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# LIGHT LINES

Your Electric Cooperative Newsletter

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**April 2018**

## **Bridger Valley Electric Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Lyman High School**

**Come on out and support  
your BVEA Director**

**Pancakes & Sausage  
Breakfast from 8-10 a.m.**



**Annual Meeting 10 a.m.  
In the PAC**

**Bridger Valley Health Fair  
and  
Chamber of Commerce  
Business Expo  
8 a.m. to noon**



**Manager's Viewpoint by Jud Redden**

## **Its Annual Meeting Time!**

The Bridger Valley Electric Association will hold its annual membership meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Lyman High School. It will be a chance to celebrate 80 years of members helping members achieve a better way of life with electrical energy. The Bridger Valley Health Fair and Chamber Business Expo will also be in the Lyman High School that day.

BVEA will again serve a delicious pancake breakfast that morning beginning at 8:00. Attendance at the Health Fair and Business Expo has been dwindling the past few years. I encourage all to attend this great community event. What better way is there to support our community and the businesses that we depend on for our rural life style? BVEA will be drawing for door prizes throughout the morning and will post winners at the registration booth.

You could win some beef, pork, or lamb that we purchase at our county fairs. The BVEA directors feel that buying animals that our 4-H and FFA groups have entered in the fair is a great way to support the young people in our area. In addition to the fair animals there are always plenty of other good door prizes. We will hold a short membership meeting in the auditorium at 10 a.m. to hear the President's report and to announce election results. One of the purposes of an annual meeting is to provide an opportunity for the membership to visit with the directors. All 7 of our board members will be in attendance beginning at 8:00.

I hope you will take the opportunity to seek out one of the directors or one of the staff to discuss issues that you feel are important. I feel this will be an excellent opportunity to receive input and feedback from you, the member owners of BVEA. For the past three years we have made a concerted effort to meet with our membership in the areas that aren't close to our office. We have held meetings in Manila, Farson, Salt Lake, and Bountiful. The meetings in the Salt Lake area are for our members in the Manor Lands, Christmas Meadows, and Uinta Lands subdivisions on the Bear River. (cont'd on Page 2 of this insert)

## Its Annual Meeting Time! (cont'd)

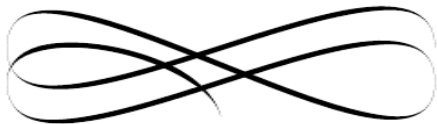
Of course, another important purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect directors to represent the membership on the BVEA Board of Directors. AT BVEA the membership is divided into 5 districts. Only members that live in a district where an election is being held will receive a ballot to cast a vote for a director candidate. The directors serve for three-year terms and the election cycle is staggered so not all positions are open at the same time. This year positions in District 2 and District 3 are up for election. District 2 is the Lyman area. District 3 is the area including Ft. Bridger, Milburne, Carter, Piedmont, and the Bear River area except for Uinta Lands and Manor Lands. Please return your ballot through the mail or bring it to the registration desk on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to visiting with you at our 80th Annual Meeting.

## From the Board Room

In the March 13, 2018 board meeting the following actions occurred:



- The board approved the minutes of the February 20, 2018 board meeting.
- The Board President appointed a Credentials and Election committee for tallying the votes at the Annual Meeting to be held April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The board approved contributions to Huntsman Cancer Center and Primary Children's Hospital.
- The board approved a delegate to the Northwest Public Power member meeting to be held in Boise, Idaho in May.
- The board approved the write-offs, the safety report, the estate refunds, and the financial report. Kimball Rasmussen and Dave Crabtree from Deseret Power gave a presentation to the board regarding the financial forecast for Deseret.



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### Board of Directors

Kim Charles, President – District 1  
Gary Nix, Vice President – District 1  
Mountain View, Robertson, Uinta Lands, Manorlands

Rick Maxfield – District 2  
Jason Haycock – District 2  
Lyman Area

Ruth Rees, Sec./Treas. – District 3  
Ft. Bridger, Milburne, Carter, Piedmont, Bear River Area (excluding Uinta Lands & Manorlands)

Clark Anderson – District 4  
McKinnon, Manila, Dutch John Areas

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Farson, Eden, Granger Areas

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## BVEA Board Election

### Meet the Candidates

#### District B (Lyman Area)

##### Jason Haycock (incumbent)



- Jason was appointed to the board of directors in 2014 and has enjoyed the opportunity to be involved with Bridger Valley Electric. He is grateful for the trust the community has put in him in working to maintain reliable and affordable electricity.

Jason is married to Traci (Platts) and they have three children. He has been a Doctor of Chiropractic

for 20 years and he has an office in Lyman. When he considered the position, he was looking for a way to be more involved in the community. He serves in his church and contributes to various causes in the schools, organizations, and to individuals.

Believing that he is a person that lives his life with high moral character and integrity, he feels that as a board member these qualities are most important. Standing up for what is best for Bridger Valley Electric and its members is what being a director is all about. As a doctor, he is faced with a variety of situations when a patient comes to him with a problem. He says, "It is my responsibility to use my experience, education, and problem solving skills to make a decision that can best help that patient. This background has helped me gain communication and reasoning skills. These qualities have been beneficial as I have served on the board the past 4 years."

Additionally, Haycock has continued his Director Certification training. Certification requires a director to attend 5 classes which give a director the basics of the electric utility industry and financing. Currently, Jason has completed four of the five classes.

Jason hopes that the Lyman area will come out and vote for him on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember that ballots will only be sent to members in Districts 2 and 3. Those members can mail their ballots in with the postage paid envelope or bring it to the registration table at annual meeting on April 28 by 10 a.m.**



**Brent Goble** - Brent and his wife Sherry are residents of Lyman, Wyoming. Sherry is a lifelong resident of Bridger Valley with Brent being a newcomer of 27 years now. They are parents of eight children and twenty-four grandchildren. They are proud of their family and enjoy being part of their lives.

Brent is a General Construction Contractor and has been in business with his family since 1982. Goble Construction has been involved in many projects both here in Bridger Valley and Southwest Wyoming. His dependability, work ethic and honest reputation are key elements to the success of his business. Brent served four years on the Pioneer Days committee with two years as chairman and has served in several leadership positions in his church. He loves the Valley and is grateful to call it home.

Brent says, "I try to be conscientious and responsible in my life. I enjoy helping others with everyday needs when problems arise. I like troubleshooting and problem solving and trying to make things better. I know many of the employees and managers at BVEA and am grateful for all of their hard work and dedication. I appreciate all the years of sacrifice and planning so we can have the electrical system we have today."

Brent has over 35 years of experience in helping run a successful business and feels he would be an asset and asks for your support and the opportunity to represent Lyman on the Board for District 2.

#### District C (Ft. Bridger, Milburne, Carter, Piedmont, Bear River Area (excluding Uinta Lands & Manorlands)-



##### Ruth Rees (incumbent)

- Ruth knows the electric business is very complicated and there is much to learn. She has taken advantage of many of the classes available for directors. Ruth realizes that a director's responsibilities are very serious and the board is ultimately responsible for the success of the cooperative. Good financial policy, attention to business (cont'd on Page 4 of this insert)

## Director Candidates Ruth Rees (Cont'd)

trends and observing what other co-ops are doing are important in seeing that Bridger Valley Electric is run as efficiently and progressively as possible. The industry is always facing challenges due to regulations and the war on coal.

Ruth has been appointed to serve as Bridger Valley Electric's representative on the Wyoming Rural Electric Association board.

Ruth and her husband Allen live outside Ft. Bridger where they own and operate a ranch and own a small construction company. She has always been active in the community. She has helped with many fundraisers, served on the fair board, cemetery board, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She is the creator of "Make a Child Smile", a program which she began 18 years ago. "Make a Child Smile" provides quilts to Primary Children's Hospital.

Ruth is honored to serve as director for BVEA. She is willing to put in the time it takes to continue to be a successful director. It requires time, travel and having a voice for her constituents. She is hoping to serve for another 3 years. Ruth encourages all District 3 members to vote their ballots when they receive them this month

## Lineman Appreciation Day April 9th

When we flip a light switch, we expect a light to turn on. We usually don't give much thought to the processes or people behind it, until the light doesn't turn on because of a power outage. Severe weather is the top cause of power outages in the United States. When storms cause the power to go out, we depend upon our electric utilities to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. Lineman Appreciation Day is April 9th in many parts of the country, honoring the employees who are dispatched to the areas where storms have damaged electrical equipment in order to ensure public safety and restore power. Linemen are the front line, but they do not work alone. In fact, behind every flick of a light switch or press of an electronic appliance button, there is an entire team of utility personnel working hard to make sure that electricity is delivered reliably and safely to homes and businesses.

When you have the chance, thank the utility personnel you meet, whether on the phone, online, or in person. They play a key role in your community as they work to keep the lights on and people safe.

## National Lineworker Appreciation Day April 9, 2018

**M**ore than 15,000 electric cooperative lineworkers serve on the front lines of our nation's energy needs, maintaining 42 percent of electric distribution lines.

Lineworkers perform intricate work, often in dangerous conditions, to ensure we receive the safe, reliable power we depend on.

