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**May through September**  
Office hrs: 6:30–5:00, Mon.-Fri.

**October through April**  
Office hrs: 7:30–4:00, Mon.-Fri.

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

***From all of us at Wyrulec, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!!***

### **Plans for 2025**

As I stated in the last newsletter, there will be no rate increase for the 2025 operating year. The Wyrulec board had its first look at the 2025 operating budget in November and will make final approval of the budget at our December board meeting. Below are a few projects that we anticipate completing next year:

- ONEOK Fort Laramie New Distribution Substation
- ONEOK Fort Laramie New Transmission Line
- Kinnan Fort Laramie New Delivery Point (3 Year Project)
- 88 Oil Fort Laramie Transformer Upgrade
- Veteran to Yoder Transmission Line Rebuild - 6 Miles (Complete Fall 2025)
- Pole replacements - approximately 150 old poles
- Pole inspection - Check 3,000 poles for structural integrity
- Drone inspection of 25 – 50 miles of transmission line, including infrared examination
- New services - approximately 50 new services anticipated



**Ryan Schilreff**  
**General Manager**

### **Legislative Engagement**

We had the opportunity to engage our legislators in Torrington on the evening of December 2nd. Wyrulec, Wheatland REA and Niobrara REA teamed up to hold this important event. We had a great turnout with over 30 people in attendance and we were able to discuss some items of interest to the electric cooperatives coming up in the next session. We feel very fortunate to be able to engage our legislators and have their support when it comes to our membership's interests. The major items we discussed were prescriptive easements, wildfire mitigation and liability caps, and third-party generation. I will keep you posted on these topics as our bills make their way through the next legislative session.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING INCREASED

Wyrulec Company takes great pride in serving our members and our communities. We recognize the importance of supporting our youth and celebrating their achievements, and we strive to empower them as they seek a bright future where they will continue to positively impact their communities. By providing annual scholarships, we encourage students to pursue their educational goals, and we hope to foster a sense of confidence and contribute to their success. When we invest in our youth, we strengthen the fabric of our community. With this in mind, the Board of Directors has elected to increase the scholarship amounts this year, as well as adding an additional scholarship. The Wyrulec Scholarship awards have all been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Along with our power suppliers, we are offering a variety of scholarships to support the education of new or returning students. To be eligible for these scholarships the parent, legal guardian, or the applicant themselves must receive their electric service from Wyrulec Company at their primary place of residence. The applicant, parent, or legal guardian does not have to be a member of the cooperative, as long as they reside on the cooperative's service line. (Such as under a landlord or rental agreement, or provided residence with employment.)

The applicant must be enrolled, or intending to enroll in an accredited two-year college, four-year university, or vocational or trade school.

Applications for all these scholarships can be picked up at our office or printed online at [wyrulec.com/scholarships](http://wyrulec.com/scholarships). Most applications can also be completed online.

### Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship

- One scholarship of \$1,000

### Tri-State Generation & Transmission

- One scholarship of \$1,000

### Wyrulec Company Trade Scholarships

- Up to (4) scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to students attending vocational or trade schools

### Wyrulec Company Scholastic Scholarships

- (4) scholarships of \$1,500 each

### NEW Wyrulec Company Renewable Scholarship

- One scholarship of \$1,500 for students who have already received a scholarship from Wyrulec in the past and would like to apply again.

More information is available on our website. For questions, please feel free to contact our office.

*The deadline for applications is January 31, 2025. Applications will be accepted at the Wyrulec office until close at 4:00 pm, and accepted online through the end of the day.*



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your winter bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains or other items. Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form. If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions.

*Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)*

# HOLIDAY FUN WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words associated with holiday fun in the puzzle below? Use the word bank to check your work.



**WORD BANK**

Jingle bells	Santa Claus	Snowman
Candy cane	Mittens	Hot Chocolate



N	H	C	H	P	B	D	H	S	V	G	Z	H	T	M
A	C	C	F	Z	Z	A	T	F	N	V	D	Q	Z	Y
M	H	L	V	Y	M	J	N	P	D	E	T	V	F	S
W	P	W	H	F	W	I	H	K	S	C	T	G	B	K
O	Z	K	D	Z	L	N	O	K	K	H	Q	T	C	F
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F	C	F	J	C	H	B	O	G	C	Y	N	G	V	E
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P	J	Y	F	E	R	S	A	Q	E	Y	G	H	C	A
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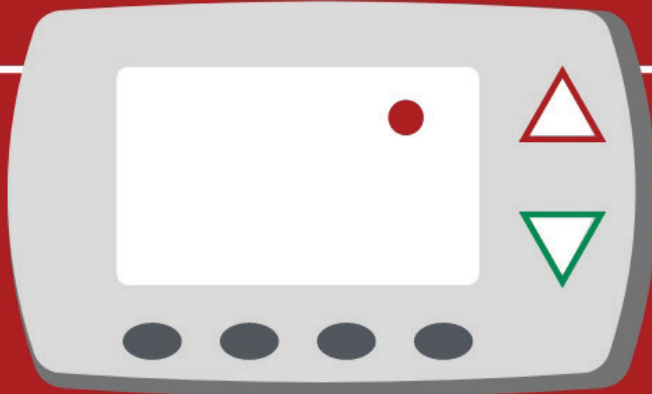
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE ENERGY  
EXPLORERS!**

The following names have been drawn for a \$25 bill credit. Contact Wyrulec Company at 877-WYRULEC to claim your credit!

Steve Heilbrun  
Michael Schreiner  
Brandon Gifford  
Jordan Knaub  
Susan Sorrick



Following the cooperative principle of "Concern for Community", Wyrulec crew members provided safety training to employees of the Goshen Irrigation District last month.



Mind the thermostat for more presents.

△ FEWER PRESENTS

▽ MORE PRESENTS