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MANAGER'S REPORT

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By the time you read this article it will be the second week of May and I hope you and your families remain healthy and well. It is also my hope that we have finally reached a point where we can get back to some type of normal schedule due to the COVID virus.

As we have taken precautions to protect our employees here at the cooperative, our productivity has slowed. Due to the COVID virus we have closed our lobby to all non-essential personnel and have split our operations crews into two working groups, rotating every other week.

This time of year is very busy for us with construction projects and new irrigation services. We are doing our best to keep

up the pace for our members due to a split schedule.

New Services & Upgrades

Please remember if you are installing a new service with a motor, we can most likely get you a rebate on your purchase through Tri-State's Energy Efficiency Program.



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We will need the information on the motor and your receipt of purchase, and we'll do the rest of the work for you. The rebates return around \$9 - \$10 per horsepower.

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If you are upgrading a service with a new motor that has a higher horsepower rating, please make sure you contact us before the motor is installed so we can make sure we have the appropriate infrastructure in place for the increased horsepower.

Lastly, if you are installing a new service or performing work on your equipment that requires us to disconnect, you will need a state-issued electric wiring permit before we will energize or re-energize the service.

In most instances, if you have a

contractor doing your work, they will pull the permit for you. If you are doing the work yourself, you will have to pull the permit and we can help steer you in the right direction to obtain one.

Large Construction Projects

In March, we finished the addition to our substation that serves Plains Pipeline. * Britte Roth *

In April, we finished our part of the construction project to serve the Bridger Pipeline substation.

The two ONEOK projects that were scheduled for a December 2020

completion are currently on hold. We have been informed that ONEOK will most likely move forward with one project with an extended timeline and postpone the other project to a later date. It is my hope that we will hear back from them shortly on how they want to proceed.

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.

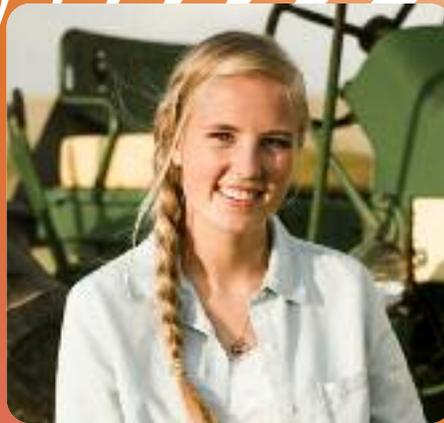
Wyrulec Scholarship Program

Each year, we award up to \$8,000 in scholarships to students who receive their electrical power from Wyrulec.

The Scholastic and Trade scholarships are made possible by funds from donated 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 these students, as they have been selected by our Scholarship Committee to receive scholarships for the school year 2020-2021:



Malorie Barkman (Homeschooled) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship



Dylan Cline (Frontier School of the Bible) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship



Kadra Clark (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship



Megan Cline (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship



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Eden Cole (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship



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Kendall Haas (Southeast High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship



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Gregory Logsdon (Southeast High School) - \$500 Tri-State G&T Association Scholarship



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Cora Frederick (Lingle/Fort Laramie High School) - \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship



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Jenna Kaufman (Lingle/Fort Laramie High School) - \$1,000 Wyrulec Trade Scholarship



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Quentin Meyer (Torrington High School) - \$1000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship



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Bailey Powell (Lingle/Fort Laramie High School) - \$500 Tri-State G&T Association Scholarship

Controlled Burns

A "controlled burn" can quickly become an uncontrolled one, so take precautions before burning on your land or in a ditch. Controlled burns are used for various reasons, including vegetation and weed management.

If the area you choose to burn is near a utility pole or if it spreads more quickly and farther than you thought it might, your controlled burn could get expensive.

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Fire damage to a power pole is usually evident by blackening and scorch marks, but even slight discoloration can cause serious problems. In some cases, the pole can look like it has little damage on the outside, all the while burning from the inside out.

Justin Stauffer In all cases the result is the same: the utility pole is compromised and will most likely need to be replaced, compliments of the person who started the burn. The fees passed on to the person who caused it are substantial—usually in the thousands of dollars.

The damage could also cause a power outage or other serious service issues including energized lines falling near or on the ground, creating a potentially deadly situation.

So what can you do to prevent burn-related damage to a power pole?

1. Plan your burn before you begin.
2. Check the forecast for weather conditions, such as wind direction and speed, as well as humidity (as a general rule, relative humidity should be 40 percent or higher).
3. If there are power poles in the planned burning area, clear all vegetation and weeds at least four feet around the base of the pole.
4. Wet the base of the pole with water before beginning your burn.

If your fire gets out of control, gets too close to a power pole, or if the pole catches on fire, call 9-1-1 and Wyrulec Company at 307-837-2225. Once a fire breaks out, never spray water near the pole, power lines, or any other utility equipment. Electricity and water do not mix and you could cause a short circuit that could result in serious injury or death.

For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org. *Hannah Haffner*

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When the weather is nice, put your grill to use! During summer months, cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat from cooking indoors.

Patricia Larrisey *



NEVER use electrical equipment NEAR WATER and other liquids.

May is National Electrical Safety Month



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