

Power Pointz

news from
Garland Light & Power Co.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Burning Around Poles

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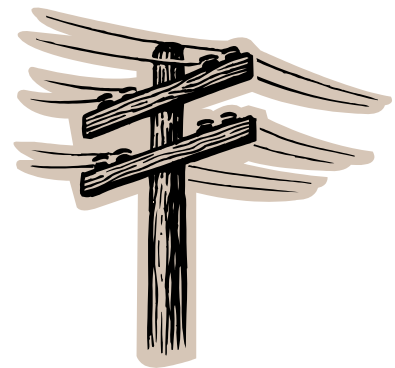
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Burning season is here and with the annual ritual of spring burning, Garland Light & Power would like to remind our members to be safe with fire this spring.

When burning close to power poles and pad mount transformers, we suggest raking the debris away from the base. Trim away large stalks that may have grown close to the pole as this will lessen the chance of the pole or transformer catching fire. Wet down the pole a few feet from the ground.



Members should use caution when burning close to any of our underground equipment. Heat from a fire can melt the exterior cover as well as the elbows and ground wires inside.

The cost to replace a pad mount transformer is about \$3600. The cost to replace a pole is about \$2500. Whoever is doing the burning will be charged the cost to replace these items. So, be careful and never leave a fire unattended.

Summer Hours

Garland Light & Power is changing to a 4/10 work
Week from May 7 to Oct 1

Hours of operation will be:
7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Standby crews will be available from Friday through Sunday
for outage situations by calling:

754-2881



James Sheets was awarded the Basin Electric/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. He will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering.



Jacob Frankenbury was awarded the Ray Nelson/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. He will be attending the University of Wyoming studying Kinesiology.



Julia Kay O'Neill was awarded a \$1000 Garland Light & Power scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Psychology.



Brooklyn Sweet was awarded a \$500 Tri-State/Garland Light & Power scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Elementary Education.



Kiley Cannon was awarded a \$500 Tri-State/Garland Light & Power scholarship. She will be attending Gillette College pursuing a career in Nursing.

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Natalie Birdsley was awarded a \$1,000 Garland Light & Power scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Nursing.

Repairing the system after a spring storm

Lights out? Thirty-one percent of power outages are triggered by the weather. Lineworkers must battle the elements to find the problem areas and restore service as quickly as possible.

We know our members want to know why the lights are out and when will their lights be back on. First we must find the problems. Then, we follow a series of steps to bring the lights back on.

Efforts are made to restore power to the largest number of members as quickly as possible. Then, crews fix problems impacting smaller groups of members.

When an outage occurs, line crews work to pinpoint problems. They check distribution substations. Each substation serves hundreds of members. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to discover if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself, or if problems exist down the line.

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of members.

If local outages persist, supply lines (also called tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power

to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground services.

If your home remains without power the service line between a transformers and your home may need to be repaired. Always call us at 307-754-2881 to report an outage. This helps crews isolate local issues.



Safety tips during thunderstorm season

When thunderstorms are rolling your way, stay safe with these helpful tips from the American Red Cross:

- Listen to local news of NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates. Watch for signs of a storm, like darkening skies, lightning flashes or increased wind.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely to occur. Many people struck by lightning are not in the area where rain is occurring.
- If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued, take shelter in a substantial building or a vehicle with windows closed. Get out of mobile homes that can blow over in high winds.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. If thunder roars, go indoors. The National Weather Service recommends staying inside for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.
- Avoid electrical equipment and telephones. Use battery-powered TVs and radios instead.
- Shutter windows and close outside doors securely. Keep away from windows.
- Do not take a bath, shower or use plumbing.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn off the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.
- If you are outside and cannot reach a safe building, avoid high ground; water; tall, isolated trees; and metal objects such as fences. Picnic shelters, dugouts, and sheds are NOT safe.

Annual Meeting 2018

Garland Light & Power held its annual meeting March 8th at The Commons, dinner and dessert was served to approximately 150 people. Included in the business to come before the membership was the election of two directors. Scott Smith and Spencer George were both re-elected to 3 year terms.

Jerry Thompson, Board President, reported on cooperative growth, capital credits, scholarships and introduced employees to the crowd.

Molly Lynn, General Manager, reviewed the system operations and financials for the past year.

Ellen Conner from Tri-State G & T and Shawn Taylor from WREA both gave reports.

President Thompson then announced it was time for door prizes. There was also a progressive drawing held for a cash prize of which all GLP members were eligible for, but had to be present to win. The cash prize of \$800 was not awarded this year.



**GARLAND'S
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MAY 28TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 13TH**

