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Please Join Us For Our Annual Meeting

It's that time of year again-annual meeting time! On behalf of the Glacier Electric Cooperative board of trustees, management, and employees-we would like to invite you to attend the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting on April 25th at the Cut Bank High School. The annual meeting is a chance to get together with other members, voice your ideas and concerns, and enjoy some good food. The doors will open at 10 a.m., lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m., and the business meeting begins at noon.

Glacier Electric Cooperative is locally owned by you-the members. The annual meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn about the cooperative. Members will be updated on the progress the cooperative has made during the past year. We will discuss the steps we take to ensure safety throughout the coopera-

tive and the investments we make in the electric system to keep power reliable. We'll also look toward the future-high-lighting challenges facing cooperatives and the steps we plan to take to keep your bill as low as possible while providing high quality service.

This is an occasion to discuss and learn more about the issues affecting our local communities. It's also an opportunity for you to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of an electric co-op, by voting for the upcoming board of trustees. Glacier Electric Cooperative is managed by trustees who are members of our community. The board of trustees are concerned with the issues you face every day because they face them too.

The annual meeting is also a great place to learn about the programs offered by Glacier Electric Cooperative and get

to know our staff. Catch up with employees you know and meet new employees. We would love to visit with you and gather feedback on how we can better serve you and your family. Our employees will have display booths set up to inform members about energy efficiency programs, safety procedures, and billing options. In addition, local community organizations will host public booths, and you'll have the chance to win some great prizes.

Glacier Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing you with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity, but we encourage you to let us know how we are doing. So please join us on April 25th, 2015 at our annual meeting. We look forward to gathering with you – the members of the co-op community – for a day full of food and fun.

Office Closure Notice: Glacier Electric Cooperative will be closed Friday, April 3rd in observance of the Easter Holiday

The Glacier Electric Cooperative
Board, Management, and Employees
cordially invite you to attend the

2015 Annual Meeting of Cooperative Members

Saturday, April 25th, 2015
Cut Bank High School

Doors open at 10:00 a.m.
Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m.
The business meeting will begin at noon.

Voting will be open from 11:00 a.m.-noon



Nianna Light Awarded MECA Scholarship



Nianna Light
MECA Scholarship Recipient
Photo by Nacole Light

Glacier Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that Nianna Light has been selected as the local recipient of the MECA Memorial Scholarship. Nianna will receive a \$500 scholarship from Glacier Electric Cooperative and go on to compete statewide for an additional \$500 scholarship from MECA.

Nianna is very involved in her school and community. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her entire high school career. Nianna participates in Pep Club, ReACT, Girl Scouts, and Cheerleading. She is active in her church youth group and volunteers for many local organizations.

Nianna enjoys helping people which is why she plans to attend the Community College of Denver to become a radiation therapist. Her dream is to work at Children's Hospital Colorado with the hope of one day returning to Montana to help create oncology facilities throughout the state. She would also love to see the creation of a radiation therapy education program in Montana.

Nianna is the daughter of GEC member Nancy Light. Please join us in congratulating Nianna and wishing her the best as she pursues her higher education and career goals.

April 13th is National Lineman Appreciation Day

The National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association recognizes the second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day. This is a day dedicated to honoring the work that linemen do for their community. Our linemen as well as linemen from across the nation deserve a special day of recognition.

This year on April 13th, Glacier Electric Cooperative will recognize the contributions of our hardworking linemen who build, maintain, and repair the electric infrastructure. At Glacier Electric Cooperative, our linemen are ready and on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They leave their families and put their lives on the line battling the high winds and winter storms that are notorious in our area so that we can enjoy the comforts of electricity. In the event of an accident, they are the first ones to respond to the dangerous and challenging conditions in order to restore safety in our community. They work hard every day to provide safe, reliable power to our members.

We are proud to recognize our linemen. We invite you to join us in saying thank you and showing our support to our valuable linemen.

Glacier Electric Cooperative wants to hear from you! If you have a story about a lineman who went above and beyond the call of duty to help you, or you simply want to express your appreciation, please email kmontalban@glacierelectric.com or send your story to Glacier Electric Cooperative, Attn: Keelie Montalban, P.O. Box 2090, Cut Bank, MT 59427. We plan to share these stories with our linemen and our community.



Join us in recognizing the hardworking Glacier Electric Linemen who keep the lights on:

Andy Anderson
Dean Berkram
Cash Coleman
J.R. Costel
Les Costel
Ron Crossguns
Marvin Fassett
George Knutson
Casper Rutherford
Jordan Running Wolf
Rusty Sharp
Don Winchell
Line Foremen:
Mike Pyette
Shane Vasboe

*Pictured on this page:
Lineman Cash Coleman repairing streetlights.*

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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 February Board meeting:

- Approved Nianna Light as MECA Scholarship winner.
- Approved starting summer hours May 4th (closed Fridays through October 2nd).

	YTD 01/31/15	YTD 01/31/14
kWh Sold	16,780,626	16,673,563
Revenue	\$1,475,222	\$1,494,259
Cost of Power	\$578,622	\$556,874
Margins	\$246,066	\$266,166

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Summer is right around the corner! Have you changed your home's air filter? Filters get loaded with more and more particles as they do their job. This actually has the effect of making them more efficient, but it also increases resistance and reduces airflow. Remember to check filters once a month.

Source: EnergySavers.gov

60 Plus Program 2015

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

Last month's winner was:
Cathy Lauenstein
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 _____

Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**Summer Office Hours
Begin May 4th, 2015**

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

**Offices will be closed
Fridays, Saturdays, and
Sundays**

**We will resume winter hours on
October 2nd, 2015.**

Telephone Scam Alert!

Glacier Electric Cooperative has recently received customer reports of a current phone scam in our service territory. If you receive a call claiming to be Glacier Electric Cooperative and feel pressured for immediate payment, hang up the phone and call the customer service number on your utility bill for verification. "Spoofing" software allows scammers to falsely display the name and phone number of Glacier Electric on your caller ID. The next step is to report the call to local law enforcement.

Glacier Electric Cooperative has a standard protocol in place for all non-payment disconnects and does not threaten immediate shut off. We notify members in writing in advance prior to disconnection. We include a specific disconnect date and never disconnect on weekends.

Always be cautious and never provide personal information to anyone requesting it over the phone, via email, or in person unless you initiated the contact and feel confident with whom you are speaking. Trust your instincts-if you think something isn't right, do not respond or perform any action being requested.