the residents of District 1," she says, "and working with the employees of Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative to keep our electric rates as low as possible and our electric service the top-notch quality it has been for many years."



**Earl Koon**  
Edinboro, Pa.

## **District 2: McKean, Washington, Waterford and LeBoeuf townships and Mill Village and Edinboro boroughs in Erie County.**

Incumbent Director Earl Jesse Koon was born and raised in Edinboro on a farm where he still resides and continues the tradition of operating and maintaining the family farm.

Koon received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics in 1975 from Edinboro University and a master's degree in business administration from Gannon University in 1979. Following college, he was employed by the Borough of Edinboro for five years as the code enforcement officer and then by Washington Township as the secretary/manager, a position he held for more than 17 years. He finished his career in the road construction industry, where he specialized in asphalt products for more than 20 years, in 2021.

Koon and his family have been members of Northwestern REC since its availability in the mid-1940s. He is a member of Oasis Lodge No. 416, where he served as master and treasurer. Koon is married and has two grown children, who

help on the family farm.



**Candy Brundage**  
Corry, Pa.

## **District 3: Amity, Union, Wayne and Concord townships and Elgin and Union City boroughs in Erie County; and Spring Creek Township in Warren County.**

Candy Hendricks Brundage was born and raised in Punxsatawney – the "Home of the Groundhog." After graduating from high school there in 1985, she discovered her love for criminal justice and law enforcement while working as a legal secretary at the Law Offices of Ferraro and Young.

In 1992, she entered the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey, Pa. Brundage enjoyed 25 1/2 years as a Pennsylvania State Trooper, First Class, working at Troop E, which covers Franklin, Warren, Meadville, Girard and Erie. Throughout her career, she worked several units, including patrol, crime, vice and gaming enforcement. While working, she obtained a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from Mercyhurst University, graduating summa cum laude in 2010.

During her time of service to the Commonwealth, Brundage spent 20 years as secretary for Swanson Memorial Lodge No. 48. In that role, she maintained membership rolls, prepared per-capita reports for state and national organizations, and prepared meeting minutes. She also was fortunate to attend several conventions over the years and has met many people in all facets of law enforcement.

Since retiring as a trooper, Brundage has been working part time as a library assistant for the Corry Public Library. To her, this library is a gem of the community with the most amazing staff.

Brundage and her husband, Todd, met while working at the same station in Corry and recently celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. They have lived on co-op lines in the Corry area for all of those years.



**Robert Agnew**  
Conneautville, Pa.

## **District 4: Beaver, Spring, Conneaut, Summerhill, Summit, Sadsbury and Pine townships and Conneautville Borough in Crawford County; and Pierpont, Richmond, and Monroe townships in Ashtabula County, Ohio.**

A lifetime resident of Crawford County, Robert Agnew graduated from Linesville High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

Agnew has served as a Northwestern REC board member since 1989 and became a Certified Cooperative Director in 1994 and a Credentialed Cooperative Director in 2006 through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

He worked in the insurance and finance planning business from 1971 to 2000. He is actively involved with the Meadville Kiwanis Club and serves on the board of directors for the Conneaut Lake Joint Municipal Sewer Authority. The Agnews are members of the Harmonsburg Presbyterian Church.

Agnew resides in a 180-year-old remodeled farmhouse near Harmonsburg with his wife, Jean. The couple have been cooperative members since 1971, and have two adult children.

**Ballots were mailed and emailed to members on June 21, 2022. You can vote electronically, via SmartHub or by mail. Contact us at 800-352-0014 if you haven't received a ballot. Voting ends on Aug. 17, 2022.**