



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

We are committed to the well-being of our members and employees to provide safe, reliable power and maintaining the company's financial strength.

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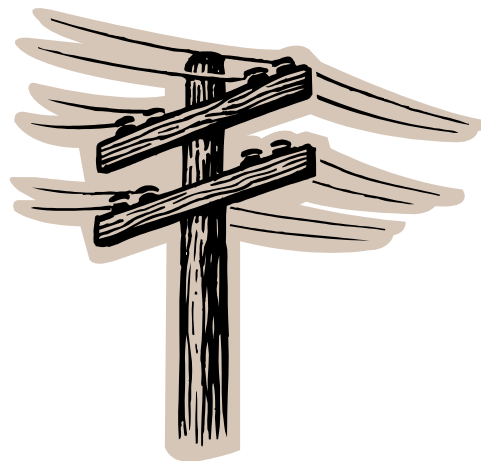
Burning Around Poles

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/summer.

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 April 27 to Sept 28

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



Gabi Metzler was awarded the Ray Nelson/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Social Work/Education.



Brody Karhu was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$1,000 scholarship. He will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Engineering.



Isabella Wambeke was awarded a \$500 Garland Light & Power/Tri-State G&T scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Animal Science.

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Mason Merager was awarded the Garland Light & Power/Basin Electric \$1,000 scholarship. He will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Aeronautics.

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Dalton Brennan was awarded a \$500 Garland Light & Power/Tri-State G&T scholarship. He will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Communications/Theology.

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Rachel Kuntz was awarded a \$1,000 Garland Light & Power scholarship. She will be attending Ohio University pursuing a career in Journalism.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Message From Molly

This year's Annual Meeting was another great success. It is always nice to see so many of you interested in what is going on at your cooperative. We understand that everyone has busy schedules so we truly appreciate you taking the time to attend and participate in the discussions that affect your co-op. For those of you who were unable to join us, here is a short summary:



- Financial
 - ◊ Capital credits will again be paid out to eligible members from 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.
 - ◊ The new digger truck that was approved last year was delivered in January.
 - ◊ There were no findings or recommendations related to our audit report.
 - ◊ Ike and I answered questions about the new Rate Structure that took effect April, 1, 2020. The new Basic Charge is \$48 per month and the new Energy Charge is \$.1025 per kWh.
- Projects
 - ◊ The In-Service Date for the Iron Creek Substation is still scheduled for April 2020.
 - ◊ Check out the new and improved garlandpower.org website.
 - ◊ Operation Round Up is now open to all members who would like to participate. This is a voluntary program where members can have their electric bill amounts “rounded up” to the next dollar each month. Collected funds will be used to support individuals, communities, and organizations in and around the cooperative’s service area for charitable purposes. Members can sign up through SmartHub on the website or the mobile app or by contacting the office.
 - ◊ Scholarship recipients for 2019 were Hartly Thorington, Jacob Frankenberry, Sawyer Mauthe, Kara Borchert, Amy Smith, and Tarje Grover.
- Elections
 - ◊ Jerry Thompson and Peggy were reelected to serve on your Board of Directors.

Duane Highley, the new CEO of Tri-State, discussed the many changes affecting the industry. He reiterated that Tri-State’s mission has not changed and the goal is still to make electricity reliable, affordable, and responsible. Tri-State is needing to make changes to the grid without sacrificing reliability and affordability. He said Tri-State is able to purchase electricity from renewable resources less expensively than from fossil fuels. Approximately 30% of Tri-State’s energy currently comes from renewable resources.

Shawn Taylor, Executive Director of WREA, reported on the legislative session that just ended. Out of the 400 non-budget bills that were written, WREA tracked 17 bills and closely monitored and participated in two or three bills.

We did not have a winner for this year’s Progressive Drawing so it will be raised to \$600 next year.

We hope to see you in March 2021!

2020 Annual Meeting Pictures



**GARLAND'S
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CLOSED ON
MAY 25TH
IN OBSERVANCE
OF MEMORIAL**