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Plan to attend March 30 Anl. Mtg.

We hope you plan to attend the annual meeting to be held the evening of March 30th. This will be the cooperative's 81st annual meeting and it will be held at the Rendezvous Center in Torrington.

Get ready to laugh and learn with Mike Pearson as he takes you on an entertaining journey — a look ahead at farm markets — and global trends impacting these markets.

2017 scholarship recipients announced

In addition to the financial and annual reports, we will be announcing the 2017 scholarship recipients of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship, Tri-State G&T scholarships, and the Wyrulec Company Scholastic and Trade scholarships.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. This year, our scheduled guest speaker, Mike Pearson, will be presenting during dinner. The business meeting will commence after his presentation.



Courtesy of Tiller Group, Inc.
Farmer, banker, and Market To Market host Mike Pearson keeps viewers informed as host of the "Weekly Journal of Rural America."

81st Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 30

Goshen County Fairgrounds Rendezvous Center
Torrington, Wyoming

Doors open at 4:30 ❖ Dinner at 6:00

❖ Use the West Entrance ❖

Consider cost when using space heaters

By JASON MURPHY
and AMBER KALINOWSKI

Rising energy costs due to dropping temperatures will leave some looking for ways to lower their electricity bills. This time of year, many turn to supplemental heating sources such as space heaters to warm their homes and businesses. Before using a space heater, make sure you understand how the device works and how it will affect your electricity bill.

Space heaters provide heat quickly but if you use one regularly, you will notice a hike on your electricity bill. The amount of money it takes to use a space heater depends heavily on the frequency of use and the amount of power it consumes. Space heaters have different settings: temperature or wattage. Temperature settings range from 55° (low) to 70° (high). Wattage settings run from 750 watts (low) to 1500 watts (high). There really isn't much cost savings between using the low setting and the high setting.

The style of space heaters that look like fireplaces operate the same way. These types of space heaters can operate

using either half or all of the heater coil. Thermostats are built into these heaters and if the space heater is placed on or next to an exterior wall, the heater can continue to run for hours. Consider placing your space heater on a timer to avoid the heater running continuously. If the heater has only one wattage setting, that type of heater is temperature based. Often these space heaters are 1500-watt heaters. Another heater often overlooked is a stock tank heater. Many of these are 1500-watt heaters and although many of these heaters have a thermostat, the thermostats are not very trustworthy and the heater can run for hours. 1000 watts equal 1 kilowatt. If a 1000-watt heater runs for an hour, it will use 1 kWh or kilowatt hour. Wyrulec's energy charge for single phase service is \$0.1171 per kWh. Consider the following:

Wattage	Hours	Usage
1000 W	12	12 kWh
1500 W	24	36 kWh

It's easy to see how even a space heater running a few hours a day can add to your electricity bill. To provide an idea of the power consumption of other appliances in the home, below is a list of common household appliances and their typical wattage demands. Keep in mind some of these items are only used for minutes per day. * Roy Lyles * Check the tags and owners manuals for your appliances to get precise figures.

Appliance	Watts
Clothes Dryer	5000
Power Tools (Saw)	1800
Vacuum Cleaner	1560
Convection Oven	1500
Microwave Oven	1500
Coffee Maker	1165
Hair Dyer	1000
Heat Lamp	250
Television	200
Electric Blanket	175

If you have questions about space heaters or your bill, please give Wyrulec a call, 307-837-2225 or 800-628-5266.



Photo courtesy SafeElectricity.org

Tips for space heater safety

By APRIL LOLLAR,
APR, CCC (NRECA Straight Talk)

Space heaters can be a good alternative for those who want to warm one area of their home without turning up the thermostat on the central heating system. Space heaters, however, are responsible for 32 percent of house fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If you are planning to use a space heater in your home this winter, review these tips from Wyrulec Company to keep you, your family, and your property safe.

Materials — What are the components of your space heater made of? *Clayton Seymore* Parts like metal grating can be hot to the touch and may burn anyone who gets too close. Make sure you purchase a heater that is cool to the



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touch and has guards over the coils just in case little fingers get too close.

Placement — While it can be tempting to place a small heater on a shelf so it's not in the way of pets and children, it's safest to leave the heater on a level floor on a nonflammable surface. Keeping the space heater on the floor can keep it from falling over, preventing fire hazards. Also, remember that space heaters and bathrooms are not a good combination, unless the heater is designed for bathroom use. Moisture can damage the heater.

The most important rule about space heater placement is the three-foot rule. Whether you are using the heater in the bedroom, living room, or kitchen, space heaters should always be kept three feet away from flammable materials and

out of the way of children and pets.

Special Features — Does your space heater have an auto shutoff function if tipped over? Auto shutoff can be a lifesaver. If you currently own a space heater without auto shutoff, consider purchasing a heater with this important safety feature.

Cords — You should never use an extension cord when plugging in a space heater as the cord can overheat. The space heater should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, and should be the only thing plugged into that outlet. Also, make sure cords aren't in a high-traffic area so they are not a tripping hazard.

Use — Never leave a heater unattended while in use. If you are leaving your home or going to bed, make sure to unplug the heater.

Following these tips and making sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions can keep you safe this winter.

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2017 NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp

The Youth Energy Leadership Camp, hosted by the Nebraska Rural Electric Association, involves about 65 high school-aged students from Wyo., Neb., S. Dak., and Colo. whose rural homes are served by one of NREA's member-systems, such as Wyrulec Company. This camp offers educa-

tional and recreational experiences, leadership training, workshops and guest speakers. * Elaine Pugsley * Students learn about energy generation, electric safety, and environmental awareness.

Students currently in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, who apply and are select-

ed by Wyrulec Company, receive an all-expense paid trip to the State 4-H Camp near Halsey, Neb.

This year Energy Camp will be held July 10-14. Wyrulec is now accepting applications for students interested in attending camp.

Apply by May 20th.

AirLink program for members of Wyrulec Company

Wyrulec has partnered with AirLink and EagleMed to offer our consumers the opportunity to join the AirMedCare Network's Membership Program at a discounted rate of \$55 a year per household.

AirMedCare is the largest Air Ambulance Membership Network in the United States.

Their mission is to make it possible for people living in rural communities to have access to the care they

need in the event of an emergency.

Michelle Beeney with AirMedCare will have a booth at our annual meeting to answer any questions and to assist you with completing an enrollment form for membership, if interested. * Emily Anderson *

Look for additional information on the AirLink Program to be mailed in March with your billing statement.

Please feel free to contact Wyrulec with any questions.

Making Up Holidays

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In honor of *Make Your Own Holiday Day*, March 26, this puzzle includes excellent candidates for new celebrations you might enjoy. Since the holidays have lengthy titles, the words involved are usually merely near each other. Letters in parentheses are not in the puzzle.

- ❖ Air Conditioners Are Wonderful (Day)
- ❖ Batteries Are Best (Day)
- ❖ Celebrate Computers (Day)
- ❖ Electric Mixers Are Handy (Day)
- ❖ Every Body Needs A Winch (Day)
- ❖ I Love My Electric Blanket (Day)
- ❖ Love The Garage Door Opener (Day) * Kurt Vanhorn *
- ❖ Power Tools Rock (Day)
- ❖ Turn On The (Lights Day)

Puzzle Prizes

Name: _____

How should we contact you / contact info: _____

adult child

Mail entries to:

Wyrulec Company, March Puzzle
 PO Box 359, Lingle, WY 82223

or drop them off at:

Wyrulec Company
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 Torrington, WY 82240

Deadline Apr. 1 — Five winners will be drawn from all those submitting puzzles by April 1.

Whose Got Watt Where it Counts

Enjoy this collection of pulse-pounding, electric cooperative-related information and don't forget to look for your name. If you find it, call the Wyrulec Company office at 307-837-2225. We'll arrange for you to get a \$25 bill credit.

