



Nelson



Rauschendorfer



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## Nominating Committee to meet in March

**T**he Nominating Committee will meet Thursday, March 2, at Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative's (LYREC) office. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to select candidates for the board of trustees.

The Nominating Committee will consist of two members each from District 5, District 6 and District 7. The committee will nominate one or more candidates for District 5, District 6 and District 7.

The present trustees holding seats in these districts are Dennis Nelson, District 5, Greg Rauschendorfer, District 6, and Allen Thiessen, District 7.

Nominating Committee members are:

- Representing District 5 -

- Kirk Panasuk and Bryce Romo  
• Representing District 6 -  
Victor Gustafson and Mason Johnston
- Representing District 7 -  
Mark Pust and Lana Watson

If you are a member of LYREC, reside in District 5, 6 or 7 and are interested in becoming a candidate for the board of trustees, contact one of the Nominating Committee members and ask to be considered for nomination.

If you have a joint membership, either member on the account can run for the board of trustees seat. A joint membership is entitled to one vote at any meeting of the cooperative. ■

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Cade Tombre

## Youth Tour essay winner named

**C**ade Tombre, a junior at Savage High School and the son of Tyler and Chandí Tombre, has been selected to represent Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative on the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June. Cade serves as vice president of his junior class, and is actively involved in basketball, football and his church.

The Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., is more than a trip to the nation's capital to sightsee. It is a prominent event in which thousands of high school students from across the United States gain an understanding of our nation's history and the freedoms we enjoy, along with the many costs of those freedoms.

The Youth Tour is designed to provide an opportunity for outstanding rural young people to better understand the value of rural electrification. It familiarizes youth with the historic and political environment of our nation's capital through firsthand looks at monuments, historically significant national sites and government buildings.

Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative believes in investing in today's youth. We are investing in our - and your - future. We know we have the brightest students right here in this area, and we want to give them the opportunity to experience the past, present and future of our country.

Congratulations, Cade! ■

## Scholarship offered by co-op

**B**asin Electric Power Cooperative is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative (LYREC) member's dependent. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic record; leadership and participation in school and community activities; honors; work experience; a statement of education and career goals; and an outside appraisal. To apply, complete the required criteria and the scholarship application, which can be obtained at [www.lyrec.coop](http://www.lyrec.coop).

The applications are due Feb. 14. Please send the application to LYREC, Attn: Jami Propp, P.O. Box 1047, Sidney, MT 59270. ■



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## Highly effective portable heater safety habits

**1** Keep all sides of the heater at least 3 feet from beds, clothes, curtains, papers, sofas and other items that can catch fire.

**2** Never run the heater's cord under rugs or carpeting and never power the heater with an extension cord or power strip.

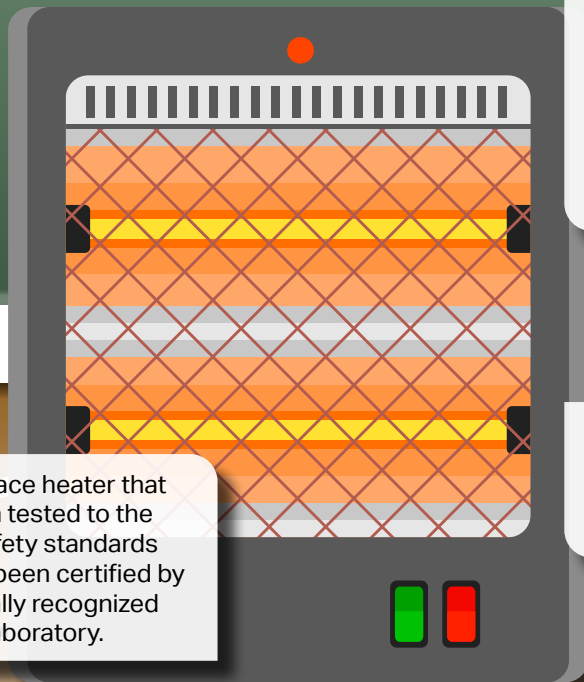
**3** Make sure the heater is not near water. NEVER touch it if you are wet.

**4** Place the heater on a stable, level surface, located where it will not be knocked over.

**5** Never leave the heater operating while unattended or while you are sleeping.

**6** If the heater's cord or plug is HOT, disconnect the heater and contact an authorized repair person. If any part of the outlet is hot, contact a certified electrician.

**7** Use a space heater that has been tested to the latest safety standards and has been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.




# Stay safe during severe winter weather

## Ice and other severe winter weather can result in power outages

When severe winter weather hits, power outages can occur. Roadways can be dangerous. Do all you can to prepare your pantry, home and car for the next severe winter storm. Once you are ready, watch and listen for weather bulletins mentioning winter storms, blizzard warnings or windchill dangers.

- **Supplies for the storm:** At home, have enough nonperishable food, water and medical supplies/medicines for 72 hours. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest storing a gallon of water per person per day. Have cellphones, chargers and backup charger sources ready. Gather important documents and medical records. Protect your pets and make sure you have enough supplies for them as well. Also have these items ready: a first-aid kit, a flashlight and batteries, hand sanitizer, blankets and warm clothing.
- **Readying the house:** Weatherproof your home ahead of winter by caulking windows and doors and looking for other air leaks that need attention. Inspect chimney flues for wood stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your home. Protect pipes from freezing.
- **Prepare your vehicle with an emergency kit:** According to Consumer Reports, it can be cheaper to buy a prepared emergency kit than to purchase items individually. A kit typically includes battery booster cables, an ice scraper, a portable shovel, flashlights, a signaling cone, backup batteries for the flashlight, roadside triangles, a reflective vest, a basic first-aid kit (add what is needed for individual needs) and a cellphone charger.  
In addition, your car or truck should also be stocked with gloves, a blanket, a rain poncho, wipes, rags, boots and a hat. It cannot hurt to also have bottled water and nonperishable snacks in your vehicle in case you get stranded.
- **Prepare your vehicle:** Complete annual maintenance, test the car battery and cooling system, use winter tires and replace them if the tread is less than 2/32 of an inch. Check tire pressure and wiper blades, add wiper fluid rated for less than minus 30 degrees and keep the gas tank at least half full.

Know when the power goes out, we work hard to restore it safely and efficiently. ■



## Operating report

Year to date:	November 2021	November 2022
Total miles energized	2,127	2,104
Total number of meters	6,221	6,243
Kilowatt-hours sold	254,246,844	290,876,276
Revenue	\$26,684,662	\$30,959,610
Total expenses	\$25,468,019	\$28,084,512
Operating margins	\$2,265,946	\$3,708,496

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