

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Steve Nile, President.....District 4
Joe Schiffer, V.P.....District 5
Arlo Jensen, Sec.-Treas.....District 1
Jim DeCock.....District 7
Tim Fulton.....District 6
Tami Kimball.....District 2
Richard Pinkerton.....District 3

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

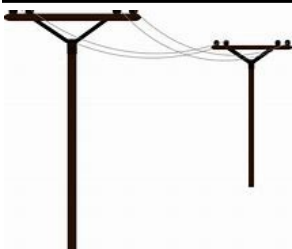
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**MID-YELLOWSTONE
ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**



OFFICE PERSONNEL
Jason Brothen.....Manager
Marj Cunningham.....Office Mgr
Karen Morales.....Billing Clerk
Amy Robbins.....Cust. Serv. Rep.
LINE PERSONNEL
Ken Rolandson....Operations Mgr
Rick Lewis.....Foreman
Daren Reeder.....Lineman
Trent Perkins.....Lineman
Shane Freese.....Lineman
John Cunningham...Appr.Lineman

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ALONG THESE LINES . . .



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 were 1989-1991. For our active members who were members during any of those three 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, try to keep contacting us with your current address so that when general retirements are processed we have a valid address to send a check. Be watching later for a list of members of whom we no longer have an address for, or who may be deceased but you know someone who is a relative to that former member.

10 CHRISTMAS LIGHT SAFETY TIPS

1. Never leave your lights on unattended
2. Consider using LED lights instead of incandescent lights
3. Be careful of where you place candles
4. Indoor and outdoor lights are not interchangeable
5. Only use three light strands per outlet
6. Get rid of old lights
7. Securely fasten all outdoor light strings
8. Avoid using electric lights on metallic trees
9. Be smart when using extension cords
10. Keep your Christmas tree from becoming a fire hazard

Whether you go big or small with your Christmas decorations this season, protecting your home and family should be your number one priority. Have a happy and secure holiday. *Source: Internet*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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, 2022

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 a MYEC member.

Applications are due January 25, 2022

Go to our website at myec.coop under Services/Scholarship to download these applications and see additional scholarship opportunities given by Mid-Yellowstone Electric Cooperative

A Christmas Gift Idea...

Have you ever thought that a **gift certificate for electricity** would be a good gift idea for someone on your Christmas list? We have certificates ready if you want to give to, or help out, that special friend or neighbor during the holiday season. You can mail us a check or stop by the office, and we would be happy to convert your dollars into a gift.

Trustee Election Process Began in November

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 began at the November board meeting when the trustees appointed members to serve on a nominating committee.**

These people will 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 elected from different geographic sections of the project area 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 Coop-

erative 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 15 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 addresses of the candidates, specifying separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and also the nominations made by petition,

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.

if any. **Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations from the floor at the meeting of the members.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of trustees."

With these provisions for nomination by petition or nomination from the floor, 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.