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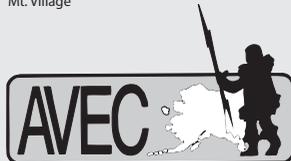
Robert L. Beans Sr.,  
Mountain Village

Peter Demoski, Nulato

Fred Sagoonick, Shaktoolik

**Communities Served**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Alakanuk       | New Stuyahok    |
| Ambler         | Nightmute       |
| Andreafsky     | Noatak          |
| Anvik          | Noorvik         |
| Brevig Mission | Nulato          |
| Chevak         | Nunapitchuk     |
| Eek            | Old Harbor      |
| Ekwok          | Pilot Station   |
| Elim           | Pitkas Point    |
| Emmonak        | Quinhagak       |
| Gambell        | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay   | St. Mary's      |
| Grayling       | St. Michael     |
| Holy Cross     | Savoonga        |
| Hooper Bay     | Scammon Bay     |
| Huslia         | Selawik         |
| Kaltag         | Shageluk        |
| Kasigluk       | Shaktoolik      |
| Kiana          | Shishmaref      |
| Kivalina       | Shungnak        |
| Kobuk          | Stebbins        |
| Kotlik         | Teller          |
| Koyuk          | Togiak          |
| Lower Kalskag  | Toksook Bay     |
| Marshall       | Tununak         |
| Mekoryuk       | Upper Kalskag   |
| Minto          | Wales           |
| Mt. Village    |                 |



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## Welcome, Spring!

Although it may not be evident from the temperature, the length of the days indicates that spring is nigh. This year we celebrate the spring equinox on March 20, when the day and night are the same length. On the 21st, the day will be longer than the night and we will no longer drive to work in the dark!

Spring also marks the time of our Annual Meeting in Anchorage. We look forward to seeing delegates from all of our AVEC communities in early April to conduct the important business of your electric cooperative.

The delegates will elect two directors to fill the board seats now held by Charlie Curtis from Kiana and Robert Beans from Mt. Village. We have already received letters of interest from members who would like to be placed on the ballot, and there is still time for others to be nominated.

You have to be a member of AVEC in good standing—which means you must be current on your electric bill and any other cooperative obligations—and cannot be employed by or related to an employee of the cooperative. If you or someone you know is interested, please send a letter to us at our Anchorage address. We will forward the letter to the nominating committee and you will be placed on the ballot. You also can email your letter to me at [mkohler@avec.org](mailto:mkohler@avec.org). Nominations must be received by March 31.

Inside this month's Ruralite, we feature the three-year inspection of our tugs and barges. It is hard to believe our vessels have now served rural Alaska for three fuel seasons. They have been a great addition to the fleet of barges that we rely so heavily on for all of our materials, fuel and groceries. These hard-working boats must undergo a major inspection to the U.S. Coast Guard's specifications every three years to ensure they continue to be seaworthy and safe.

We also feature an article about schoolchildren in Toksook Bay who toured our diesel and wind generation facilities there. We would like to extend an invitation to all of our communities to arrange for a tour of our power plants. Just contact us at AVEC. We are happy to arrange for a technician to show your young people that there are exciting careers to be had in the electric industry. Math and science are the two subjects that open the doors to adventures in technology.

Until next time,

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