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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Your cooperative is a proud member of these fine organizations



Plan to attend March 29th Annual Meeting

We hope you plan to attend the annual meeting to be held the evening of March 29th. This will be the cooperative's 82nd annual meeting, and it will be held at the Rendezvous Center in Torrington.

Registration starts at 4:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Our scheduled guest speaker will be presenting during dinner. The business meeting will start promptly after the guest speaker's presentation.

This year our guest speaker will be weather meteorologist Don Day, of the DayWeather Radio Network.

Don will be speaking on weather and drought patterns, and will keep us informed on what kind of weather patterns we can expect for the upcoming planting and harvesting seasons, and also in the long-range future. *Jared Klein*

In addition to the financial and annual reports, we will be announcing the recipients of the 2018 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship, Tri-State G&T Scholarships, and the Wyrulec Company Scholastic and Trade Scholarships.

We hope to see you there!

Annual meeting guest speaker

President and meteorologist Don Day, Jr. started DayWeather, Inc., soon after graduating from the University of Wyoming in 1992. The DayWeather Radio Network began operations by providing a group of 14 radio stations across Wyoming, Colorado, and western Nebraska with customized local weather broadcasts.



Don Day, Jr.

Photo courtesy Don Day, Jr.

This network was part of the first group of private weather companies that provided broadcast services to radio stations on a barter basis. Since then, the network has grown to nearly 80 radio stations in four states across the Rocky

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Mountain West and High Plains.

Don loves the challenge of forecasting weather in this region. His experience as a hot air balloon pilot and the world of lighter-than-air aviation has led to his involvement in many stratospheric projects such as Red Bull Stratos and Stratex *Cody Isom*.

DayWeather has provided advertisers with a great vehicle to market their products and messages. In addition to providing broadcast services to radio stations, DayWeather also provides customized weather forecast services for construction, aviation, agriculture, highway weather forecasting for departments of transportation, and high altitude (stratosphere) forecasting services for commercial, government, and military projects.

—courtesy of DayWeather.com

Hat's Off!

Congratulations to Deaver Arrants, Wyrulec Company's Line Superintendent, on achieving a Supervisory Certificate from NRECA. Good job, Deaver!

Irrigation services & upgrades

If you are planning to install a new pivot or upgrade an existing motor associated with your irrigation service, please remember to contact us at Wyrulec, stop in or call 307-837-2225 or 800-628-5266.

We offer several rebates on new motors that could lower the cost of your installation. We also want to make sure—if you are upgrading a service and adding additional load—that we have the right infrastructure in place to service that load.

Please see the list below that outlines the rebates available to our members. In addition to the \$8/hp from Tri-State, Wyrulec will add an additional \$1/hp on top of that. If you bring your receipts in to us we will do all the work associated with applying for and receiving your rebate for you.

Irrigation Motor Program: Rebate of \$8/ hp, plus an additional \$1.50/hp wiring assistance if the motor is a new installation or replaces a fossil-fueled engine.

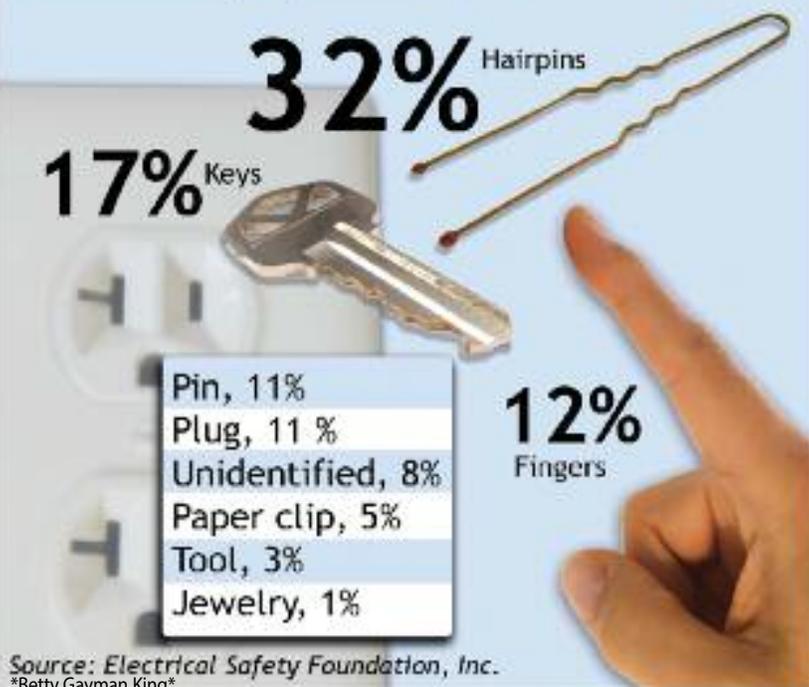
- * Motor sizes 10 to 500 hp
- * Operating at minimum of 15% load factor or 3 months per year
- * Rebate applies to the installation of new units (not re-wound or moved from another location) that are purchased or leased
- * There are minimum efficiency standards required

Variable Speed Drive Retrofit: Incentives are on a sliding scale from \$1,600 to \$6,800.

- * Motors from 25hp and up
- * Program includes irrigation, farm, commercial, and industrial uses
- * Only for retrofits to existing installations, no new or maintenance replacements
- * Cap of 50% of the VSD equipment costs
- * Per project cap of \$20,000 in rebates

Objects Commonly Placed in Electrical Outlets

Every year 2,400 children are injured after inserting household objects into electrical outlets. These are the most common objects placed in outlets:



Youth Energy Leadership Camp July 9-13

Each year Wyrulec accepts applications from area high school students to attend the NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, Neb. There is no cost to the participants for camp expenses or transportation.

Applicants are required to live in the household of a member or employee of Wyrulec Company, and, by the date of the camp, they must have completed 9th, 10th, or 11th grade.

The State 4-H camp is located in the

Halsey National Forest, near Halsey, Neb. Recreational activities at the camp include basketball, volleyball, and canoeing. Students from Nebraska and Wyoming will be joined by

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adult counselors who are employees of rural electric systems donating their time and talents to the camp. Junior counselors, who are past attendees of the camp, are also present.

This popular five-day camp is set up

to give young people a better understanding of the legislative process, electric power generation, and the rural electric program. The program's goal is to challenge participants educationally, recreationally, and socially. A highlight of the camp involves a tour of the Kingsley Hydro Station at Lake McConaughy and Gerald Gentleman Station, a coal-fired power plant at Sutherland, Neb.

Applications can be picked up at Wyrulec or downloaded from our website at Wyrulec.com, under the Youth Programs tab. Applications are due at Wyrulec by May 18th.

Wyoming winds get rolling



On Wednesday, February 14, winds were gusting over 60 mph. This empty oil tank west of Veteran blew over and rolled almost four miles, taking out barbed wire fences along the way, and finally stopping after it took out four of Wyrulec's poles.

Don't worry, the Wyrulec crew had the poles replaced and the wire strung before the end of the day!

This is a great example of the crew at your cooperative doing a fantastic job of keeping the lights on.



Be prepared for ice storms and winter power outages

Assembling supplies before a storm arrives is one of the keys to weathering a winter storm emergency. Make sure your supply kit includes:

- * Flashlights with fresh batteries.
- * Matches for lighting gas stoves or clean-burning heaters.
- * Wood for a properly ventilated fireplace.
- * First aid kit, prescription medicines, and baby supplies.
- * Food that can be kept in coolers and a manual can opener.
- * A corded telephone

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and/or fully charged cellular phone.

- * Bottled drinking water.
- * Battery-powered emergency lights and radio.

Maintaining warmth is a priority during a winter storm. Loss of body heat or hypothermia can be

life threatening.

- * Stay inside and dress warmly in layered clothing.
- * Close off unneeded rooms.
- * When using an alternate heat source, follow operating instructions, use fire safeguards, and

be sure to properly ventilate.

- * Stuff towels and rags underneath doors to keep the heat in.
- * Cover windows at night.
- * Keep a close eye on the temperature in your home. Infants and people over the age of 65 are more susceptible to the cold. You may want to stay with friends or relatives or go to a shelter if you cannot keep your home warm.

Knowing how to keep your home and loved ones safe is also important:

- * Switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on as a signal for when your power returns.
- * To prevent water pipes from freezing, keep faucets turned on slightly so that water drips from the tap. Know how to shut off water valves just in case a pipe bursts.
- * Never use a charcoal grill to cook with or to heat inside the home. Burning charcoal gives off deadly carbon monoxide gas. Charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.

When outside, stay away from downed power lines.

- * A power line does not need to be sparking or arcing to be energized, even if it is sagging close to or on the ground. Be aware that other utility lines can also become energized by being in contact with an electrical line.
- * Lines that appear to be "dead" can become energized as crews work to restore power or, sometimes, from improper use of emergency generators. Assume all low and downed lines are energized and dangerous. If you see a downed or sagging line, contact your utility.
- * Motorists should never drive over a downed line as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment and cause other hazards.
- * Be careful when approaching intersections where traffic or crossing lights may be out.

If you plan to use a generator, know how to operate it safely.

—Courtesy of safeelectricity.org

If you see your name in these pages, contact Wyrulec Company at 307-837-2225 for your \$25 bill credit! Call 307-837-2225 to collect.

DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.**
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.**
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.**

Isaac Eisenbarth

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.