

Watts New

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By the time this issue hits your mailbox, the Platte County Fair will have ended and the Wyoming State Fair will be just beginning. To start with, let me congratulate all the winners of the County Fair, and wish the contestants of the State Fair the best of luck!

Last year, the Wyoming electric cooperatives joined forces at the Wyoming State Fair and set up a booth to meet with our members and provide line work and safety demonstrations. It was very successful, so this year we will again be at the Fair and improving on last year! I would like to thank all of the other electric co-ops in the state, as well as Tri State Generation and Transmission, for their support in manning the Cooperative booth! Please stop by and see us when you are visiting the fair. We always look forward to seeing you!

As I am sure you have heard, immediately following the State Fair will be the solar eclipse. On Monday, August 21st, the Great American Eclipse will be visible within a narrow path across North America. According to those who track these events, this will be the first time this has occurred in 99 years, and it will be several years before another one occurs. It will truly be a once in a lifetime experience, and it will last all of about 2 ½ minutes! The interesting thing for the REA will be the impact to our system and the area. Within our service territory, Glendo will be “ground zero” for viewing, and the “experts” are projecting huge numbers of people visiting our area to view the event. At the REA, we are concerned with the heavy use of our system by these visitors. In preparation, crews have been conducting inspections of lines and rights-of-way, looking for anything that may cause a problem during heavy loading, so we can correct it before a problem occurs. We will also have crews on standby in the Glendo area to minimize response time, should a problem occur. We will not be able to prevent all possible outages, but we will do what we can to correct them. Aside from our preparations, please plan for yourselves by making sure you have fuel in your vehicles and consider doing your grocery shopping prior to the influx of visitors. If even the low-end of the anticipated visitor counts show up, our stores and gas stations may be swamped! If we all prepare, we can all enjoy this once in a lifetime experience without the frustrations that can come from huge crowds.

On a different subject, we have been asked lately about the “scrubber” project at Laramie River Station and also why the LRS is moving forward with the project when the new Washington administration is reversing the Clean Power Plan (CPP). While we cannot speak for LRS, I will say that reversing the CPP is no easy or short task and definitely not guaranteed. The CPP was enacted and recorded as a final rule, therefore there are lengthy legal proceedings that are required. The minimum time frame I have heard to make it through all of the hurdles is four years. It is also my understanding that there most likely will be some type of regulation in place when it is all said and done. Who knows what will come from it all, but at least LRS should be in a position to work well into the future, providing power to the grid, and employment to our members.

Lastly, as August is the beginning of school, keep an eye out for the kids heading back to school. Please be careful out there! As always, it is a pleasure to serve you, the great member-owners of Wheatland REA! Thank you for being such interested and involved member-owners! Please stop in and see us whether at the office or the State Fair! Thanks for all you do to make this community a great place to live and work!



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From the Office of RKA....

August 2017-What exactly happened to summer? It's that time of the year where everyone is getting ready for school, the County and State Fairs are underway, and new and current students are heading back to college.

The cooperative has been keeping busy around the community this summer. We participated in the Kiwanis Club's "Day of Discovery", CME's "Promoting Platte County", Chugwater Chili video coverage with Tri-State G & T, and multiple days throughout the summer months of electric safety. We will be participating in not only the Platte County Fair activities, but will also have a booth at the Wyoming State Fair. Neighboring Wyoming Co-ops will be helping us man a booth all week long. If you are at the Wyoming State Fair, please stop by and say "Hello". We will be having instructional demonstrations and also be giving out some prizes!

Last year at this same time, we did a mass mailing in the bills with a "pink slip" for everyone to fill out, updating telephone numbers and contact information. Here in the next few months, please be watching for another slip. We want to have your current information, especially telephone numbers. This is imperative in case of an outage, planned or unplanned. Stay tuned for further information!

We have completed our annual audit and I am happy to say that there were no audit deficiencies of financial concern. What that means to you as a member is that we, as a co-op, are doing our best to provide you with financial stability. That is very important to you as a member. It also makes the Board of Directors' decisions easier when it comes to deciding every year to pay back capital credits. If you have any questions about the audit, please let me know. I would be happy to explain it to you.

I have been putting in time fishing. It is a little ironic that when Lee and Anthony are talking about fishing, I actually understand what pulling crank bait means, the difference between a salmo and cotton cordell, and what color of jig we use with either a minnow or worm. My dad would be proud!!! The real problem is that I am somewhat competitive so I just cannot go out and have fun. I refuse to come home skunked! I have made my husband and son stay out on the water until I caught a fish! Fisherman are also not the most truthful, so please don't ask me what we are using, where we are going, etc... Sad, sad, sad.... (LOL!)

Until next month.....



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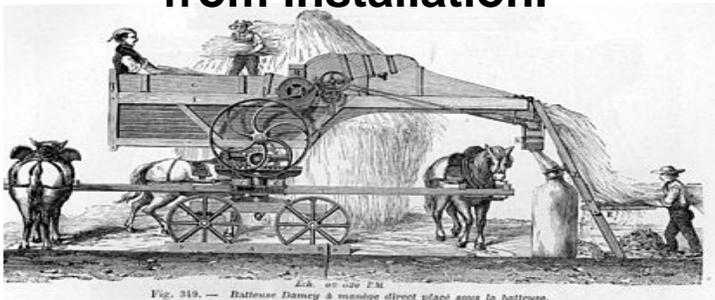


Fig. 319. — Batteuse Stanley à manège direct placé sous la batteuse.

Dove Season starts
 September 1, 2017 so
 Remember....

Never shoot Doves off power lines!
 Broken wires are not only expensive...
THEY ARE VERY DANGEROUS!
 Don't shoot toward a power line!
Good hunting is to be safe!



Guess who is back at the Wheatland REA?
It's Mike Johnson ! He is our new
Engineering Technician.



If you see him out and about tell him it is
good to have him back.

4 tips to remember before
viewing a Solar Eclipse

- ✓ Don't look directly at the sun to avoid eye damage
- ✓ Sunglasses won't provide sufficient protection
- ✓ Use an approved solar filter like #14 welder's glass
- ✓ Create a pinhole projector with a cardboard box



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**AUGUST 23,
2017 IS**

Back to School



**Congrats from Wheatland
REA to all of the 4H and
FFA winners this year!**

Platte County Fair



WY STATE FAIR 2017

AUGUST 12-19 2017, DOUGLAS, WY

Kids' Day is August 16th. The first 100 kids at the Wyoming Rural Electric Cooperative's booth will get their wrist bands free.



Military Appreciation Day, sponsored by our Wyoming Rural Electric Cooperative's, will be on August 16, 2017.

