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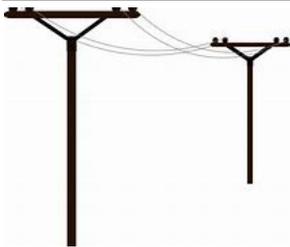
**MID-YELLOWSTONE  
ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**



**OFFICE PERSONNEL**  
Jason Brothen.....Manager  
Marj Cunningham.....Office Mgr  
Karen Morales.....Billing Clerk  
Amy Robbins.....Cust. Serv. Rep.

**LINE PERSONNEL**  
Ken Rolandson.....Foreman  
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**ALONG THESE LINES . . .**

*By Jason Brothen*



**COOPERATIVE UPDATE**

What a strange year 2020 has been as we enter the halfway point. Our daily lives have taken a turn where we must think about every common task and evaluate the risk.

At MYEC we have been forced to think this way and are still looking at ways to protect our employees and membership, without disrupting the electric service we provide. The electric grid across the US is vital to our survival. Many state and federal agencies were concerned about the cooperatives across the country. What if employees were exposed to the COVID-19 and unable to work? This would leave our electric grid vulnerable in many ways. Because of this we have, and still are taking measures to reduce that risk at all costs.

Cancelling the annual meeting in March was something we did not take lightly. Actions by our government and state and federal health officials made it impossible for us to hold a meeting. Due to this, I am going to give you a quick update on some topics that were slated for the annual meeting report.

We have continued with the asset collection, GIS mapping and pole replacement project. If you recall two years ago, we hired a contractor to update the mapping and assets on our system. Over the two years, different crews have been walking or driving along the facilities we own to collect data. At the same time they have been testing poles; and our crews have been replacing the poles rejected in the test. They will continue again this year with a hope that we can wrap up the mapping and GIS project by the end of 2020. Our pole replacement will be an ongoing system maintenance project every year.

Another part of maintenance is tree trimming. During the winter we concentrate on clearance issues from vegetation along our distribution and transmission lines. With the good weather this past winter, we were able to patrol a large portion of the service territory and clear areas where trees caused blinks or outages.

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*COOPERATIVE UPDATE continued*

What does our to-do list look like? It has been many years since the cooperative last did any kind of meter change program. We are currently evaluating a new kind of meter system that will help us with billing, outages, and identifying issues within our system.

There are also numerous areas where we will have to upgrade the distribution and transmission system to maintain reliability. A lot of the work will hinge on the weather and if Mother Nature will cooperate with us.

I would like to discuss a topic that our members don't hear a lot about: The safety culture at the cooperative. Our goal is to provide safe, reliable power at the most cost-effective price. SAFETY is our number one goal. Our cooperative over the past two years has been engaged with a national safety program which gives us a scorecard on how we are performing. I am happy to report the cooperative employees are doing a very nice job performing work in the safest manner. There is always room for improvement and ways we can learn from other coops.

This past year the safety committee, which is made up of employees, decided to conduct a mock emergency response scenario. This demonstration was the first ever at the cooperative and the planning was intense. Many of you may have witnessed this or even been part of the demonstration. Our goal was to bring together all the emergency responders under one scenario and act out the roles each play. We then evaluate the process and learn from it. I want to thank the community and county people for agreeing to work with us and put this together. Without the teamwork of everyone, this event would not happen. More importantly, if there is ever a real-life situation the teamwork will have to be in place to respond. As members you should feel comfortable and be proud that your cooperative is doing everything possible to keep everyone safe.

Please do not hesitate to communicate any question, comment, or concern to myself or the staff. I hope everyone has a great summer.

**RETIREMENT OF PATTI LANG  
BRINGS AMY ROBBINS TO THE  
COOPERATIVE**

Patti Lang (left) became the Cashier for MYEC in March of 2011. Patti was more than just the gal at the front desk collecting the receivables; she was the voice of the Coop as she helped members to get signed up, worked with them to get their bills paid and was the communicator between the members and the linemen. She assisted with the preparation of Board material for the Directors, entered outage reports and had many other duties. Patti was very active in the community, especially with her singing talent, as she performed during the first three Hysham StreetFests, and created new words to songs for the enjoyment of some of her special friends.

Patti and her husband, Vern, have moved back to the Musselshell area to be closer to two of their grandchildren and other family members. We wish them a very happy retirement!

Amy Robbins (right) now joins us at the Coop. She is coming here from Billings, but grew up in the Bitterroot Valley. While she is quickly catching on to the MYEC billing system, she is also showing us her vast knowledge of social media and computer skills in general. Amy has several years of experience as an event planner, and looks forward to helping out with MYEC events, as well as community happenings. You may see her and her Boston Terrier, Gus, walking around town or having fun in the park. Amy enjoys taking pictures while she is out in nature and when she is watching her two granddaughters during their rodeo events and other activities. We are very happy to have Amy on our team!

