

ATTENTION ALL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

WIN AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Owen Nelson, Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., representative, had this to say about his Youth Tour experience, "I was chosen by LYREC



PHOTO BY KATIE RYAN-ANDERSON

to attend the 2016 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. While we were there, we visited numerous monuments, museums and other important buildings, including the Capitol. At the Capitol building, we met with Montana's representative and senators. It was a great experience to see people who are working for the rights of Montana citizens. We were also able to meet with other students around the states sent by their area co-ops. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will never forget. I would like to thank LYREC for choosing me to be our area representative. I would also like to encourage other students to apply to go on this amazing trip." ■

LOWER YELLOWSTONE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR

CHECK IT OUT AT
www.youthtour.coop

CONTEST RULES

- To enter the essay contest, you must be a current sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardians must be a current LYREC member.
- The essay is not to exceed two, double-spaced pages on the topic.

Explain why you should be LYREC's Youth Tour delegate.

An application can be picked up from your guidance counselor, or at www.lyrec.com. Go to "My Community" then "Washington, D.C., Youth Tour" for additional information.

- **The deadline is Nov. 30, 2016.** Emailed entries should be directed to jamip@lyrec.com, and hard copy entries mailed to: LYREC, Attn: Jami Propp, PO Box 1047, Sidney, MT 59270.

PRIZES

First Place

- An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 2017.
- \$1,000 toward college education
- \$200 bill credit for student's parents

Second Place

- \$500 toward college education
- \$100 bill credit for student's parents

Third Place

- \$100 toward college education
- \$50 bill credit for student's parents



Coat and food drive

In the spirit of Co-op Month, Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative (LYREC) will hold its annual coat and food drive through the entire month of October.

With the state of the economy, many individuals and families need assistance this year. If you have boots, hats, coats or any other winter gear that you no longer need, please bring the clothing to our office. All items will be donated to the Salvation Army in Sidney at the end of October.

LYREC is also collecting nonperishable food items for the Richland County Food Bank through October. The Richland County Food Bank is also in need of hygiene supplies, such as laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo and other items. Monetary donations are also accepted. You may leave any donations at LYREC. Please make checks payable to the Richland County Food Bank. (Meter 22931) ■

Fair time fun!

Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative (LYREC) participated in Richland County's and Roosevelt County's Co-op Day at the Fair. LYREC, along with the six other local cooperatives, served more than 850 root beer floats during the Richland County Fair. LYREC, Sheridan Electric and Western Cooperative Credit Union provided fudge pops and water to the Roosevelt County fair-goers.

LYREC also participated in the 4-H sale during the fairs. Director Colin Gartner purchased a steer from Paige Carda at the Richland County Fair and Director Dennis Nelson purchased a hog from Elsie Wilson at the Roosevelt County Fair.

One of LYREC's cooperative principles is commitment to community. Participating in Co-op Day at the Fair and the 4-H sales is always a great way to connect with our members and the community as a whole. If we missed you this year, we hope to see you next year at the fair. ■

Director **Dennis Nelson** scopes out the 4-H animals at the Roosevelt County Fair.



Valuable rebates

If you are a Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative (LYREC) member, we have several rebates available.

Electric water heaters:

- At least a 40-gallon tank.
- \$4-per-gallon rebate, not to exceed \$300.
- Insulation factor of R12-13, EER (at least) 0.9.
- At least a 10-year warranty. (extended warranties do not qualify)
- The water heater must remain in the service location specified at the time of rebate.
- You may buy a water heater at any business of your choice, as long as the water heater meets the criteria stated above. The member must provide LYREC with a receipt of the purchase, with the qualifications stated on the receipt. The member will need to sign a contract and provide the office with the meter number with which this water heater correlates.

Electric heat:

- Rebate amount of \$25 per kilowatt of installed load of electric heat.
- It can be electric baseboard, electric plenum heaters or heat pumps.
- Space heating is the only use for the heater.
- The member may put the heaters under the electric heat rate program. (Contact our office for more information about the electric heat rate program.)
- The heater must remain in the service location specified at the time of the rebate.
- You may buy the electric heater from any business of your choice, as long as the electric heater meets the above criteria. The member must provide LYREC with a receipt of the sale. The member will need to sign a contract and provide the office with the meter number with which the electric heater will correlate.

Heat pump:

- Rebate amount of \$150 per ton of installed heat pump.
- The heat pump can be either air-to-air or ground-source.
- The heat pump must remain at the service location specified at the time of the rebate.
- The member may buy and have the heat pump installed



by any company of their choice. After installation, the member must provide LYREC with a receipt with the number of tons installed and sign a contract.

Service upgrade:

- LYREC agrees to rebate its member up to and not exceeding \$200 for upgrading a member's electric service.
- The upgrade must be on LYREC's service territory and remain there. Once completed, the member must sign a contract to receive the rebate.

Double-throw switch:

- LYREC agrees to rebate its member up to and not exceeding \$200 for installing a double-throw switch on the member's service.
- The upgrade must be on LYREC's service territory and remain there.
- Once installed, the member must provide LYREC with a receipt and sign a contract to receive the rebate.

Grain drying:

- LYREC agrees to rebate its member \$30 per horsepower for an electric air grain drying setup on a grain bin.
- The electric grain dryer must be on LYREC's service area and remain there. ■

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program available

Are you or someone you know in need of assistance with heating this winter? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications. If you reside in Montana, you can contact Energy Share at 800-227-0703. If you reside in North Dakota, contact Community Action at 701-572-8191. Montana residents may pick up an application at Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative (LYREC) for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Once you submit your application, it can take up to two months before receiving assistance. If you are finding yourself in a financial bind, please pick up an application today. Below are the income eligibility criteria for 2016-2017.

Number in household	Annual income
1	\$22,293
2	\$29,153
3	\$36,012
4	\$42,872
5	\$49,732
6	\$56,591

For your application to be processed, you will need a copy of your most recent fuel bill, 12 months of income verification for all persons in the household (wages, Social Security/SSI, veterans benefits, child support, unemployment), proof of current resources (bank statements) and a photo ID for all household members 18 years and older, or a birth certificate for children 17 and under. If you are receiving Supplemental Security Income, you will need your SSI award letter.

Failure to provide all requested information and verification will delay the eligibility determination and may result in application denial.

If you do not fall within these guidelines, but you have an emergency situation and need assistance, please call LYREC at 406-488-1602 or 844-441-5627 for other referrals. ■

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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Operating report

Year to date:	July 2015	July 2016
Total miles energized	2,142	2,073
Total number of meters	6,096	6,120
Kilowatt-hours sold	183,070,301	159,518,250
Revenue	\$15,134,152	\$14,916,270
Total expenses	\$12,328,665	\$12,157,477
Operating margins	\$3,416,831	\$3,454,057



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