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Manager's Message

National Cooperative Month

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Co-op month has been celebrated annually in October across the US for more than half a century. It is a time for cooperative businesses to reflect on their shared principles and to educate others about the value of belonging to a cooperative.

With Fall now squarely in our sights many of us are settling back into our routines of watching football, hunting, or doing whatever other quality past times you might enjoy! But here at High Plains Power (HPP), we spend the month of October celebrating National Co-op Month. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we operate under the seven cooperative principles, which help to keep us grounded in our history and focused on our mission of serving you, our member-owners. The cooperative principles reflect our core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness, and service. Let's walk through each principle and learn a little more about what they mean.

Voluntary and Open Membership

- Electric service is available to anyone who is willing to accept the responsibilities of membership and lives with the certificated area regardless of race, religion, gender, or economic circumstance.

Democratic Member Control

- HPP is a democratically controlled organization led by its elected 9-member Board of Directors.

Members' Economic Participation

- As a member you contribute

equitably to the cooperative and at least part of your capital contribution remains the common property of the cooperative. This helps to develop the cooperative, establish reserves, and support other activities approved by the membership and Directors.

Autonomy and Independence

- HPP is an autonomous self-help organization controlled by you, our members. We enter into agreements with other organizations, including the government, for the benefit of our members and with only your best interests in mind.

Education, Training, and Information

- Education and training for our members, directors, and employees help to keep our members safe, the lights on, and your cooperative operating effectively and efficiently.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

- As a cooperative we work together locally, regionally, and nationally to ensure that we continually improve our services, bolster local economies, and deal effectively with the social needs in our communities.

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Cooperative Principle #5 – Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training fro 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.

Employee Spotlight



Zach
Journeyman Lineman
With HPP since 2017

FAVORITES

Movie: Zero Dark Thirty

Band: Tyler Childers

Vacation Spot:

Mountains

TV Show: Meat Eater

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Life would be boring without. . .

A. Children.

I appreciate that every day I get to. . .

A. Kiss my wife.

RANDOM QUESTIONS

Q. What is one thing on your bucket list?

A. Go to the ocean.

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

A. Tim McGraw

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

A. Land

Q. If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go?

A. New Zealand

Congratulations to Zach Sanders of Riverton. Zach began his journey with HPP in 2017 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. **GREAT JOB ZACH!!**



Above: (L) Riverton Line Foreman Brian Heiner (R) Journeyman Lineman Zach Sanders



On September 10th High Plains Power gave a safety demonstration for Lander 3rd graders during the Lander Valley Cattle Women's Ag Days.



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Concern for Community

- HPP works daily towards the sustainable development of our communities.

The employees of High Plains take great pride in providing, safe, reliable, and affordable service. Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather!



Starting in February 2022, High Plains Power will have a new look for the billing software and digital interface with you, our member. We are looking forward to all the new tools and options we will have available for our members to leverage to your advan-

tage. Some of these changes will include expanded/enhanced payment options, monthly invoices with more detail that are easier to read, and access to your data via the web or smart phone app.

Stay tuned for more updates.

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