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77th Annual Meeting

Where: PREMA Office Conference Room, Alliance

When: 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 24, 2022

The annual meeting will continue to be a basic format. We believe staying with the basis format is a wise use of the member’s money while providing an informative annual meeting.

- The meeting will last about 25 minutes and will consist of: introduction of directors, announcement of election results, and presentation of brief reports.
- In-person seating at the PREMA office will be limited.
- The meeting will be live on the Zoom remote meeting platform. Please check PREMA’s Facebook page or website prema.coop for a Zoom link and login information closer to the meeting.
- All names of in-person or Zoom attendees will be put into a drawing for an EGO POWER+ 18” Chain Saw.



MOVIN ON UP!



We here at PREMA are pleased to announce the promotion of Boone Manion from Alliance Foreman to our new Operations Manager. Along with the promotion of Travis Lurz from Alliance Lineman to Alliance Foreman. Boone has worked for PREMA for 23 years and Travis for 15 years, both are valuable members of our team.



Beware of warm-weather scammers

Your electric cooperative will never send anyone to your house to ask you if you need work done. And when someone does come for a legitimate reason, you'll see a uniform, a truck with the cooperative's logo on it and valid identification.

Springtime is scam season. Don't be surprised if you get telephone calls, uninvited visitors looking for work and loads of door hangers offering landscaping, roofing, painting and home-repair services.

Your best bet: Say no to all of them. If you need work done around your house, visit the Web site of the state agency responsible for licensing contractors or join a contractor referral network that recommends only contractors who are licensed, insured, bonded and experienced.

A few other tips:

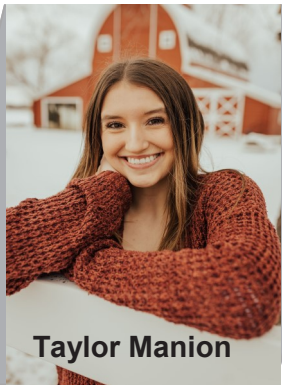
- Be wary of contractors with out-of-state license plates or detachable, magnetic company signs on their trucks. These could be "travelers," who follow the warm weather from state to state and hire themselves out as home-improvement contractors. They're almost always unlicensed in your state, and if you discover a problem with their work later, they'll be long gone.
- Do not pay in cash, and do not pay up front. Instead, work out a payment schedule that allows you to pay in increments as the work is completed.
- Get bids from three reputable companies before you start. If you get one offer that's way lower than the other two, something is probably amiss.
- Don't fall for these two lines: "I just finished a job at your neighbor's house and I'll give you a good price if you hire me today because I'm already in the neighborhood" or "I have leftover materials from a job I just did and I'll sell/install them here for a deep discount because I don't need them."

Hiring contractors can be expensive. Don't waste your money on one who's not licensed and legitimate.

PREMA's 2022-2023 Scholarship Winners

Seven area students will receive scholarship funds from PREMA and its power suppliers. Ryan Reiber, General Manager of PREMA, announced that Taylor Manion of Alliance, Gavin Anderson of Whitman, Destiny Hanson and Daren McConville of Hemingford, Jhet Holthus of Hyannis, Levi Berndt and Megan Shaw of Lakeside will all receive scholarships from PREMA, Basin Electric Power Cooperative of North Dakota and Tri-State Generation and Transmission of Denver, Colorado.

Taylor Manion, daughter of Boone Manion and Meagan Shrewsbury both of Alliance, will be a Junior at Brigham Young University in Idaho. She is getting her Bachelors degree in Biomedical Science. Taylor will receive \$1,000 from Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



Taylor Manion

PREMA awarded a \$500 scholarship to Gavin Anderson, Destiny Hanson, Daren McConville, and Jhet Holthus.

Gavin Anderson, son of Rosemary and Kevin Anderson of Whitman, will be a Freshman at South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City, SD. Gavin plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. *Photograph by Audrey Powles Photography and Design



Gavin Anderson

Destiny Hanson, daughter of Amanda and James Hanson of Hemingford, will be a Freshman at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, WY. Destiny plans on getting her Associates degree as a Veterinarian Technician. *Photograph by Macee Michele Photography



Destiny Hanson

Daren McConville, son of Dustin McConville and Shelley Blow of Hemingford, will be a freshman at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, WY. Daren plans on getting his Associates degree in Ag Business.



Daren McConville

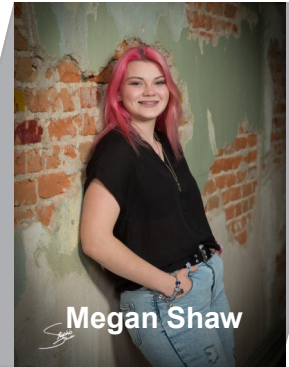
Jhet Holthus, son of Jennifer and Jeremy Holthus of Hyannis, will be a freshman at Garden City Community College in Garden City, Kansas. While there he plans on pursuing a career in Firefighting and Paramedic. *Photograph by Audrey Powles Photography and Design



Jhet Holthus

The Tri-State Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Megan Shaw.

Megan Shaw, daughter of Robert and April Shaw of Lakeside, will be attending Paul Mitchell The School Rapid City in Rapid City, SD. Megan plans on getting her cosmetology license. *Photograph by Steph's Studio



Megan Shaw

Levi Berndt was awarded the \$1,000 WNCC Powerline Scholarship, sponsored by PREMA. He will be attending the WNCC Powerline School the end of May. Levi is the son of Scott Berndt of Lakeside and Debra Berndt of Scottsbluff.



Levi Berndt



The PREMA, Tri-State and Basin Scholarship winners were chosen at random from twenty-two applicants who met all of the qualifications. All entrants are dependents of PREMA members or PREMA employees. The scholarships are offered annually to students in PREMA's service territory.



Notes from Load Management

On May 1, the 2022 irrigation load management season will begin. During the months of May through September, load control can be initiated when the PREMA system, kW peak occurs. PREMA's kW peak can happen anytime between the hours of 12:00 noon to 10:00 PM Monday through Saturday. PREMA uses past kW history to help predict when load control is triggered.

Listed below are two options for participants in Load Management:

1. The RiCA program allows irrigators to remotely shut off a pivot. If interested in the RiCA program log on to www.prema.coop under the **Irrigation** tab, read the disclaimer and accept the risk.
2. Participants in Load Management can receive a text when PREMA is in active control. If interested in receiving the text email Tim Sherlock at tims@prema.coop.



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