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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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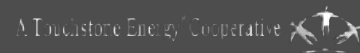
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## Spring travel and construction

As I write this article it's the 16th of May, the sun is shining, and we have had some nice moisture the last couple of weeks. Everything is turning green and it looks like we are off to a very good start this spring!

Spring is a busy time of year for the cooperative as far as construction goes and later in this article I give you an update on current projects.

### Wyoming Rural Electric Association

I have been traveling quite a bit lately, representing Wyrulec at several meetings both in Wyoming and Nebraska. I attended the (WREA) Wyoming Rural Electric Association meeting in Casper in early May, where all the Wyoming electric cooperatives came together to discuss important issues and challenges we will face in the near future. I also had the opportunity to listen to four presentations from candidates running for Governor in the state of Wyoming. It was very interesting to listen to their positions and their outlook for our state if elected.



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### Nebraska Rural Electric Association

The second week of May, I traveled to Norfolk, Nebraska, to attend the (NREA) Nebraska Rural Electric Association meeting. Serving members in two states can bring unique challenges to the cooperative. It is more time-consuming trying to keep up on the issues in both states and make sure Wyrulec's interests are well represented, but it is also nice to have a different perspective on issues. While many electric cooperative issues in Wyoming and Nebraska are similar, some are significantly different. We are very fortunate in both states to have great organizations representing our cooperative's interests at the legislative level.



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### State Electrical Inspector's Office

I also attended a meeting at the Wyoming Public Service Commission in Cheyenne with the State Electrical Inspector's Office in attendance. \* William McKinney \* We had the opportunity to discuss how electric cooperatives are different from investor-owned utilities, what

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infrastructure we provide for our members, and why our point of attachment may be different from other utilities. \* Matthew Gordon \* I thought this was a very informative meeting and brought a lot of clarification to questions both sides had as we continue to work together.

### Construction report

One of the most important responsibilities of the cooperative is making sure we bring our members reliable service. To do that we have to stay on top of our construction projects and make sure we identify what part of our



infrastructure must be replaced and when. Currently, we are about to finish a rebuild of seven miles of line in the Huntley/Yoder area. This project should bring better service and reliability to the members in that area, as the poles and conductor being replaced are 70 years old. I would like to thank the members who have been affected by the construction along that route for their patience and for working with us to complete that project. In addition to the Huntley/Yoder

project, the following is an outline of work the cooperative has completed since the first of the year:

- ✓ New single-phase services 9
- ✓ Single-phase upgrades 11
- ✓ New three-phase services 11
- ✓ Single-phase retirements 6
- ✓ Three-phase retirements 1
- ✓ Single-phase poles replaced 63
- ✓ Three-phase poles replaced 54
- ✓ Street lights installed 5
- ✓ Assist. oversized loads 2
- ✓ Poles Inspected 3,824
- ✓ Member-projects currently in progress 12

### Anytime

If you have questions or comments or just want to talk about Wyrulec Company, please don't hesitate to contact me. To reach me at the office, call (307) 837-2225, toll free at (800) 628-5266, on my cell at (307) 575-2435 or via email at [rschilreff@wyrulec.com](mailto:rschilreff@wyrulec.com).

Wyrulec employees Anthony Pontarolo, Miles Duffy, and Joe Gonzalez provided safety demonstrations at Goshen County's Ag Expo for area fourth graders.





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# Downed power lines

Accidents, severe storms, and other disasters can cause power lines to come down. With one wrong move before, during, or after a disaster, a life can be lost. Know the right steps to take to keep you and your family safe:

- \* If you see downed power lines, or other damaged electrical equipment, notify the local electric utility as soon as possible because the lines could still be live.
- \* Just because power lines are damaged does not mean they are dead. Stay away, and instruct others to do the same.
- \* Power lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live and dangerous.
- \* Downed power lines, stray wires, and debris in contact with them all have the potential to deliver a fatal shock. Stay clear of fallen power lines and damaged areas that could hide a hazard. Be alert during clean-up efforts.
- \* Treat all power lines as if they are energized until there is certainty that power has been disconnected.
- \* If a power line has landed on the ground, there is the potential for the area nearby to be energized. Stay far away, and warn others to do the same.
- \* Do not attempt to drive over a downed power line.
- \* If you are driving and come along a downed power line, stay away and warn others to stay



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away. Contact emergency personnel or your utility company to address the downed power line.

- \* If power lines should fall on your vehicle while you are driving, do not attempt to drive away or

get out. Call for help, and stay inside until utility crews say it is safe to get out. The only exception would be if fire or other danger, like the smell of gasoline, is present. \* Ronald Foland \* In that case, the proper action is to jump—not step—with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Jump clear. Do not allow any part of your body to touch the vehicle and ground at the same time. Hop or shuffle to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area.

- \* Any power line that is dead could become energized at any moment due to power restoration or backup generators.

—Information courtesy of SafeElectricity.org

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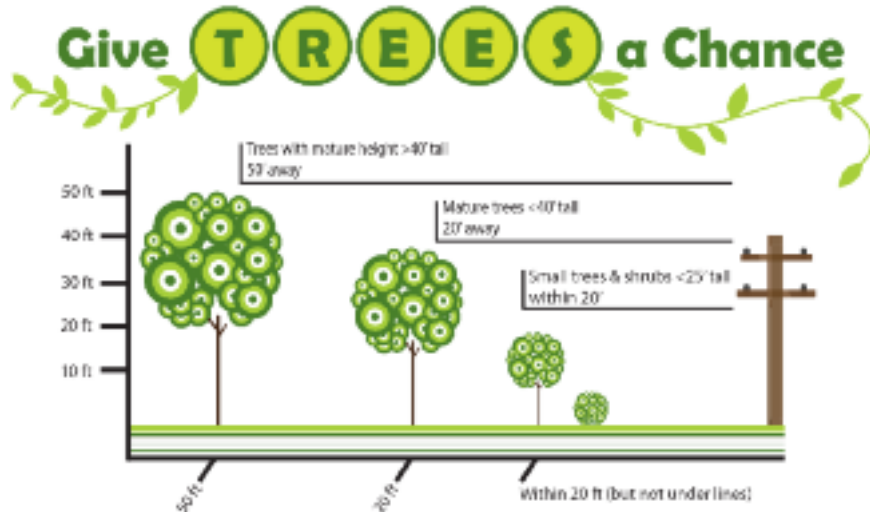
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Trees planted too close to power lines grow into a BIG problem. To prevent power outages and safety hazards, these trees need to be trimmed and sometimes removed. Do your part to keep trees healthy and prevent power outages.

Plant trees a safe distance from power distribution lines. Safe Electricity.org

## Energy Efficiency



Reducing energy use is good for the environment. By being energy efficient, you can save on your monthly electric bill. \* Kelea Burns \* Find the words associated with energy efficiency in the word search above.



Reduce Appliances Recycle Conservation  
Light switch LED bulb Energy Use Thermostat