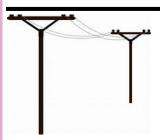


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MYEC HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Mid-Yellowstone Electric held it's 86th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 19th at the Hysham High School Multi-purpose Room at 6:00 p.m.

During the meeting, members heard reports from their President, Tim Fulton, and CEO, Jason Brothen.

MYEC lineman, Brent Battenfeld, had recently returned from a two week trip to Guatemala where he and other chosen linemen from Montana donated their time to provide power to some of the Guatemalan people. The trip was part of the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association International project that sends linemen out to third world countries to build and bring electricity to their communities. Brent joined with Jason in a question and answer session, as well as a picture slide show to learn more about Brent's trip-of-a-lifetime. Brent talked about the inconvenience of only having one pickup truck for the whole project, and it was mainly used to help pull up the wire. Because of the rough and hilly area, a drone was used to fly string across difficult terrain. Spans of wire may reach a little over 800 feet, compared to 300 feet on MYEC 's system. With the help of interpreters, safety was the top priority while working there. According to Brent, when the electricity reached the school house and a few residences, it was a great feeling of accomplishment to see the joy and excitement of the children and other recipients.

John Cunningham was recognized for completing his Apprentice Lineworker requirements and now being a Journeyman Lineman.

Scholarship winners were announced. Winners of the MYEC Scholarships, chosen from the MECA applications, were: \$1,000 Meryssa Price and \$500 Jacob Fay, both from Forsyth. Meryssa's application was sent on to MECA to be considered at the state level. Basin Electric Power Cooperative \$1,000 scholarship winner was Mariska Fulton, from Forsyth. Meryssa Price and Jacob Fay were the recipients of the two \$1,000 Luck of the Draw Scholarships given at the annual meeting.

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MYEC'S 86TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS (cont.)

Winner of the 2024 Youth Tour to Washington D.C., Jacob Fay, gave an enjoyable presentation of the trip he took last summer. Abigayle Fay, from Forsyth, was announced as the winner of the 2025 Youth Tour to Washington D.C. essay contest. She will travel there in June along with other Montana Cooperative essay winners. Watch for her essay to be printed in a later issue of *Rural Montana*.

Door prizes were drawn during the evening. Before the meeting, dinner was served to the members by Melissa Williams McPherson and her crew from the Forsyth Country Club.

