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GENERAL MANAGER

Jasen Bronec
(406) 873-5566

GEC Manager Named CEO of DMEA

By Virginia Harman

For the past 12 years Jasen Bronec has served as General Manager of Glacier Electric Cooperative. Under his exceptional leadership, the cooperative has experienced significant financial and operational achievements. Since he began as manager in 2001, your cooperative's equity has increased from 27% to 43%, we have met and/or exceeded all our financial goals, and have paid millions of dollars in capital credits to our members.

Thanks to Jasen's tireless and often under-appreciated work, Glacier Electric has risen to be a best in class cooperative. Jasen is well known and respected in the public power industry throughout the Pacific Northwest for his work at Glacier Electric. In his first year as manager he received statewide notoriety for leading Glacier Electric through a terrible Spring storm. During his last full year at GEC he was the recipient of the Montana Electric Cooperative's Association's Cooperative



Jasen Bronec

Spirit award, which is presented to an individual who embodies the cooperative principles. Every year Jasen has lead our cooperative to greater and greater success. Jasen has been an asset not only to our cooperative, but to our communities as well.

Jasen and his family have been active in the community for more than 15 years. Jasen has served on the Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Board, the Glacier County Regional Port Authority Board, is a member of the Lions Club, and he and his family are active members

of the Cut Bank Assembly of God Church.

Jasen will be greatly missed by the staff, employees, and board of Glacier Electric. Bruce Bradley, GEC President, recalls, "When the GEC board hired Jasen as manager he was a young man who was intelligent, hardworking, and ambitious. He had little management experience but just 6 months after he began as manager we had the "storm of the century." When it was over we knew we had hired the right man."

"It has been a real pleasure to watch him grow into one of the most competent managers in the nation," added Bradley.

Jasen leaves Glacier Electric to serve as the CEO of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) in Montrose Colorado. DMEA, like Glacier Electric, is a member owned electric cooperative. DMEA is a large cooperative, serving approximately 32,500 meters with 625,000,000 kwh sold annually. Congratulations Jasen, we will miss you!

2014 Board and By-Law Election Results

Browning District
Zita Bremner

Cut Bank District
Jim Taylor

Rural District
Dave Losing

Proposed By-Law Change: **Passed**

Energy for TOMORROW

2014 Scholarship Recipients

The Glacier Electric Board of Trustees has selected ten 2014 High School graduates to receive the Energy for Tomorrow Scholarship. Recipients of the 2014 scholarships are: Treyanna Belcourt, Jared Berkram, Amanda Finstad, Kodi Hoffman, Paige Larson, Michelle Nygaard, Cydnie Sharp, Dylan Vasboe, Travis Vermulm, and Kelsey Wood.

Thanks to the membership of Glacier Electric, who make this scholarship possible, each of these students will receive \$1,000 to be used at the university, college, or vocational-technical school of their choice.

The Energy for Tomorrow Scholarship program, which is funded by unclaimed capital credit checks, began in 2002. It is designed to offer opportunities to a wide range of students. Emphasis is placed on academic achievement and a personal statement written by the student. In their personal statement the applicants are asked to explain their future goals and elaborate on the people or events that have influenced their career choice.

The scholarship is open to all high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of Glacier Electric Cooperative. Also, to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5, and must attend a college, university, or technical school the fall semester following graduation.

Each year the Board of Trustees selects a scholarship committee to evaluate each application and select 10 deserving students to receive the scholarships. The board then gives final approval of the recipients. GEC would like to thank all the students who applied for the scholarship and congratulate all the 2014 graduating seniors in Cut Bank, Browning, and Heart Butte.



Energy for Tomorrow scholarship winners pictured above. Top left to right: Jared Berkram, Dylan Vasboe, Travis Vermulm, Amanda Finstad, Bottom left to right: Kodi Hoffman, Paige Larson, Michelle Nygaard, and Kelsey Wood.

Treyanna Belcourt

Treyanna Belcourt will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman in the fall to pursue a degree in physical therapy. Treyanna is a member of National Honor Society, welding club, PRIDE, and was the junior class president. She is also active in girls' basketball, volleyball, softball, and an active member volunteering throughout the community. Treyanna is the daughter of Kari McKay.

Jared Berkram

In the fall Jared Berkram will be attending the University of Montana to pursue a degree in pharmacy. Throughout high school Jared was an active member in cross country, track and field, student council, boys' basketball, wrestling, and choir. Jared is the son of Dean and Treasure Berkram.

Amanda Finstad

Amanda Finstad will be attending Oregon State University in the fall to pursue a degree as a fashion stylist. During her time in high school Amanda has been an active participant in cross country, volleyball, girls' basketball, track and field, yearbook, National Honor Society, Girl Scouts, and art club. She has been an active volunteering throughout the community. Amanda is the daughter of John and Toni Finstad.

Kodi Hoffman

Kodi Hoffman will be attending Helena College for Pre-Pharmacy in the fall. Kodi says that her brother, who is autistic, has been her inspiration to become a pharmacist. Kodi is actively involved in her church youth group, 4H, girls' tennis, and FFA. Kodi is the daughter of Karla Rooney.

Paige Larson

Paige Larson will be attending Montana State University in Billings in the fall and hopes to pursue a degree in either nursing, education, or business. Paige has been actively involved in student council, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and National Honor Society. She also has volunteered at her local church as a Vacation Bible School leader and at the nursing home. Paige is the daughter of Steve and Patrice Larson.

Michelle Nygaard

Michelle Nygaard will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman in the fall to obtain a degree in accounting. Throughout High School, Michelle was an active member in track and field, girls' basketball, volleyball, and was manager for the football team. She was also involved in student council Distinguished Young Woman, and president of the National Honor Society. Michelle is the daughter of Maynard Nygaard and Pauline Nygaard.

Cyndie Sharp

Cyndie Sharp will be attending the University of Montana-Western in the fall to obtain a degree in equine studies and natural horsemanship. Growing up on a farm and involved in rodeo has inspired Cyndie to choose a career where she will continue to work closely with animals. Cyndie has been involved in basketball, volleyball, 4-H, National Honor Society, and has been an active volunteer throughout her community. Cyndie is the daughter of Rusty Sharp and Leonda Ironpipe.

Dylan Vasboe

Dylan Vasboe will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman this fall to obtain a degree in veterinary medicine. Dylan is an active volunteer in the community volunteering at the local senior center and the Summer Fun Program. Dylan is also a member of 4H, the boys' basketball team, was named Outstanding English Student, and is president of Cut Bank High School Art Club and FFA. Dylan is the son of Shane and Desirae Vasboe.



Energy for Tomorrow scholarship winners pictured above. Treyanna Belcourt, left, and Cydnie Sharp, right.

Travis Vermulm

Travis Vermulm will be attending the University of Great Falls to obtain a degree in Secondary Education. Travis has also signed his letter of intent and will be wrestling for the Argos while at UGF. Throughout high school Travis has not only been an active member in the community volunteering with the ReAct Anti-Tobacco Program, assisting senior citizens, and coaching middle school wrestling but also was active in extracurricular school activities such as FCLA, BPA, wrestling, cross country, and student council. Travis is the son of Roger and Kendra Vermulm.

Kelsey Wood

Kelsey Wood will be attending Brigham Young University in the fall to obtain a degree in elementary education. Kelsey has spent many hours volunteering throughout her community with her church, Bountiful Baskets, Glaciereens, Cut Bank Lewis and Clark Days, and Elks Women's Club. Kelsey has also been involved in cross country, National Honor Society, church youth group, yearbook, the school newspaper, student council, FCCLA, guitar club, and was Distinguished Young Woman of Cut Bank for 2014. Kelsey is the daughter of Dan and Adrienne Wood.

Bremner Awarded MECA Scholarship

Congratulations to Whitney Bremner who was selected as Glacier Electric's candidate for the MECA Memorial Scholarship. Whitney will receive a \$500 scholarship from GEC and will be entered for a chance to receive an additional statewide scholarship. Whitney is the daughter of Lockley and Brandy Bremner and plans to attend Montana State University this fall. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing then return home to help improve her community.



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NEW HOURS AT GEC

Began April 28, 2014

Summer hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Offices will be closed
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**

Summer Hours are effective
April 29 - September 26.

GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Board Room Report

The Glacier Electric Board of Trustees' regular board meeting is held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Action items from the March Board meeting:

- Approved 2014 Energy for Tomorrow Scholarship recipients: Treyanna Belcourt, Jared Berkram, Amanda Finstad, Kodi Hoffman, Paige Larson, Michelle Nygaard, Cydnie Sharp, Dylan Vasboe, Travis Vermulm, and Kelsey Wood
- Approved donation to Browning After Prom Committee.
- Approved donation to Cut Bank Chamber banquet.
- Approved donation to Montana Storytelling Roundup.
- Approved donation to East Glacier Part School for the Missoula Children's Theatre program.
- Approved grant application to support economic development in the Public Drug building.
- Approved annual meeting election judges and the ballot.
- Approved summer working hours for GEC employees to begin April 28 and end September 26.

	2/28/2014	2/28/2013
kWh Sold	33,025,129	31,337,090
Revenue	\$2,966,665	\$2,690,678
Cost of Power	\$1,264,763	\$1,121,363
Margins	\$252,687	\$259,601

Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc.

member voices

Dear Co-op People:

Where else can you go to get 24-hour service for 31 days for only \$245.63. You have had some unnecessary problems but the best is yet to come. With appreciation and thanks.

-Bernice Larson

Glacier Electric:

Sorry about all your trouble! Trust you will not lose the recall. As time goes on we find more trouble makers.

-Laura Nowlin
GEC Member

GEC Scholarship Committee:

I extend my sincerest thanks for awarding me the Energy for Tomorrow Scholarship. it is with excitement and gratefulness that I accept this scholarship...

Thank you very much for this opportunity.

-Amanda Finstad

Thank you for sponsoring the Marias fair awards. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by myself and many other 4-Hers. Thanks again for supporting today's youth!

-Clever Clovers 4-H Club

Jasen, Virginia, and Board:

I very much enjoyed attending the meeting open to the public.

The meeting was short and sweet, professionally done, very informative, and the pies were fantastic. You people should run for Congress!

Thanks,

- Keith McDivitt
GEC Member

Thank you so much for your donation of scholarship money to the Distinguished Young Woman Program. We could not do it without you!

-Nianna Light

Thank you for your gracious donation to the Distinguished Young Women Program. I hope to give back to my community through my service and future endeavors.

-Shelbi Fitzpatrick

60 Plus Program

2014

Members ages 60 and older, turn in this form to GEC for your chance to win \$100.

Last month's winner was:

Don Strand
of Cut Bank

Bring your entry to one of our offices or mail it to:

Glacier Electric Co-op
P.O. Box 2090
Cut Bank, MT 59427

60 Plus Entry Form

Name

Address

City

Phone Number

Age