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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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By the time you receive this article, summer will be upon us. It's really hard to believe we are already six months into the year. How time slips away when you're busy!

It was great to see and visit with many of you at the 80th Annual Meeting in April. While member participation was still very good, our numbers were down some from the previous year which could have been caused by several factors. The weather was nice that day and another wet cold front was about to roll in. I suspect many of you were taking advantage of the weather and getting your fields into shape.

We also slid the date for the annual meeting out to April to give us more time for our audited financial statements to be prepared and time for us to print the meeting booklet. While this was helpful to the Wyrulec staff in preparation, I'm not sure having the meeting that late was helpful to the members and their schedules.

We will discuss the timing of the annual meeting at the next board meeting but I would anticipate us moving the meeting back to March to better accommodate the membership. *Steven Rodger*

I can't stress enough how important it is that Wyrulec is your cooperative and that participation at the annual meeting is key to being informed on the direction your company is headed. As many of you know, we follow the Seven Cooperative Principles and one really pertains to the annual meeting which is defined below:

1. "Democratic Member Control"— Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights – one member one vote.

Wyrulec Company will be closed on Monday, July 4, for Independence Day

Capital Credit Allocation

By now you have received your capital credit allocation notice in the mail. This notice outlines your portion of net operating margins or equity in the cooperative for

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Reminder: As of May 2nd, Wyrulec Company hours changed for the summer to 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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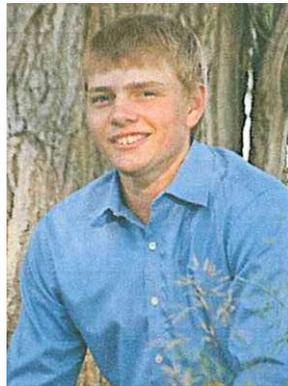
Wyrulec's 2015 operating year. This statement also identifies your portion of margins or equity in Tri-State's 2015 operating year. These allocations are one of the many benefits of the cooperative business model. At some point

these allocations will be returned to you in the form of a capital credit check. For more information or any questions, please contact us at your convenience. As always, you can reach me at the office by calling (307)837-2225, on my cell at (307)575-2435 or email me at rschilreff@wyrulec.com.

Scholarship winners announced

This year Wyrulec Company was able to award eleven scholarships to students of member-owners to use in the 2016/2017 school year: a \$1000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship, two \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission Scholarships, and eight \$1000 Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarships. The following students are the recipients of these scholarships.

David Becker was awarded the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship. Becker is the son of Kent and Barbara Becker. This spring David graduated from Southeast High School and in the fall he plans to attend Chadron State College. There he will study elementary education with a supplemental endorsement in coaching. Post-graduation, Becker hopes to return to Eastern Wyoming to teach and coach football at either the junior high or high school level. Jeff Fullmer, a teacher at LaGrange Elementary and Assistant Football Coach at Southeast High, says of him, "David has grown into a leader. He is always encouraging kids around him to strive to better themselves. He models great work ethic and leads by example every day."



David Becker

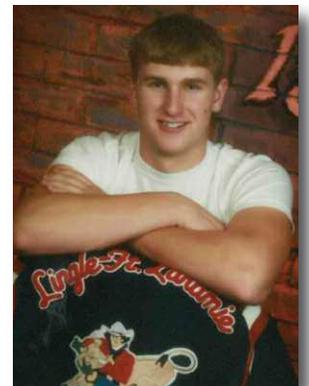
Megan E. Gifford has been awarded one of the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Scholarships. Megan is the daughter of Meri and Norman Tracy Gifford. Gifford graduated from Banner County High



Megan Gifford

School last month. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney to major in secondary English education with hopes to continue on with her master's degree. Her long-term goals include a career as an English professor. For the past five years, Megan has been self-employed as she runs her own business stand, Megan's Market, in which she sells her own locally-grown produce. "Although Megan's academic and extra-curricular achievements alone speak volumes about the strength of her abilities and character, I believe her entrepreneurial endeavors contribute immensely to the respect she deserves," says Banner County Superintendent Lana Sides.

Barry Greenwald has been awarded a Tri-State Generation and Transmission Scholarship. Son of Kelly and Bryan Greenwald, Barry attended high school at Lingle-Fort Laramie and graduated last May. Greenwald is studying agricultural business at Laramie County Community College. Upon completing the two-year degree program at LCCC, Barry intends to continue at the University of Wyoming for his bachelor's degree. "I love my agricultural life and background and would want to continue this lifestyle," says Barry. After graduation, he hopes to return to his family's farm and become the 5th generation to live off the Wyoming land. "Barry is diligent in all his efforts," notes Bryan Wilson, LCCC Department Chair and Agriculture Instructor. *Floyd Yoder* "This ability to diligently understand a concept and then apply that knowledge to another setting is a trait which will help Barry to find success in all his endeavors." *Wendi Elsen*



Barry Greenwald

Scholarship winners announced

Shalon Richelle Brooks has been awarded a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Shalon, the daughter of Shonna and Lonny Brooks, graduated from Torrington High School in spring of 2015. She currently attends Eastern Wyoming College where she is working towards an Associate of Arts degree. Once she has obtained her associate's, Brooks will earn her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Eventually Shalon would love to return to Torrington to teach. "During high school I took a class where I went to Lincoln Elementary School and shadowed a classroom," recalls Shalon. "I loved every second of it from the minute I stepped into that classroom full of young enthusiastic students. I knew right then I wanted to be able to help shape the young minds of the future."



Shalon Brooks

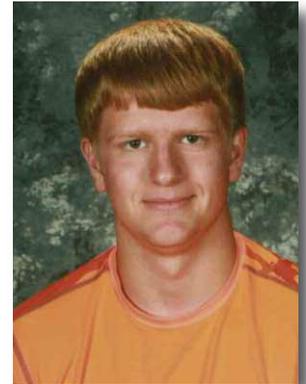
Noelle Chapman will be receiving a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Noelle is the daughter of Marge and Jeff Chapman. Noelle graduated from Southeast High School in May. Her college plans include majoring in pharmacy at the University of Wyoming. After achieving her bachelor's degree, Noelle plans to enter into the Pharm. D. degree program. Throughout high school, Noelle flourished in her involvement with community and school activities including National Honors Society Vice President, co-captain of the ladies basketball and volleyball teams, and leadership positions in 4-H. "Participating in these activities has helped me to become a better leader, and it has taught me to manage my time so that I can do my best in everything that I do," Noelle comments. "Both of these qualities will help me with my future."



Noelle Chapman

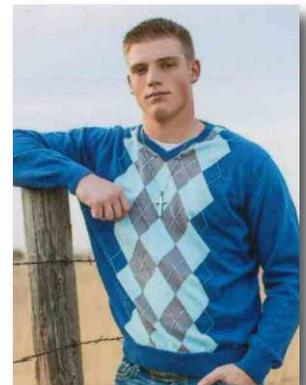
Kenneth Henry was chosen to receive a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Kenneth, the son of Betty Skinner

and Keith Henry, graduated in May from Lingle-Fort Laramie High School. Kenneth plans to attend Eastern Wyoming College this fall to complete his general courses. *Troy Cecil* He then intends to obtain a degree in Kinesiology from the University of Wyoming and apply for graduate school. His career goal is to work as a physical therapist. Matthew Cornelius, a science teacher and Head Coach of the girls basketball team at LFL says of him, "Kenneth has shown that he is exceptionally determined in all his endeavors... he is an extremely intelligent young man who continually shows he can handle a diverse set of challenges with class and maturity under any circumstance."



Kenneth Henry

Paul D. Miller, III, will be receiving a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Son of Christine and Paul Miller, Jr., Paul graduated from Torrington High School in the spring of 2015 and was studying animal science at Eastern Wyoming College. Paul will continue his education at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas. Paul speaks of his passion for the livestock industry which led him to pursue an animal science degree. "This degree gives me the flexibility to work within the livestock industry as a producer, educator, or salesman, but with this degree, I plan to use it in combination with a law degree to become an agricultural lawyer," says Paul. "In Wyoming, we are constantly battling legislation over land, mineral, water, and even air rights. I want to be part of this fight to help protect the state where I have grown up and plan to live in the future." *Scott Delcamp*



Paul Miller, III

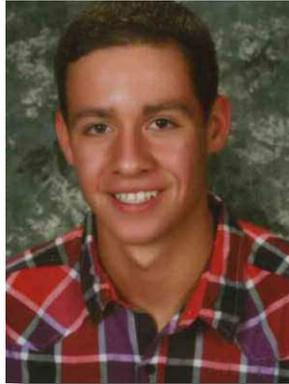
Cody Morgan Powell was chosen to receive a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Cody is the son of Michelle and Chris Powell. Cody graduated from Lingle-Fort Laramie High School in May. Cody plans to attend Eastern

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Wyoming College and study either medicine or education. Cody's extensive list of volunteer work, activities, and achievements shows the level of commitment in which he applies himself. While maintaining his position on the Honor Roll, assisting his FBLA team to the national level, and playing on numerous sports teams, he is also certified in CPR and QPR or suicide prevention. Karen Kautz, a Business/CTO Instructor and FBLA Advisor at LFL, notes that Powell "is a very determined young man... he'll be a great credit to any educational institution he attends and will excel in all his endeavors."



Cody Powell

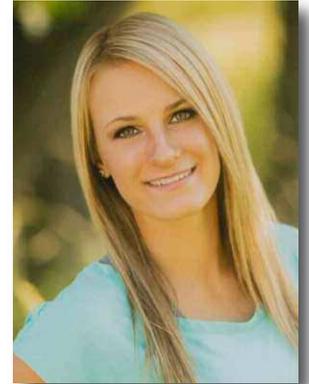
Brittany Randall was chosen to receive a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Brittany, the daughter of Lawrence and Pamela Randall, graduated from Southeast in 2014 and is currently attending Northwest College to obtain an associate's degree in agriculture education and business. This fall, Brittany will make the move to Laramie to attend the University of Wyoming. Her career goal includes becoming an agriculture teacher at either the high school or college level, preferably in Wyoming or Montana. "When I finish college, I will expand my ranch of dairy goats, meat goats, and horses to my own ranch, which will be located on 40-50 acres," says Brittany. This past summer Brittany worked for the United States Department of Agriculture APHIS as a Plant and Protection Quarantine Scout. In this position, Brittany traveled around the state conversing with farmers and surveying for grasshoppers and Mormon crickets.



Brittany Randall

LeAnne K. Sherrod has been awarded a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. LeAnne is the daughter of Cori and David Sherrod. This past May, LeAnne graduated from

Morrill High School as the class Valedictorian. Her future college plans include attending Western Nebraska Community College while studying business management. After college, LeAnne hopes to open her own business, one that is beneficial to the community. "Ms. Sherrod has demonstrated a caring and concern for her community that is extremely refreshing. She has countless hours of community service," says Joshua Guerue, MHS Co-Athletic Director and coach of the girls' basketball team. "LeAnne is part of a committee that meets with the village board. During this time she is interacting with the leaders of our community to help ensure not only our school's continued success but our town's success as well."



LeAnne Sherrod

Gabrielle Wollert was awarded a Wyrulec Scholastic Scholarship. Gabrielle, the daughter of Gretchen and Michael Wollert, graduated from Lingle-Fort Laramie High School in the spring of 2015. Gabrielle currently attends the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Although Gabrielle has not declared a major yet, she is determined to get her bachelor's degree and maybe even pursue a master's degree. Gabrielle is no stranger to success. Amongst her many accomplishments, some that are most noteworthy are graduating at the top of her class, FBLA National Champion Public Speaking II, National Agri-Science Finalist in Environmental Systems Management, and Wyoming Volleyball All-Star. "I love Wyoming and the many opportunities I have had growing up here," says Gabrielle. "I would feel honored to return to the Goshen County area within the next ten years."



Gabrielle Wollert

Congratulations to you all and best wishes for a productive and enjoyable year at school!