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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Changes for Wyrulec supplier

I hope you had the opportunity to spend the 4th of July with your families celebrating our freedom and how truly blessed we are to live in the greatest country in the world.

More power requests

As we move through summer, we continue to get requests to add infrastructure to support the oil and gas industry. While these loads are very good for the cooperative, it sometimes spreads our resources thin as we meet the demanding timelines to supply them power.

Tri-State G&T

In this month's article, I want to update you on some key things that are happening at Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assn.

As many of you know, Tri-State Generation & Transmission is Wyrulec's wholesale power provider. Wyrulec receives 100 percent of its power from Tri-State, and Tri-State is obligated to meet all our power requirements.

Tri-State was formed in 1952 by the members it serves, with Wyrulec being one of the founding members.

Currently, we have about an 11.5 million dollar investment in Tri-State.

When Tri-State was formed, it was a "paper G&T", meaning it had no generating assets, only contracts for the purchase and sale of power.

Across almost 200,000 sq mi

Today Tri-State has over \$4 billion in assets and generates electricity from coal, gas, wind, solar, and hydro. Tri-State serves 43 co-ops in 4 states (Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, & New Mexico). *Ronald Halley *

Historically, to be a member of Tri-State, you had to receive 95-100 percent of your power from them and agree to the rates and terms set by the board of directors.

The rate set by the board was the same for every co-op no matter where you were located. This rate is called a postage stamp rate, meaning each billing component is applied to each member co-op's load in the same manner. *David Zimmerer *

While the requirements to be a member of Tri-State have served us well over the last 65 plus years, it has been decided to look at how Tri-State might provide more flexibility to its current members and potential new members in the future.

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In April 2019, during the Tri-State Annual Membership Meeting, the membership voted to change the By-Laws of the company to allow the board of directors to create different classes of memberships (all requirements vs. partial requirements) and to implement different rates for

each class of membership if it so desires.

There are many challenges to changing or modifying these contracts. To address some of these challenges Tri-State has formed a "contract committee".

One member from each of the 43 co-ops serves on this committee and has one vote. The goal is to review the current contract and see what might be changed to address the changing needs of the membership.

This process will take a lot of time and education before anything will be decided. I will keep you updated as this process moves forward.

Questions or concerns

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.

Happy Retirement, Karl!



Karl Unverzagt, pictured with his family, has been the bookkeeper at Wyrulec for the last 17 years. We would like to thank him for his dedicated service and we wish him the best as he enjoys his retirement!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov



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with water and the circuit load increase. They are a safety device the intent of which is to prevent electrocution. They are more sensitive than a breaker.

Under the right circumstances, a milliamp can kill. A milliamp is one one-thousandth of an amp. Many people have survived a shock of much higher amperage but betting a life on it is never worth the risk.

How many amps does it take to make a shock fatal?



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Wyrulec Scholarship program

Eleven local students were awarded scholarships at our Annual Meeting on March 27th. Every year, we award up to \$8,000 in scholarships to students who receive their electric power from Wyrulec.

The Scholastic and Trade scholarships are made possible by funds from donated capital credits or unclaimed capital credits.

Tri-State Generation and Transmission generously finances two \$500 scholarships for Wyrulec member students and Basin Electric Power Cooperative finances a \$1,000 scholarship for Wyrulec to award.

We would like to congratulate the following students, as they have been selected by our Scholarship Committee to receive scholarships for the school year 2019-2020:

Krista Malcom (Guernsey High School) - \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship

Robert Cates (Torrington High School) - \$500 Tri-State G&T Association Scholarship

Cody Powell (Chadron State College) - \$500 Tri-State G&T Association Scholarship

Tim Becker (Southeast High School)- \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship

Paige Miller (Torrington High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship

Kaci Schmick (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship

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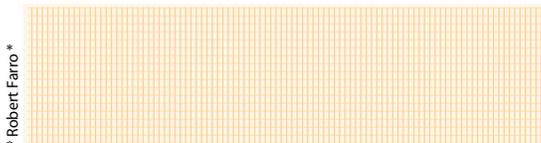
Cody Powell



* Charla Ward *

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* Robert Farro *



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Sandra Vanatta (Torrington High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship

Jadyn Cross (Banner County High School) - \$1000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship

Breann Pauls (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship

Sheridan Pragnell (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship

Bridger Stoddard (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship



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Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!

NO-COST TIPS



Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.

LOW-COST TIPS



Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.