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**PRAIRIE LAND
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

NEWS

Attention High School Juniors: Win a Free Trip!

If you are a high school junior and would like to increase your leadership skills, meet new friends and travel, apply for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C., or Steamboat

Springs, Colorado sponsored by Prairie Land Electric.

On June 14-21, 2021, students will join 1,800 youth from across the nation in Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Participants will visit the monuments and other attractions, as well as visit Capitol Hill to learn more about how our government works.



At the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp on July 16-22, 2021, students will join with youth from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Campers will form a mock

cooperative, participate in leadership activities and learn about electric cooperatives.

To apply for the contest, complete and return the application below to Prairie Land Electric by **JAN. 8, 2021**. For more information, check with your high school counselor or call Anna Foley at 785-877-3323 or 800-577-3323.

Application for 2021 Youth Tour Contest — Due Jan. 8, 2021

TO APPLY, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC, PO BOX 360, NORTON, KS 67654. STUDENTS MUST BE A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR TO APPLY

Applicant name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ School Name: _____ Year in School: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent(s) or guardian(s): _____ Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ Your electric service provider: _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2021 Youth Tour competition sponsored by Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. IF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR OR COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP ORGANIZERS BELIEVE THAT TRAVEL IS UNSAFE DUE TO CONCERNS WITH THE CORONAVIRUS (OR ANY OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM, DISASTER, CIVIL DISORDER, OR CURTAILMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES), THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELED.

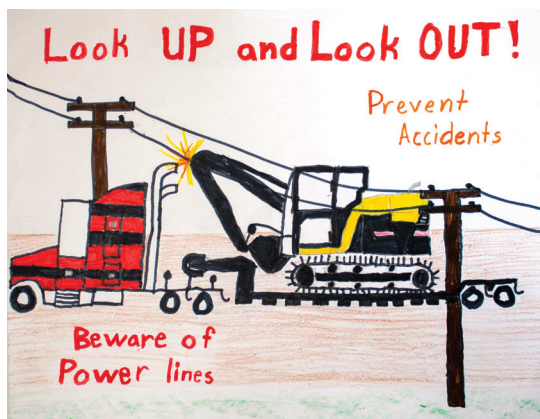
Cooperative Month Poster Contest Winners

To celebrate Cooperative Month in October, Prairie Land held a poster contest for third graders across its 18-county service territory. Students used their creativity to draw posters of electrical safety at home or school. Students were encouraged to be as creative as possible.

The top three poster winners were awarded a brand new bike and helmet. As an incentive for teachers to allow their classes to participate, the winning classroom teachers received checks from Prairie Land to use for classroom supplies.

- **1ST PLACE** – **DECLAN MILLER**, Eisenhower Elementary, Norton; Pam David, teacher, \$200 for classroom supplies
- **2ND PLACE** – **RUSTIN WYATT**, Eisenhower Elementary, Norton; Teresa Schulze, teacher, \$150 for classroom supplies.
- **3RD PLACE** – **CALI LUNSFORD**, Hill City Grade School; Mrs. Haynes, teacher, \$100 for classroom supplies.

Prairie Land received 323 posters. Thank you for supporting your electric cooperative and promoting electrical safety practices. Congratulations!



Declan Miller holds his winning poster, and teacher Pam David accepts her check for \$200. Declan's parents attended the presentation.



Rustin Wyatt holds his winning poster, and teacher Teresa Schulze accepts her check for \$150. Rustin's parents attended the presentation.



Cali Lunsford holds her winning poster, and teacher Holly Haynes accepts her check for \$100. Cali's parents and siblings attended the presentation.



Wiseman Completes 45 Years



Dean Wiseman
45 Years

DEAN WISEMAN began his career with Prairie Land on Dec. 1, 1975, with the line construction crew in Norton.

In 1978, he moved to Phillipsburg and became the lead lineman. In 1981, he advanced to maintenance foreman. In 1989, he moved back to Norton and assumed the duties of maintenance foreman for the Norton area.

In 1998, Wiseman advanced to the role of metering and apparatus technician in Norton.

"The biggest changes I have seen the past 45 years have been in technology," Wiseman said. "From automated meters to our linemen now carrying iPads in the field."

In 2018, Wiseman was promoted to operations manager for Norton, the position he currently holds.

Wiseman and his wife, Bobbi, have two children and five grandchildren. In his spare time, he operates a small farm and enjoys hunting and being a grandpa.

We will be closed on Friday,
December 25, to celebrate
Christmas, and on Friday,
January 1, to celebrate New
Year's Day.

Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas

Notice of Rate Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be holding a rate meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Prairie Land Electric office located at 14935 US Highway 36 in Norton.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss modifications to the Wilkens Manufacturing contract rate.

The board may or may not take action at this meeting to modify the rate. All members are welcome to attend.

KILOWATT TIPS

Share the Gift of Safety

This holiday season, why not give a gift that lasts year-round and could save a life? That's exactly what you can do by purchasing electrical safety devices. The holidays are a time to let people know you care about them. Below are some gift ideas to keep the holidays merry, bright and safe:



Kilowatt

► TAMPER RESISTANT OUTLETS

(TROS): For families with young children, TROs are wall receptacles that have shutters that stay closed unless a plug with two prongs is inserted into the outlet. This prevents children from sticking objects into the outlet and getting shocked.

► APPLIANCE TIMER WITH A SAFETY

TURN-OFF: This device adds an added layer of protection when a small appliance, such as an iron or space heater, accidentally gets left on. It has an auto shut-off timer that helps protect homes from fire hazards.

► NON-CONTACT VOLTAGE TESTER:

This gift is for the do-it-yourselfer. This tool detects the presence of voltage without touching a bare wire. The tester uses non-contact voltage detection technology to identify voltage in cables, cords, wires, circuit breakers, lighting fixtures, switches and outlets.

► POWER STRIPS AND SMART

STRIPS: Choose a power strip that comes with a built-in circuit breaker that will trip if the power strip becomes overloaded. Overloaded strips are dangerous and can cause fires and shocks. Also, look for power strips and smart strips that have built-in surge protectors. When the electricity goes out, your electronics are protected from damage that could be caused by the surge of power as it is restored.

KILOWATT was adopted by Prairie Land after the December 2006 ice storm. She now brings you energy and safety tips each month.



Energy Saving Resolutions You Can Afford to Keep

1. Set the water heater temperature to 120 degrees.
2. Get a water heater blanket.
3. Seal air leaks around windows, doors, plumbing, etc.
4. Turn off lights when you leave a room.
5. Replace regular bulbs with CFL or LED lightbulbs.
6. Unplug electronics and chargers not in use.
7. Adjust your thermostat when going to bed or leaving the home.
8. Use a programmable thermostat.
9. Run only full loads in the washer or dishwasher.
10. Use a smart power strip for electronics.

Stay Safe And Warm During Ice Storm Recovery

Ice and snow from winter storms can bring down trees and power lines, causing power outages and creating electrical dangers. Safe Electricity wants everyone to know how to stay safe and warm after winter storms. Follow PLECOOP on Facebook for the most current updates during an outage.

If you must venture outside, be alert to the possibility of electrical hazards. Stay away from downed power lines and warn others to stay away. Be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard. Treat all power lines as live and dangerous. Treat everything near power lines as dangerous.

It can be difficult to stay warm without power. If you live with young children or the elderly, consider temporarily staying somewhere with power. If you are at a home with

power, there are ways to stay warm:

- ▶ Stay inside and dress in warm, layered clothing.
- ▶ Close off unneeded rooms.
- ▶ When using an alternative heat source, follow operating instructions, use fire safeguards, and be sure to properly ventilate.
- ▶ Stuff towels and rags underneath doors to keep the heat in.
- ▶ Cover windows at night.
- ▶ Only use a generator if you know how to operate it without hurting yourself, or electric utility employees.

After an outage, power can return in spikes. Keep your electronics safe by unplugging them. Leave one light on to indicate that power has been restored then turn on other appliances and equipment one at a time.



Helping someone with their utility payment is an especially practical and thoughtful gesture and convenient gift for any occasion. When you send this form, along with a check or money order in the amount of your choosing, your gift will be added to the recipient's Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. account and they will receive a Gift of Electricity receipt. (Please allow up to one week for your gift payment to be applied.)

Recipient Information (Please name a recipient – we are unable to choose a random recipient for you.)

Member Name: _____ Prairie Land Electric Account # (if known): _____

Address: _____ Apt/Unit #: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Personalize your Gift Receipt: Gift Amount: \$ _____ To: _____ From: _____

Optional message: _____



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•For more information, call us at 1-800-577-3323