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## Manager's Message

*Hello Everyone,* \_\_\_\_\_ *by Darick Eisenbraun*



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New Annual Meeting format!  
 Mother's Day—May 9th  
 Memorial Day—May 31st  
 Father's Day—June 20th

I know many of you are just like me, and excited to get out and enjoy the vast beauty that the state of Wyoming has to offer. And while we all look forward to the long weekends that the summer holidays provide us, we must never forget those who sacrificed it all, so that we would be able to enjoy the freedoms that we do today. So as Memorial Day quickly approaches and signifies the unofficial start of summer, I hope you all will join me in taking a moment to stop and remember those that gave their lives fighting to protect our great country!

At High Plains Power, we are grateful to have veterans within our ranks, and we are proud to serve veterans and their families within our local community. In addition to providing safe, reliable, and affordable energy, we care for the veteran community and show our appreciation through our actions and ongoing commitment to them and their families.

We are not alone in our efforts to honor and serve veterans. High Plains Power is part of a network of more than 900 electric cooperatives across the country that support and honor our

nation's veterans of all generations. As part of our national association of electric cooperatives, spanning 48 states and serving 13% of U.S. consumers, there are countless programs that our family of electric co-ops has initiated.

At the national level, we support the Vets Power Us program, which is aimed at employing and honoring veterans, active military and their spouses. This effort helps veterans understand potential career paths with electric co-ops and in turn, provides co-ops with best practices in attracting, onboarding and retaining veterans.

Not only do we pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 7th, and Armed Forces Day on May 15th.

High Plains Power is proud to be a part of the electric cooperative network that honors and supports veterans of all ages, ranks and branches of the military. Please join us in taking a moment to show your appreciation to a veteran--not just this month, but every month.



# The POWER of Co-op Membership

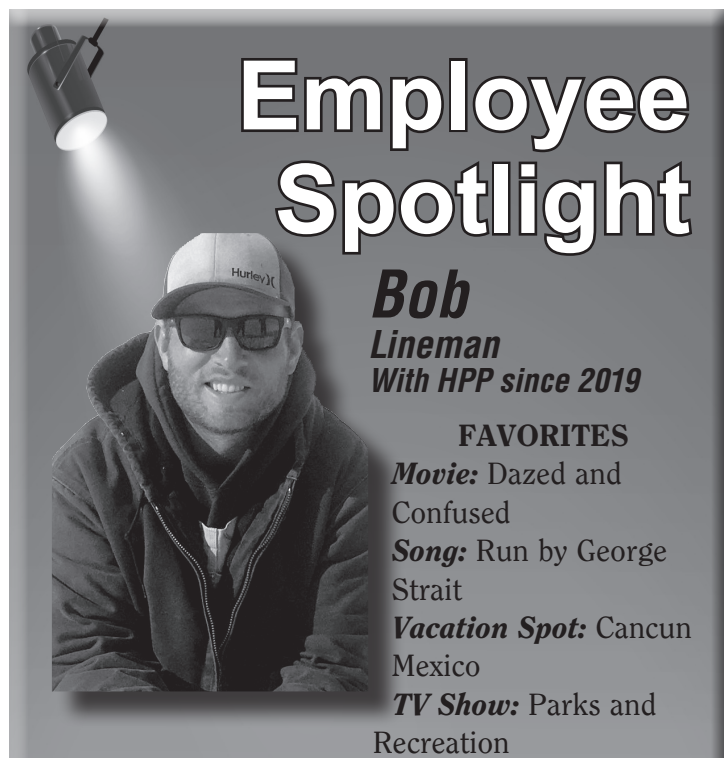
## 2021 Annual Meeting

The 22nd Annual Meeting of High Plains Power will look a little different this year. The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Riverton Rendezvous weekend. We will have a booth set up Friday, July 16th at the Friday Night Cruise on Main Street in Riverton, and will be taking registrations from 5pm-7pm. Come on down and check out the cars and bikes on Main Street and visit with High Plains Power. When you register you will receive a raffle ticket, swag bag and \$10 Energy Credit. Then on Saturday, July 17th the Annual Meeting continues at the Fremont Center, located at 1010 Fairgrounds Rd, in Riverton. Registration will be open from 8am-9am followed by the Business Meeting from 9am-11:30am.

Friday night come on down and check out the cars and bikes on Main Street and visit with High Plains Power.

Saturday morning come to the Fremont Center, hear what High Plains Power has been up to, vote for your Board of Directors, and then enjoy lunch on us while taking in the rest of the Rendezvous weekend.

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER!**



# Employee Spotlight

**Bob Lineman**  
With HPP since 2019

**FAVORITES**  
**Movie:** Dazed and Confused  
**Song:** Run by George Strait  
**Vacation Spot:** Cancun Mexico  
**TV Show:** Parks and Recreation

### FINISH THIS SENTENCE

*Life would be boring without. . .*

A. Fishing and the outdoors.

*Wouldn't it be cool if I. . .*

A. Won a cruise ship vacation.

### RANDOM QUESTIONS

**Q. What is one thing on your bucket list?**

A. Sky dive

**Q. If you could buy anything what would it be?**

A. Ranger fishing boat

**Q. What is the best concert you've been to?**

A. George Strait

**Q. If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for?**

A. Health, wealth and a better golf game.

# 22nd Annual Meeting High Plains Power



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**Friday and Saturday, July 16-17, 2021**

**Friday, July 16, 2021**  
Registration open 5pm-7pm  
At the Friday Night Cruise  
Main Street in Riverton

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**  
Registration open 8am-9am  
**Business Meeting 9am-11:30am**  
**Meeting Adjourned 11:30am**  
At the Fremont Center Building  
1010 Fairground Rd, Riverton, WY

**All members who register will receive a \$10 Energy Credit!**

**Door Prizes Include:** \$200 Energy Credits  
Electric Lawn Mower  
Gift Cards

# Governor Gordon Signs Lineman Appreciation Day Proclamation

High Plains Power linemen, along with linemen from all over the state met with Governor Gordon on April 22nd as he signed the proclamation honoring Lineman Appreciation Day.



Above: Andy Erickson, Nick Vermeire, Governor Gordon, Trapper Bradshaw, Jasper McWilliams



At Left: Andy, Trapper, Nick, and Jasper outside the Capitol Building

# Lineman Receives Certificate

In March Bob Anderson (L) received his Journeyman Certificate from Line Foreman, Gary Starkey (R).

**WAY TO GO BOB!!**



# 22nd Annual Meeting of High Plains Power

Friday & Saturday, July 16 & 17 in Riverton.

There will be director elections and a review of what High Plains Power has been working on. There will be a free lunch, an energy credit to all members who register, guest speakers and door prizes. Come enjoy lunch and meet your board of directors!



**District 1**  
Rebecca Darnell



**District 2**  
Lee Shaffer



**District 3**  
Matt Frericks



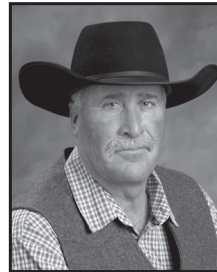
**District 4**  
Richard Haun



**District 5**  
Bret Gardner



**District 6**  
Gary Gordon



**District 7**  
Jesse B. Hankins



**District 8**  
Hearley Dockham



**District 9**  
Matt Brown



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**District 11**  
Mark Park



**District 12**  
Todd Heward

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