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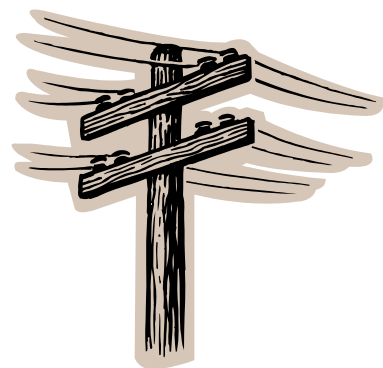
Burning Around Poles

Burning season is here and with the annual ritual of spring burning, Garland Light & Power would like to remind our members to be safe with fire this spring/summer.

When burning close to power poles and pad mount transformers, we suggest raking the debris away from the base. Trim away large stalks that may have grown close to the pole as this will lessen the chance of the pole or transformer catching fire. Wet down the pole a few feet from the ground.

Members should use caution when burning close to any of our underground equipment. Heat from a fire can melt the exterior cover as well as the elbows and ground wires inside.

The cost to replace a pad mount transformer is about \$3600. The cost to replace a pole is about \$2500. Whoever is doing the burning will be charged the cost to replace these items. So, be careful and never leave a fire unattended.



Summer Hours

Garland Light & Power is changing to a 4/10 work week from April 29 to Oct 4

Hours of operation will be:
7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Standby crews will be available from Friday through Sunday for outage situations by calling:

754-2881



Hartly Thorington was awarded the Basin Electric/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Elementary Education.



Kara Borchers was awarded the Ray Nelson/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. She will be attending Montana State University pursuing a career in Neonatal Medicine.



Jacob Frankenberry was awarded a Tri-State/Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. He will be returning to the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Theatre.



Amy Smith was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Business Management.



Tarje Grover was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. He will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Piano Performance.

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Sawyer Mauthe was awarded a Tri-State G&T/Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. He will be attending Rocky Mountain College pursuing a career in Law Enforcement or Coaching.

I am writing this the end of March so the Annual Meeting has already come and gone. This year's event was a great success and it was nice to see so many of you in attendance that night. It is always refreshing to see the number of people interested in their cooperative and willing to give up some of their time to stay informed on the status of the company and the many trends and legislative issues that affect the co-op.

For those of you who were unable to attend, here is a short rundown:

- Financial
 - ◇ \$350,000 in capital credits will be paid out this spring.
 - ◇ A new digger truck has been ordered and will be delivered in early 2020.
 - ◇ All proposed 2019 projects will be completed without raising rates or borrowing money this year.
 - ◇ There were no findings or recommendations related to our audit report.
- Projects
 - ◇ Construction on the new substation should begin this summer.
 - ◇ The new logo has been rolled out and the feedback has been positive.
 - ◇ The Board and manager will participate in a strategic planning meeting this Spring.
- Election
 - ◇ Ike Eastman was reelected to serve on your Board of Directors.

The material shared with us by Peggy Ruble, your Vice President and Tri-State Director, Scott Smith, Secretary/Treasurer and WREA Vice President, and Barry Ingold, Senior VP of Tri-State, Generation was very informative but too hard to capture in this small space.

We would like to congratulate Mike Pease for being the lucky winner of the \$900 progressive drawing. This raffle will reset to \$500 at next year's meeting. I hope you all will join us in March 2020!

"March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers." English Proverb



Outdoor Safety Most Important In Spring

When the weather warms up, gardeners and do-it-yourselfers head outdoors. Here are five tips for working safely with and around electrical equipment.

1. Look up before setting up a ladder to paint or climb on the roof. Ladders should not come within 10 feet of an overhead power line. Touching a power line with anything puts everyone at risk of injuries or worse.
2. Unplug power tools when finished using them. Anything plugged in continues to draw some electricity, even when it's turned off. A plugged in tool could overheat and cause a fire.
3. Don't use damaged tools, even if they still work. Tools with frayed power cords or cracked body parts are dangerous. They could overheat or malfunction while in use.
4. Remember the best advice given by a mother about electricity: It can be dangerous around water. Don't use a hose while power tools are plugged in nearby. If the grass is wet, don't stand on it while using an electrical tool.
5. Teach children how to work and play safely around electricity. Caution them about climbing trees or flying kites too close to power lines. Remind children to never touch a power line if they see one on the ground.



**GARLAND'S
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MAY 27TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12TH**

