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OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

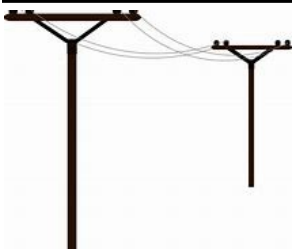
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**MID-YELLOWSTONE
ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**



OFFICE PERSONNEL
Jason Brothen.....Manager
Marj Cunningham.....Office Mgr
Karen Morales.....Billing Clerk
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Ken Rolandson....Operations Mgr
Daren Reeder.....Lineman
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RETIREMENT OF CAPITAL CREDITS

Your Board of Directors approved a retirement of capital credits to be paid before the end of this year. The years that were retired are 1996-1997. For our active members who were members during either of those two years, you may have noticed on your November bill statement that you received a credit on your account as payment for those retired capital credits—unless you contacted the office ahead of time to say you would prefer a check, as was noted to do on your October bill statement. Budget bill accounts and some larger corporations will be receiving their retired amounts by check in the middle of this month. Inactive-former members will also receive their payment by check.

This is a good time to remind our members that if you do move away from our system, you need to keep your address updated with us so that when future general retirements are processed we have a valid address to send a check to. Be watching in a later issue for a list of members of whom we no longer have an address for, or who may be deceased and we are looking for family members to contact.

TIPS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

- **Use Automatic Timers.** Preset your decorative lights to turn on and off with an energy-efficient timer. Timers can save a significant amount of energy over the holiday season and save on your electric bill.
- **Connect Your Lights To The Smart Technology In Your Home.** If you use a smart home device such as Google Home or Amazon Alexa Devices, connect your lights to them with a smart plug. This makes it easy and convenient to turn them on and off with just the sound of your voice.
- **Choose LED Lights.** Incandescent light bulbs are a thing of the past and use up a lot of energy. When choosing holiday lights, go with LED.
- **Space Out Your Bulbs.** Choose a light string where the bulbs are spaced out. It makes it easier to wrap with these types of strings, but also fewer bulbs use less energy usage.
- **Purchase Backup Bulbs.** Parallel circuits are fairly common in most energy-efficient strings lights. A parallel circuit means that each bulb has its own path to the battery source. If a bulb burns out, it won't affect the other bulbs and the others will continue to stay lit. You may have some lights that are in a series, so if one burns out, they all do. Keep some extra bulbs on hand even just for aesthetic purposes.
- **Use Extension Cords To Lengthen Light Strands.** Save space and use an extension cord to connect lights to the outlet without using another string light. Extension cords use less energy than another string light does.

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A STOCKING STUFFER FOR YOU...

For your new year, stop by and pick up a handy pocket calendar. Use it for mileage records, feeding records, labor records, weather records, or just a log of your upcoming events.



ATTENTION STUDENTS!

High school seniors and college undergrads may apply for a \$500 scholarship available through the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.

Applications are due January 25, 2024

High school seniors and college undergrads may apply for a \$1000 scholarship that will be awarded by Basin Electric Power Cooperative to a dependent of an MYEC member.

Applications are due January 25, 2024

MYEC will award two scholarships based on the MECA Memorial Scholarship applications, one for \$1,000 and one for \$500. Get your MECA application, transcripts and letters of reference to MYEC by January 25, 2024 in order to be eligible for these two scholarships.

Go to our website at myec.coop under Services/Scholarship to download these applications and see all of the scholarship opportunities given by Mid-Yellowstone Electric Cooperative, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association and Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Trustee Election Process Begins in December

Many of us don't think about the process of electing our Board of Trustees until we arrive at the annual meeting. But **the procedure actually begins at the December board meeting when the trustees appoint members to serve on a nominating committee.**

These people then meet to prepare a list of nominees to fill the expired terms. The number of expired terms varies with two trustees completing their terms one year, two trustees the next, and then three trustees the following year.

May members who are not on the nominating committee submit nominations for the trustee positions? Yes, a procedure is provided for such action.

The entire procedure for election of trustees is detailed in the bylaws of the Cooperative. Article IV, Section 3, states: "It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 120 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eleven members who shall be selected from different districts of Mid-Yellowstone Electric's service territory so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the board of trustees may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office

of the Cooperative at least 20 days before the meeting a list of nominations for trustees; any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by

petition not less than 45 days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall cause such nominations to be posted at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall be responsible for the mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of trustees to be elected and the names and districts of the candidates. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this

The trustee's role in a cooperative is:

- To act as a trustee for the membership's interest in the cooperative.
- To establish policies and procedures for the effective operation of the cooperative.
- To review and approve annual work plans and budgets.
- To receive periodic reports for conformity with the cooperative's objectives, plans and programs.

section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of trustees."

With these provisions for nomination by petition, the members of Mid-Yellowstone can feel that they really do have a voice in the election of trustees. Plan to attend the MYEC Annual Meeting in March and vote your preference.

The districts which are up for election this year are: District #4 (Howard/Upper Rosebud Creek); and District #7 (Rural Hysham/North).