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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Ag Market Expert to Speak at Annual Meeting

By the time you receive this article, we will be into the new year by just over a month. I hope this newsletter finds you all well. As we start the new year, it is a busy time for your cooperative. We have closed out the 2016 operating year, scheduled our financial audit for the third week in February, and we are preparing for the 81st Annual Membership Meeting on March 30th.

Our number one priority here at Wyrulec will continue to be delivering safe, affordable, and reliable electricity to all our members. From all of us at Wyrulec, we appreciate your support and wish you the best in 2017.

81st Annual Membership Meeting March 30th

Please make sure to mark your calendars to attend your cooperative's 81st Annual Membership Meeting March 30, 2017, at the Torrington Rendezvous Center. This year we have decided to do something a little different. We have engaged Agricultural Market expert Mike Pearson to speak to the membership about what will be "Driving Agriculture in the Year Ahead." Mike Pearson is an Iowa farmer, former banker, and host of the nationally syndicated Market to Market television program. This is a great opportunity for

our members to engage in conversation about the agricultural outlook in our communities.

Registration for the annual meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will make his presentation during dinner and we will start the business meeting as soon as he wraps up. We are excited about this opportunity and we hope to see you there!!

Nominating Committee & Director Elections

The 2017 Nominating Committee has been contacted to start the process for nominating director candidates for Districts #3 and #4 to be voted upon at the annual meeting.

The nominating committee is comprised of Art Davis (District #1), Douglas Frederick (District #2), Kent Hunter (District #3), Jack Revelle (District #4), and Curtis Grandstaff (District #5).

The committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. to begin the process of nominating qualified board of director candidates. They will prepare and post at the Wyrulec Headquarters a list of nominations for Districts #3 and 4 by February 28, 2017. If you are interested in running for the

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Board, you can contact our office or a member of the nominating committee. You can also be nominated by petition. Nominations by petition, made by any fifteen or more mem-

bers in writing over their signatures, must be made no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Current Directors Kenda Knudsen (District #3) and Jack Preston (District #4) will be running for their seats to

continue representing their districts. If you have questions or wish to discuss this process, please contact any member of the nominating committee or call the Wyrulec office, 307-837-2225 or 800-628-5266.

Wyrulec employees get in the holiday spirit

Employees at Wyrulec decorated two Christmas trees this year, one for Gracie's Promise 7th Annual Festival of

Trees and the other for Legacy of the Plains Museum's annual Trees Along the Trail Christmas tree contest.

was adorned with candy and treats and topped with a cupcake.

Participating in these events was a festive way for Wyrulec Company to give back to the communities in which we serve.

The donated tree for Gracie's Promise was decorated with a Crayola theme. Many of the ornaments were hand made with crayons to inspire creativity and imagination. Donated trees are sold during a silent auction in Torrington as a fundraiser for Gracie's Promise.

Gracie's Promise is an organization that financially assists families with children battling catastrophic medical conditions.

The Trees Along the Trail Christmas tree contest, located at the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering, Neb., featured trees decorated by local organizations in support of the museum. Inspiration for this tree was found in the Candy Land game. This brightly colored tree



* Loren Isbell *



Courtesy Heather Wilkins



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Line worker program scholarship applications available

Applications for the WREA Linemen Scholarships may be submitted for consideration throughout the year. Please submit applications to the Wyrulec office. The application deadline for the Dar Hackworth Lineworker Scholarship

and the Neil T. Adkins Lineworker Scholarship is May 1. Applications for all three scholarships can be obtained on our website or at Wyrulec's headquarters. Applicants do not need to be members of Wyrulec Company to apply.

For additional information, visit our website and click on the Youth Programs tab to view linemen scholarships. Please direct any questions to Amber at Wyrulec, 307-837-2225. * Dale Widrick *

about electrical
LINE WORK

"Where else could I get top-notch, on-the-job training where I could finish my schooling while still providing for my family?"
Keoni Hance, Lineworker

A CAREER THAT WILL CHALLENGE YOU.

What you'll do

- Install, maintain and repair electrical distribution and transmission systems.
- Inspect and test overhead and underground power lines.
- Climb poles or operate aerial lifts.
- Splice, repair and install conductors and wiring.

What skills and abilities you'll need

- Mechanical and technical skills
- Physical fitness
- Focused attention, particularly on safety
- Fearlessness
- Willingness to work as a team member

A CAREER WITH AFFORDABLE TRAINING.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships help make training even more affordable. Don't let money be an obstacle to your career. Wyoming needs lineworkers, and that's why scholarships are available to help you attend an accredited, regional training program.

- **WREA LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP**
A minimum of \$3,000 each year to one or more individuals, including recent high school graduates or GED recipients, who plan to attend an approved regional lineworker training program.
- **ADKINS LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000 to one individual who plans to attend an approved regional lineworker program.
- **DAR HACKWORTH LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000 to up to three students who plan to attend an approved regional lineworker training program.
- **OTHER CO-OP SCHOLARSHIPS**
Most Wyoming cooperatives offer scholarships to students in their service territories. To find out more about local scholarship opportunities, contact your local co-op.

Typical Career Path

<p>TRAINEE Learn the basics of line work at a regional training program and find out if you've got what it takes.</p>	<p>APPRENTICE Get paid to learn the ropes with 3-5 years of on-the-job training.</p>	<p>JOURNEYMAN Earn a certificate and enjoy the responsibilities and benefits of being a full-fledged lineworker.</p>	<p>SUPERVISOR Manage crews of lineworkers as a foreman or other supervisory role.</p>
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Your community will count on you. Wyoming needs electricity to keep its communities running, especially in rural areas. As a lineworker, you'll help keep the lights on—sometimes under emergency conditions. Line work is challenging, but you'll be providing a vital service to your community.

Find more information on scholarship requirements and how to apply at wyomingrea.org.

* Richard Kirchhefer *

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NCCEF's 2017/18 Scholarship Program

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation will provide eight (8) scholarships for the 2017/18 academic year to students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis.

The Foundation established an endowed fund for the Scholarship Program in Honor of Michael S. Turner. The scholarship program includes:

- ❖ Six \$2,500 scholarships in honor of Michael S. Turner—one going to an incoming student and the balance to upperclassmen—majoring in Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics
- ❖ One \$2,500 scholarship in honor of Robert C. Andersen to an upperclassman majoring in Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics

- ❖ One \$1,500 scholarship at NCTA to a student majoring in Agribusiness or Ag Production Systems

The scholarship program was initiated with the 1993/94 academic year as an important addition to the Council's youth education efforts. Since that time, 173 scholarships totaling \$161,100 have been provided to students.

Scholarship committees at UNL and NCTA make the selection of recipients based on criteria established for each scholarship. The foundation only verifies local cooperative affiliation and Council membership requirements.

Individuals will need to complete an online application form and submit it to UNL or NCTA by April 15, 2017. * Duane Oedekoven * The application forms are available on the Foundation / Scholarships page of the Council's website at <http://www.nebr.coop/foundation/scholarships>.

Article courtesy of The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation.

Valentine Gift Ideas

A U T O T R I M T I K A
 S N U P H O L S T E R Y
 I S Y W M L A V O M E R
 L T W T A E R B R A R S
 I L N A H T L D E L E E
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 O S T O G O N R N G I O
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In this wordsearch, find nine gift ideas for Valentine's Day, all of which take electricity to manufacture.

Since most of the ideas are phrases, the words involved are often merely near each other. Some words are separate that shouldn't be, like "wrist band." * Kerry Birdsall *

- ❖ Anything from Swarovski
- ❖ Auto trim upholstery removal kit
- ❖ Goatee shaving template
- ❖ Halogen convection oven
- ❖ Heat resistant silicone cooking gloves
- ❖ LED finger light gloves
- ❖ LED light
- ❖ Magnetic wrist band
- ❖ Water melon slicer

Puzzle Prizes

Name: _____

How should we contact you / contact info: _____

adult child

Mail entries to:

Wyrulec Company, Feb. Puzzle
 PO Box 359, Lingle, WY 82223

or drop them off at:

Wyrulec Company
 3978 US Hwy 26/85,
 Torrington, WY 82240

Deadline Mar. 1 — Five winners will be drawn from all those submitting puzzles by March 1.

Warming the hearts of five

Read this terrific newsletter and stay informed on the issues that are likely to change your electricity costs. When you find your name somewhere in these pages, call the Wyrulec Company office at 307-837-2225. We'll arrange for you to get a \$25 bill credit.



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