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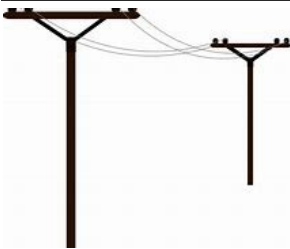
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**ALONG THESE LINES . . .**



***YOUTH TOUR WINNER IS CHOSEN***

A Forsyth High School student has been selected as one of 32 Montana winners of an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C., courtesy of Mid-Yellowstone Electric Cooperative. This is the 22nd year that MYEC has sponsored a winner for the Youth Tour program.

Jacob Fay, son of Steve and Molly Fay, will tour the nation's capital in June as part of the "Youth to Washington" Tour sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The Montana youth will join more than 1,900 students from 40 states.

Fay's essay was one of six essays submitted to MYEC by eligible students in the service area who wrote on the topic: "If you could have dinner with one prominent Washington, D.C. figure, whether from the present or past, who would that person be and why? What would you ask them?"

Watch for a future *Rural Montana* to see Jacob's essay written about Jackie Kennedy and her influence on the United States.



***READING OF THE NEW AMR METERS***

As has been written in a past *Rural Montana* article, the best thing about the new AMR meters is that they do not have to be read by the members. MYEC receives readings from the AMR meters every day at 9:30 which is actually a reading from the previous day. However, we understand that some of our members still want to read their meters to keep track of their usage, and the meters are rather easy to read. Readings pop up for amps, voltage, usage, demand and also a row of eights. The usage reading will pop up right after the row of 8's, and it won't have a period in the reading as the other various readings may have.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# Your Cooperative will read non-AMR meters this month.

## Take a break!



### THANK A LINEMAN!

*National Lineman  
Appreciation Day  
is  
Thursday, April 18*

The meter reading booklets will be mailed out next month to those without AMR meters. If we miss you, let us know!

#### Tips to Save Energy in the Spring—

- ◆ Service your air conditioner. Clean your air conditioner's evaporator coil annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.
- ◆ Install window treatments. Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise.
- ◆ Seal ducts. Sealing and insulating ducts can go a long way toward lowering your electric bills.

Source: *Internet*

#### Remember to change those filters!

Look to your home's heating system to find ways to cut costs—especially those dollars spent on energy. One of the most important components of your heating system is the filter. If the dirt and dust are allowed to accumulate for an extended time, the movement of air is impaired and the heating system must run longer to keep you comfortable. A clean filter can save you money on heating costs. It is recommended that you change or clean the filters in your heating system once a month. This is a small expense when you consider the added comfort and reduced operating cost.

### ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING SOLAR PANELS?

MYEC recognizes that its members may want to take advantage of alternative on-site generation sources. Solar power's renewable, eco-friendly supply of energy isn't the only factor to consider when deciding to transition your household to a solar system. Some pros would be: renewable energy, reduced electric bill, energy independence, increased home resale value, long term savings, and low maintenance. Some cons would be: the upfront cost of installation, dependance on sunlight, space constraints, solar energy storage is expensive, installation can be difficult, and environmental impact of manufacturing and disposing panels.

Because every one of our members' homes are different, each member thinking about using solar power will have to consider these important factors:

1. Will the upfront cost be worth the long-term investment?
2. Do I have sufficient sunlight in my location?
3. How is the panel wiring going to be tied into my home?
4. Do I have sufficient space for all of the panels and wiring that are needed?
5. Do I have the proper storage area for the lithium-ion solar battery system?

MYEC encourages it's members to do their research, and speak with a few solar panel suppliers. Also, you should call the office or go online to get a copy of MYEC Policy 504A-Net Metering Policy <10kW or Policy 504B Interconnection for Small Generation 10kW to 50kW. In the case that you choose to still be interconnected to MYEC, an application is included with the Policy.