

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Kevan Kimball, Pres. Myers/Big Horn
Steve Nile, V. Pres. Howard Flat
Arlo Jensen, Sec.-Treas. Town of Hysham
Joe Schiffer. Rosebud/Cartersville
Jim DeCock. Hysham Rural
Tim Fulton. Ingomar/Hammond
Richard Pinkerton. Sarpy

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

406-342-5521

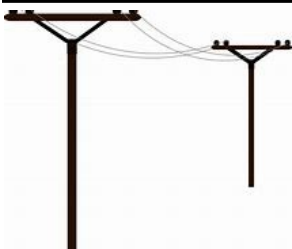
**MID-YELLOWSTONE
ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**



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

LINE PERSONNEL
Ken Rolandson. Foreman
Rick Lewis. Sub Foreman
Daren Reeder. Lineman
Trent Perkins. Lineman
Shane Freese. Lineman
Ilya Jankunas. Appr. Lineman
John Cunningham. Appr. Lineman

P.O. BOX 386, HYSHAM, MT 59038



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. At their October meeting they will have decided on the years that will be paid out; however, this November issue was published before the October meeting was held. What can be announced is that for most of MYEC's active members, of whom were members during the chosen years, the retired amount will be credited to your account. When you receive your November bill statement, check to see if you received a credit. Some budget bill members and some larger corporations will receive their retired amounts by check. 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 to.

A REMINDER ABOUT IDLE SERVICES

During line inspection and pole replacements, occasionally our line crew will find an electric line that is idle—not being used. MYEC will not replace any poles or maintain any electric line that is idle. If you are a member that has an electric line on your property that is not being used, you need to be aware that the line will be removed at MYEC's earliest convenience. If you would like to keep the line, then you need to contact our office so we can determine the cost to rebuild the line. Once MYEC has determined the cost, the member will probably need to sign a contract for service and begin making monthly payments. Other financial obligations may also be required.

The cost of replacing power poles on idle lines is too expensive and unnecessary.

Watch for scholarship information in the next December issue

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

FIRE AWARENESS

With all of the fires that have, and still are, destroying homes across our country, here are a few tips that may help to prevent your home from burning up in a fire:

- ⇒ Have a **qualified** electrician do all electrical work.
- ⇒ To prevent an electrical shock, make sure all your outside electrical receptacles are **GFCI** (ground-fault circuit interrupter) protected.
- ⇒ Use lighting and power tools that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and make sure they are made for **outdoor** use.
- ⇒ **Store** your electrical tools indoors.
- ⇒ Keep electric tools away from **children**.
- ⇒ **Keep** the area around your electric meter and other electrical equipment clear.
- ⇒ **Check** lighting and extension cords for damage before using. **Replace** any damaged cords right away.
- ⇒ Use **extension cords** that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and are marked for outdoor use.
- ⇒ **Clear** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- ⇒ **Remove** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- ⇒ Screen in areas below patios and decks with **wire mesh** to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- ⇒ **Remove** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- ⇒ Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **Prune** trees so the lowest branches are 6 or 10 feet from the ground.
- ⇒ Keep your lawn **hydrated** and **maintained**. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- ⇒ Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. **Dispose** of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- ⇒ Inspect shingles or roof tiles. **Replace** or **repair** the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- ⇒ **Cover** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- ⇒ **Enclose** eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.

HOLIDAYS IN HYSHAM

Friday, December 4

See you there!

Manage Your Account



Use SmartHub to...

- Pay Your Bill
- Check Your Energy Usage
- Set Up Auto Bank Drafts
- Update Account Info
- Contact Member Services

Safe, secure & fast!

Call 1-844-344-4363 to
pay your bill by phone



IN CASE OF OUTAGE:

Day or Night

CALL
406-342-5521
or 888-392-5521

BEFORE YOU CALL...

1. Check all breakers and fuses in the building.
2. Check the breakers below your meter.
3. Check to see if your neighbors have power.

NOVEMBER 2020