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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Appreciating what we have

As I write this article it's April 7th, just a day after the United States launched a Tomahawk strike into the country of Syria because of their use of chemical weapons on their own people. My thoughts are with the men and women of our military forces as they go into harm's way to help those who may not be able to help themselves.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, I want to thank all the men and women who have served this country and those who are currently serving our country. From all of us at Wyrulec, we wish you a happy and safe Memorial Day.

At times, events like these make me take a hard look at our cooperative and the precious commodity that we deliver to you every day and how priorities can

change in a moment's notice.

Electricity is something many of us take for granted, including myself at times, even though I know how big of a task it is to get it generated and delivered to the end user without incident.

I think about how our quality of life changes even if we experience an outage for several hours. Ask yourself 'what if I had to go without electricity for weeks?' This isn't a farfetched question. Our electric infrastructure is no doubt a strategic asset to the United States as it is in many countries all around the world. Take a moment and walk yourself through your daily routine and then do it again and count the many steps that would be affected by the loss of electricity. It's hard to imagine an extended period without it.

Annual Meeting successful

Our 81st annual meeting turned out to be a great event. I want to give a big thanks to all those who could attend this year. I enjoyed all the positive

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Wyrulec Company will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day



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Summer office hours have started. Stop in and see us Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 5:00

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comments about the guest speaker and the quality of the meal that was served.

Please keep in mind this is your meeting. The annual meeting is to give the members a report on the condition of their cooperative and the opportunity to ask any questions you might have or to discuss any issues on your mind. The meal and the guest speaker are just a bonus to the business reports.

If you have any recommendations on how we can improve your annual meeting please feel free to give me a call or reach out to one of your board members.

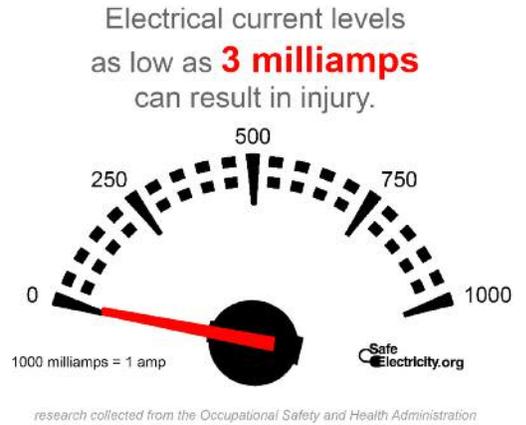
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May is Electrical Safety Month

We use electricity every day. This invisible force has become so commonplace that it can be all too easy to overlook possible electrical hazards, even in the safety of our own homes.

May is Electrical Safety Month, and a good time to put the most important safety tool you have—your brain—to work.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration warns that electrical current levels as low as 3 milliamperes can result in injury. In a 2009 report on electrocutions associated with consumer products, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated an average of 70 fatalities per year (from 2007 to 2009).



The most common product categories associated with these electrocutions were small appliances, large appliances, and power tools.

Knowing what to be on the lookout for and knowing the safe steps to take can make all the difference in preventing accidents. *Duane Hufford* Safe Electricity offers the following home safety tips to help arm you with the knowledge to stay safe and help others stay safe.

- ✦ Always read and understand the operator's manual before using an appliance or tool.
- ✦ Make sure recognized safety laboratories, like UL, ETL, or CSA have certified the electrical appliance, tools, and cords you plan on using.
- ✦ Never use a product with a damaged

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Employee Spotlight ❖❖ Doug Bremer

Q: How long have you lived in Wyoming?

A: 36 years

Q: What did you do before you came to work for Wyrulec?

A: Before Wyrulec, I worked in several areas including telecommunications and construction. I also was employed at an implementation dealership.

Q: What is your job title?

A: I was hired as a groundsman.

Q: What brought you to Wyrulec?

A: I made this career change so I could pursue long-term retirement objectives and to move back to Goshen County for my kids' education opportunities.

Q: Describe your family.

A: My wife Abby works as the Director of Nursing at Banner Health in Wheatland. We have two boys, Remington, 12, and Loudon, 10.

Q: Any hobbies?

A: I love to hunt, fish, and spend time with my family.

Q: Do you have any words of advice?

A: Listen to the stories of the elderly.



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- electrical cord.
- ✦ Never use extension cords on a permanent basis.
- ✦ Only use extension cords properly rated for the devices you plan to plug into it.
- ✦ For the safety of children in your home, install tamper-resistant outlets or protective coverings.
- ✦ If your outlets are warm to the touch, immediately shut them off at the circuit breaker, and contact a qualified electrician to make repairs.
- ✦ Install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCIs) in areas that may be wet or damp. GFCIs help protect

against electrical shock. Use the test and reset button monthly to ensure they are working properly.

- ✦ Never use power tools outdoors if it is raining or the ground is wet.
- ✦ If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

To learn more about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

The Energy Education Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. Established in 1952, the Council serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety. Learn more at:

EnergyEdCouncil.org SafeElectricity.org
 Katherine Collins
EfficiencyResource.org

Great day of appreciation for lineman

Cooperatives nationwide honor the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.

On April 12, 2017, Wyrulec recognized the hard-working men who work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on.

We proudly recognize linemen for the services they perform 24/7 in dangerous conditions to restore power and to keep our communities safe. Take a moment to thank a lineman and show your support for what they do for our communities.

Youth Energy Leadership Camp ❖ July 10-14, 2017

Deadline is fast approaching... **R.S.V.P. by May 20th** to Wyrulec Company

For students who are currently in 9th, 10th or 11th grade

Great food ▲ Kids rule ▲ Leadership is encouraged ▲ Be inside
 ▲ Practice running a business ▲ Dance ▲ Climb a power pole ▲

Camp takes place at Halsey, Nebraska

2017 Youth Energy Leadership Camp RSVP Form

Name _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____ Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Name of parents or guardian _____

Sponsoring rural electric system _____

Efficiency tips for outdoor shops and barns

By MEGHAAN EVANS

Whether you are looking to build a new structure, or make changes to an existing structure, there are many ways you can make your outdoor shop or barn more energy efficient.

If you're building:

- * Location matters. If possible, carefully consider where you build your shop or barn. Consider drainage, sun exposure, and your neighbors.
- * Start with a sustainable design plan which, according to the U.S. General Services Administration, includes the ability to use environmentally prefer-

able products; protect and conserve water; enhance indoor environmental quality; and optimize operational and maintenance practices.

- * Choose efficient building methods. Pole barns offer reliable shelter without costly excavation, concrete foundations or general site disruption.

To upgrade an existing structure:

- * Replace indoor lighting with energy efficient LED bulbs.
- * Ensure your existing structure has adequate insulation levels.
- * Choose outdoor lighting designed

to be energy efficient, and install motion detectors to turn it on.

- * Plant trees around your barn. In colder climates, trees act as a wind-break, and in warmer climates, trees have a natural cooling effect.
- * Consider adding a ceiling fan to circulate air. Typically, there is a 2°F temperature increase for every one-foot increase in ceiling height.

Meghaan Evans writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives. *Marlon Giese*

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Take care. Electricity can travel through any of the items in the list below and, depending on a variety of factors, can cause: nothing, a minor mishap, fire, serious injury, or death. *Terry Scott*

A "/" indicates the words are merely near each other.

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| Air | Tires |
| Augers | Tractor |
| Balloon | Tree/trunk |
| Cows | Branches/of dead/
tree |
| Horse | Car/with/tires |
| Kite/string | Irrigation/pipe |
| School/bus | Person you're/
standing/next to |
| Shrubs | Rubber/glove |
| Smoke | The ground/you're/
standing on |
| Snow | |
| Swather | |

Puzzle Prizes

Name: _____

How should we contact you / contact info: _____

adult child

Mail entries to:

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

or drop them off at:

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

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

May Day celebration

Did you miss May Day? It's never too late to deliver colored baskets of goodies to your friends and neighbors. If you find your name in this collection of safety tips and cooperative news, let your Wyrulec Company front desk people know. Call just at 307-837-2225. We'll arrange for you to get a \$25 bill credit. Who knows how many May baskets you can fill and deliver with the extra cushion in your budget.

