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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Thankful for Your Membership

I would like to start my article this month with a few important words of thanks. November 11th is Veteran's Day and I want to make sure those who have served and are currently serving in uniform know how much we appreciate their sacrifices. They serve our country and defend the freedoms we enjoy every day.

I also want to thank the families of service members for the many sacrifices you make when your loved ones are miles away, especially during the holidays. * Terry Jackson * No matter what your political views might be or how bad the news makes everything out to be, we must remember we live in the greatest country in the world because of the sacrifices made by others for us all.



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Impact you have

I'd also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. Because of your connection to Wyrulec Company, we are able to make our community a better place.

I generally use this space to provide updates on new projects and developments, and report on the progress of ongoing initiatives. We share these updates so that

all of our members have a window into our priorities, progress, and challenges. However, during this season of giving thanks, I think it's equally important to let you and other members of

Happy Thanksgiving!
Wyrulec will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd, so our employees may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

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We're Thankful for Your Membership

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Wyrulec Company know just what an impact you have on our co-op and the greater community, likely in ways you may not even realize.

Concern for Community

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is "Concern for Community." While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

Trip to capital

We work closely with our local schools to provide safety demonstrations, sponsorships, and award college scholarships. Wyrulec Company also participates in an annual Youth Tour where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion in active democracy. The trip is inspirational for many students, and we are both humbled and honored to be a part of this leadership development journey. Ultimately, the larger community



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benefits from these programs because of you! You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

Participation matters

When you attend co-op events, alert us to problems, provide suggestions online or to our employees, you help us improve operations and thereby better serve the larger co-op membership. * Jack A Miller *

Because we are locally governed by members of our community, we are able to get a first-hand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments.

Involved leaders

We are thankful that our co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings, and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better informed advisors that serve the co-op's interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.



Wonderful neighbors

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations and prolonged storm periods.

Wyrulec Company was originally established 82 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The cooperative is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs.

Together, let's continue making our corner of the world a better place. We can't do it

without you, and for that, we're thankful for your membership.

If you have any questions about your cooperative, you can reach me via email at rschilreff@wyrulec.com or on my cell phone at 307-575-2435.

College Scholarship Info
Applications for college and trade scholarships are available at the Wyrulec office or online at Wyrulec.com.

Preparing for Winter Storm Power Outages



Winter can be a beautiful time of the year with white snow and sparkling ice, but that same winter weather can also wreak havoc on communities. * James Wodahl * It can cause roads to be treacherous, schools to be closed, and sometimes your power to go out. Making



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Mark Your Calendars!

Our 83rd Annual Meeting will be held March 28, 2019

Please plan to attend!

The Board Seat for Districts 1 and 2 will be up for re-election. Clay Peterson currently represents District 1, and Dewey Hageman represents District 2. Both of these members plan to run for their Board Seat as incumbents. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, or would like any further information, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

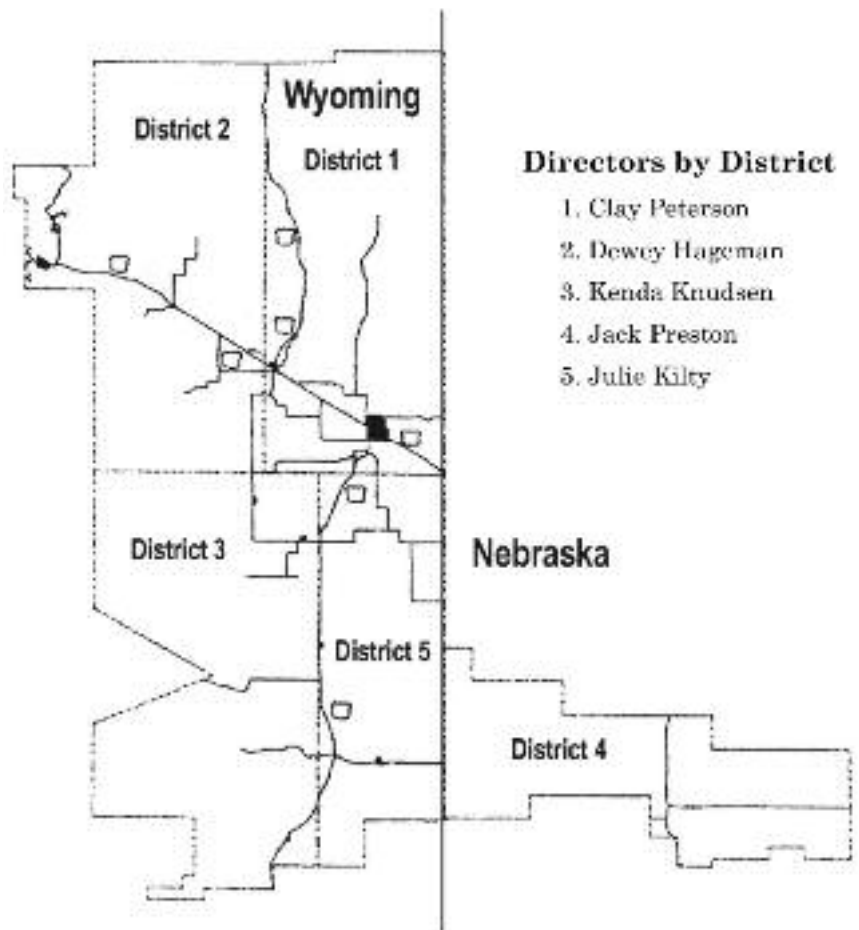
District #1: Art Davis	307-532-7726
District #2: Douglas Frederick	307-532-0302
District #3: Kent Hunter	307-532-3926
District #4: Jack Revelle	308-631-8026
District #5: Curtis Grandstaff	307-834-2459

Article IV, Section 3 of Wyrulec Company Policies states:

It shall be the duty of the board to appoint not less than ninety days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of one member from each directorate district referred to in Article IV, Section 2 of these By-laws. No officer or member of the board shall be appointed a member of such committee.

1. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least

- sixty days before the meeting, a list of candidates for each directorship to be elected.
2. Any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than (30) days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of candidates selected by the committee is posted.



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plans now for a potential power outage can make riding out a prolonged power outage safer and more comfortable.

A good way to help keep your family safe and comfortable during a winter storm is to put an emergency kit together. Safe Electricity offers the following list of items to help you prepare your kit:

- * Water - stock up on bottled water for consumption
- * Food - have at least enough for 3 to 7 days. Include non-perishable packaged or canned foods, juices, foods for infants or the elderly, and snack foods * Paula Wright *
- * Utensils - include a non-electric can opener, cooking tools, paper plates, and plastic utensils
- * Blankets, pillows, and warm clothing items
- * First aid kit, medicine, and prescription drugs

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- * Toiletries, hygiene items, moist towelettes
- * Flashlight and batteries - be sure to include extra batteries
- * Radio and clock - use battery-operated radios and clocks; also consider purchasing a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio
- * Telephone - keep cell phone chargers (wall, car, and/or solar) on hand and, if you

- have a landline, a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- * Emergency numbers - keep a list of emergency telephone numbers, including the local utility company
- * Cash and credit cards
- * Important documents
- * Tools - keep a set in your kit; can include duct tape, screw drivers, pliers, wrench, work gloves, safety goggles, etc.
- * Toys, books, and games
- * Pet-care items
- * Supplies for any alternate heating methods your home may have, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove

Wyrulec Co. Linemen put on Electrical Safety Demo



Wyrulec Company linemen Deaver Arrants and Miles Duffy presented a tabletop demonstration to the students at Lingle/Fort Laramie Elementary as part of the school's Curiosity Day. Students were encouraged to ask questions and discuss what they were learning.



For more information on how to prepare for a winter storm and how to keep your family safe during and after a winter storm, visit SafeElectricity.org.

*The Energy Education Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. * James Sedman * Established in 1952, the Council serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety.*

Learn more at:
EnergyEdCouncil.org
SafeElectricity.org
EfficiencyResource.org

If you see your name in these pages, contact Wyrulec Company at 307-837-2225 for your \$25 bill credit!