

JOIN LYREC FOR THE  
**80<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNUAL MEETING

Building a  
**bright future**



**June 1, 2016**

**Richland County Fairgrounds  
Event Center**

Registration/Dinner 5 p.m.  
Registration ends at 6:05 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 6:15 p.m.

- Election of two directors
- 20, \$1,000 “luck-of-the-draw” scholarships awarded
- Progressive jackpot drawing of \$1,000 (must be present)
- Each member account that attends the business meeting will receive a \$25 bill credit
- Childcare will be provided during the business meeting
- Touchstone Energy hot air balloon—weather permitting

# Nominating Committee submits candidates for election June 1

**A** Nominating Committee consisting of Craig Averett, Joy Buxbaum and Jim Basta met at Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative's office March 1. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the election of directors in District 3 and 4. The election will be held during the June 1 annual meeting.

The committee selected John Redman for District 3 and Dennis Schmierer for District 4. Candidates can also be nominated by petition or from the floor at the June 1 annual meeting.



**JOHN REDMAN**

Association and past master of the Lower Yellowstone Masonic Lodge No. 90. He has been associated with the 4-H program for nearly 30 years.



**DENNIS SCHMIERER**

Dennis was elected to Lower Yellowstone Electric's board in 2001. Shortly after his election, Dennis joined Lower Yellowstone Electric's Safety Committee and is currently still active on the committee.

Dennis states, "Serving on LYREC's board has had many challenges, however it is very rewarding. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a board member is continuously finding ways to improve the members' power quality by upgrading LYREC's service so that LYREC can continue to thrive in the future." ■

## District 3 John Redman

John came to Richland County in 1960, when he started farming with electric pump irrigation. He was elected to the board of trustees at the 1992 annual meeting and is currently the secretary/treasurer. John is retired from farming and ranching. He and his wife, Doris, have five children.

John has a bachelor of science degree from Montana State University. John is Lower Yellowstone's representative to the Montana Electric Cooperatives'

## District 4 Dennis Schmierer

Dennis was born and raised in Savage, Mont., where he graduated from high school and went on to the National College of Business in Rapid City, S.D. Dennis and his wife, Karen, have four children and seven grandchildren. He and his brother raise beets and cattle near Savage.



## Find us on Facebook!

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative will award 20, \$1,000 scholarships at the co-op's annual meeting Wednesday, June 1.

To be eligible:

- The parent/guardian of the applicant must be a member who is currently receiving electric service from Lower Yellowstone Electric.
- The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college/university or vocational school for the upcoming fall term.
- The applicant must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and both must be present to win.
- An individual applicant can receive a maximum of two luck-of-the-draw scholarships.

The scholarship registration will be from 5-6:05 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted. ■



Congratulations to **Doug Fawcett**, a Sheridan Electric member, on winning the Green Mountain grill.

## Co-ops attend Farm and Ranch Show

Burke-Divide Electric, McKenzie Electric, Sheridan Electric, Mountrail-Williams Electric and Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative had a booth at the Farm and Ranch Show in Williston, N.D.

The booth had great energy efficiency displays, useful tips on energy conservation and hot out-of-the-oven cookies. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth during the Farm and Ranch Show. ■

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME. SOME GAVE ALL.

## HONORING MEMORIAL DAY

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 30 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

# SmartHub coming soon

Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative members will soon be able to use SmartHub to access their accounts. SmartHub will replace LYREC's current e-bill and will provide members with a new process for paying electric bills online, managing electric accounts, communicating directly with the cooperative, setting up recurring payments or making a onetime payment. It can be accessed online via a personal computer or as a free app on the member's smartphone or tablet.

Stay tuned for more information on SmartHub's release date for LYREC members! (Meter No. T21096) ■



# HIDDEN NUMBERS



If you find your meter number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$25 credit on your next statement. The meter number will appear within the four Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative pages. Give us a call during the month your meter is listed, and claim your \$25 bill credit.



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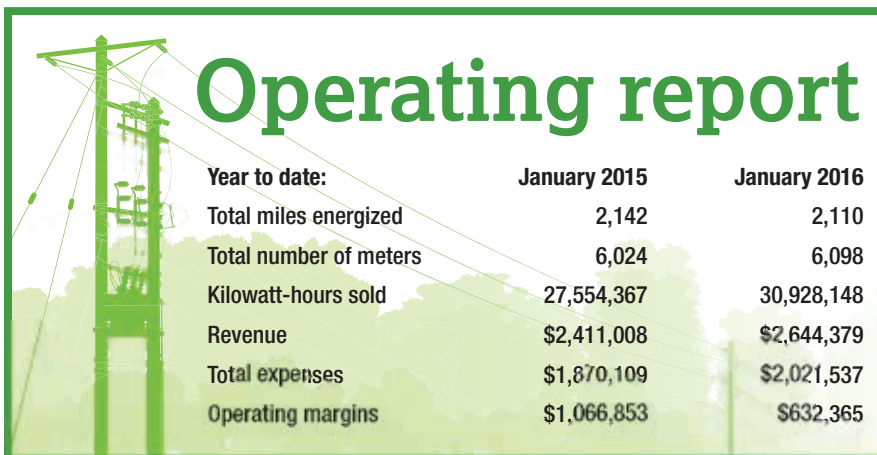
### TRUSTEES

Allen Thiessen ..... President  
 Greg Rauschendorfer ..... Vice President  
 John Redman ..... Secretary/Treasurer  
 Colin Gartner ..... Trustee  
 Dennis Schmierer ..... Trustee  
 Dennis Nelson ..... Trustee  
 Jim Vitt ..... Trustee

### EMPLOYEES

Jason Brothen ..... General Manager  
 Brenda Bond ..... Chief Financial Officer  
 Jami Propp ..... Member Service Manager  
 Kyle Kavanagh ..... IT Coordinator  
 Cassie Parker ..... Staff Assistant  
 Margo Zadow ..... Billing Coordinator  
 Pam Wilcoxon ..... Plant Accountant  
 Tiffani Hentges ..... Customer Service Representative  
 Chris Hillesland ..... Chief Operations Officer  
 Rich Gorde ..... Foreman  
 Eric McPherson ..... Foreman  
 Kevin Goff ..... Operations Assistant  
 Kelly Keysor ..... Operations Manager  
 Lee Alvstad ..... Journeyman Lineman  
 Richard Tremblay ..... Journeyman Lineman  
 Aaron Eide ..... Journeyman Lineman  
 Bryan Franck ..... Journeyman Lineman  
 Jesse Obergfell ..... Journeyman Lineman  
 Dan Gieser ..... Meter Technician  
 Blade Jankovsky ..... Apprentice Lineman  
 Ryder Peterson ..... Apprentice Lineman  
 Tanner Roth ..... Apprentice Lineman  
 Mike Eberling ..... Mechanic  
 Bo Kindopp ..... GIS/Easement Technician  
 Corey Candee ..... Chief Information Officer  
 Edwin Gatzke ..... Line Locator/Meter Reader  
 Justin King ..... Material/Warehouse Supervisor

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



## Operating report

Year to date:	January 2015	January 2016
Total miles energized	2,142	2,110
Total number of meters	6,024	6,098
Kilowatt-hours sold	27,554,367	30,928,148
Revenue	\$2,411,008	\$2,644,379
Total expenses	\$1,870,109	\$2,021,537
Operating margins	\$1,066,853	\$632,365