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Manager's Message

Hello Everyone, _____ *by Darick Eisenbraun*



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NEW DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING.....

The 22nd Annual Meeting will be held in the Fremont Center Building at the Riverton Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 17, 2021.

MORE TO COME.....

INTRODUCTION

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you, our member-owners. My name is Darick Eisenbraun and I have been hired by the High Plains Power, Inc. Board of Directors as the Chief Executive Officer. I was born and raised in a small town in western South Dakota and went on to attend Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota. My wife and I met our sophomore year of college, and we married after graduation. We were both fortunate to find jobs in the Spearfish area, and last spring we welcomed our first baby daughter, Collins.

I began my career in the cooperative family in 2015 with Butte Electric Cooperative. During my time with Butte Electric, I was fortunate enough to be able to see and do many things within the cooperative including member services, strategic planning, system

planning, and finance, to name a few. Like many of you, our cooperative employees are asked to wear many hats, and through those experiences we can grow and find ways to better serve you, our member-owners. I cannot express how excited I am to be able to lead this great team at High Plains and work along with the Board to better serve you, our members. I look forward to meeting many of you in the future!

Annual Meeting POSTPONED

During the December 2020 board meeting, the Board of Directors took action to postpone the annual meeting from March 20th to Saturday, July 17th in hopes that COVID-19 will have passed and allow us to host a traditional annual meeting. Stay tuned in the months to come for updates on the annual meeting and other things taking place at YOUR electric cooperative.



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2021 Scholarship Program

High Plains Power in partnership with Tri-State Generation and Basin Electric Power Cooperative will be awarding \$1000 college scholarships this spring. These scholarships are intended to encourage the continued higher education of the youth of your cooperative.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be current members of High Plains Power or the dependents of current members, or the dependents of persons receiving electricity from High Plains Power to their primary residence through a current membership in another name. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors planning to enroll as full-time students in the 2021 fall semester at any university, college or certified vocational/technical school. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have a high school grade point average or equivalent of 2.5 or higher. Applicants must submit the required

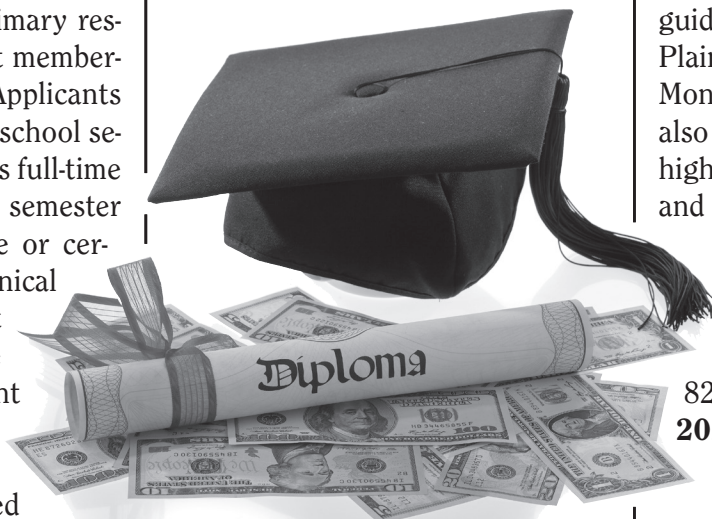
information and completed application form no later than **March 15, 2021.**

HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

Award of scholarship is based on the following criteria:

- grade point average
- work experiences
- activities
- educational and career goals
- written recommendations

A High Plains Power selection committee will make the final selection.



WHAT ARE THE RECIPIENTS' OBLIGATIONS?

Scholarship recipients must remain as full-time students during the semesters for which the scholarships are awarded. Other than payment of the scholarships, High Plains Power, Tri-State Generation and Basin Electric Power assume no obligations or liabilities.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

To apply applicants must meet the required criteria and complete the application forms, which can be obtained from their high school guidance office, or from High Plains Power located at 1775 E Monroe, Riverton WY. You may also go to our website at www.highplainspower.org to download and print the application.

Completed applications must be received at High Plains Power's Riverton office, PO Box 713, Riverton, WY 82501, no later than **March 15, 2021.**

Cooperative Principal #7 —Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

Photo below: (L) Dubois Line Foreman Doug Cooley (R) Journeyman Lineman Nick Vermeire



Congratulations to Nick Vermeire of Dubois. Nick recently completed his apprenticeship with High Plains Power. He began his journey with HPP in 2016 as a groundman and then moved into an apprentice lineman position.

After completing the Merchant Program and over 8000 hours of on-the-job training he is now a Journeyman Lineman. WAY TO GO NICK!!

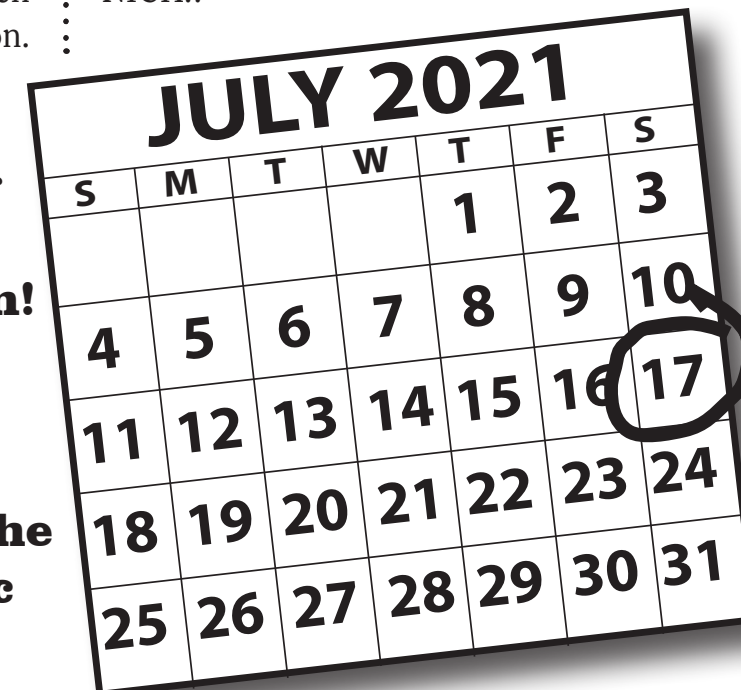
High School Sophomores/Juniors

High School Sophomores and Juniors—Completed applications for the 2021 Youth Leadership Camp in Colorado must be received by the High Plains Power Riverton office no later than March 5, 2021. Information, applications, and a short camp video are available on our website at www.highplainspower.org.

If you have any questions about this camp or our scholarship program contact Angie Wallace at Awallace@highplainspower.org or call 307-856-9426 or 1-800-445-0613.



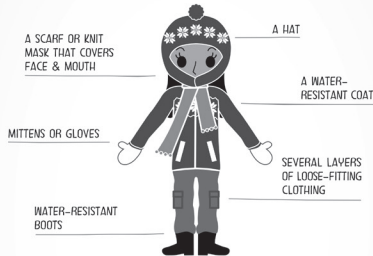
Mark your calendars for the 22nd Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, in Riverton! Come visit with friends, enjoy a meal, vote for director representation and get informed about the business of YOUR electric cooperative.



***** AVOID *****

When the weather is extremely cold, try to stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and know who is at **high risk** for **hypothermia** or **frostbite**.

When going outside be sure to wear:



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.



Know who is at high risk:



***** SPOT *****

FROSTBITE

A vesicle is often a warning of frostbite because frozen tissue is rising.



Signs & Symptoms
- Redness or pain in any skin area may be the first sign of frostbite.
Other signs include:
- a white or grayish yellow skin area
- skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
- numbness

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often occurs in very cold temperatures, but can occur in cool temperatures (above 40°F), if a person is wet from rain, sweat or cold water and becomes chilled.



Signs & Symptoms
Adults:
- shivering
- exhaustion
- confusion
- fumbling hands
- memory loss
- altered speech
- drowsiness
Infants:
- bright red, cold skin
- very low energy

If a person's temperature is below 95° get medical attention immediately.

AVOID * SPOT * TREAT
FROSTBITE & HYPOTHERMIA

In cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced, which can lead to serious health problems.

***** TREAT *****

If a person is experiencing hypothermia or frostbite...



FROSTBITE CAUTION

Since skin may be numb, victims of frostbite can harm themselves further. Use caution when treating frostbite and:



<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/index.asp>



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