

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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

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## **Power Pointz**

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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 May 3 to Sept 30

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



Andrew Beavers was awarded the Ray Nelson/ Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. He will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Welding/HVAC.



Madison Fields was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. She will be attending Laramie County Community College pursuing a career in Radiography.



Emma Karku was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a career in Nursing.



David Reed was awarded the Basin Electric/Garland Light & Power \$1000 scholarship. He will be attending Colorado State University pursuing a career in Business and Economics.



Elisa Polson was awarded a Garland Light & Power \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Physiology & Biology.

#### No photos available

Ethan Thiel was awarded a Garland Light & Power/Tri-State G&T \$500 scholarship He will be attending Northwest College pursuing a career in Elementary Education.

Jesse Trotter was awarded a Garland Light & Power/Tri-State G&T \$500 scholarship. He will be attending Black Hills State University pursuing a career in Environmental Physical Science.

### Which Kitchen Appliance Should I Upgrade?

If you're looking at replacing old appliances, it's smart to consider energy use because most new appliances use much less energy than they did in the past. Manufacturers have found innovative ways to reduce appliance energy without sacrificing performance. The federal government began tightening appliance standards in the 1980s and has continued as technological innovations became more cost-effective.

The appliance replacement most likely to produce the greatest energy savings is your refrigerator. An older refrigerator can cost about \$20 to run every month. Replacing an old refrigerator with a new Energy Star rated model (a label that certifies that the appliance saves energy) can cut that down to less than \$5 per month.

New refrigerators will include an additional label, the Energy Guide label, which shows how much energy is used annually and compares that to the most and least efficient models available. It's also possible to measure how much energy your refrigerator is using with a kilowatt-hour meter. Energy auditors use these meters to measure energy use for common household appliances. If you're not ready to replace your older refrigerator, replacing the seal around the door can sometimes reduce its energy use.

When you're looking to replace an older refrigerator to save energy, style counts. A top-freezer setup is the most efficient, while a lower-freezer unit offers medium savings, and a side-by-side style is the least energy efficient.

If your goal is to save money on your energy bill, resist the urge to keep the old refrigerator in the basement or garage, that won't help reduce your energy use. An old refrigerator is an uninsulated garage on a hot summer day and can use excessive energy. If you only need additional freezer space, find the most efficient freezer you can find instead. You can find recommendations on www.energystar.gov.

If your current refrigerator is in good condition, another appliance you may want to consider upgrading is the dishwasher. With most of us spending more time at home these days, chances are you're using your dishwasher more than you used to.

As with any major purchase, be sure to read customer reviews for any brands and models you're considering, and look for additional opportunities to save money, like an upcoming sale.



### Farm Safety-Power Line Awareness

Make sure everyone is trained on safe practices around electricity. Utilize these safety tips for you, your employees, seasonal workers, family members, and anyone else accessing your farm.

- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines at all times and in all directions.
- Know all power line locations on your farm and routes between fields.
- Always use a spotter when moving equipment near power lines.
- Don't completely rely on autosteer or GPS to detect and clear power lines or poles.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, contact us.

If your equipment does hit a power line, pole, or guy wire, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.





# GARLAND'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 31ST IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

