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Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association

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ELECTRICAL Safety

for
Teens



DO NOT use generic chargers or cords. They could **overheat** or shock or burn you.



DO NOT put your cell phone **under your pillow** or take it to bed with you.



DO NOT use charging cell phones or other electrical devices **with wet or damp hands**.



DO NOT bring a charging cell phone or other electrical devices **near water**, including a **bathtub or pool**.



If you are in a car accident involving a downed power line, **DO NOT get out of the vehicle** unless you see smoke or fire.

If you must exit a burning vehicle near or on a downed power line, make a **clean exit from the car** and **land on both feet**; then **hop** with feet together, **DO NOT WALK**, to safety.

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Employee Recognition

These three employees have recently celebrated milestone years of service. Thank you for being such valuable members of our team!



5th
ANNIVERSARY

Myles Mills (pictured above) is a Lineman on the Alliance crew, in April he celebrated 5 years with PREMA.



10th
ANNIVERSARY

Lorelee Young (pictured above) is the Accountant, in June she celebrated 10 years with PREMA.



15th
ANNIVERSARY

Nick Paradeis (pictured above) is the AMR Coordinator, in May he celebrated 15 years with PREMA.

Celebrate

PREMA APPRECIATES ALL THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

- Alliance Fire Department
- Arthur Fire Department
- Heart of the Hills
- Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department
- Rackett Rural Fire District
- Sandhills Rural Fire Protection District

PREMA teamed up with Tri-State to donate drinking water to six local volunteer fire departments within our service territory. We know the importance of the men and women who volunteer and wanted to do something to show our appreciation.



Pictured above L-R is PREMA's Burton Anthony & Doug Hickox, along with Darrel Seidler, Shane Spencer, & Beau Sanchez all from Sandhills Rural Fire Protection District followed by PREMA's GM, Zac Bryant.



Pictured above from Heart of the Hills L-R is Ed Dentler, Bob Doggett, & PREMA's Doug Hickox.



Pictured above from L-R is Tim Sizer with Arthur Fire Dept. along with PREMA's Burton Anthony & Zac Bryant.



Rackett Rural Fire District



Notes From Load Management

Since 2001, PREMA has offered some type of Load Management program. The current strategy is to control load based on PREMA's monthly kW peak demand (May – September). By doing so, PREMA saves money on the wholesale power bill and this savings is then passed back to participants in Load Management program.

The peak demand fluctuates each month. We use history to determine when to initiate control. We call this the “*control targets*”. The control target is calculated by using a six-year average of past kW peaks. With the much-needed rain, Load Control has been at a minimum for 2023. Active control was implemented one day in May and in June. July control periods were more normal, which is what we expect for active control in August and September as well.

Load Management questions can be answered by calling Tim Sherlock at 308-762-1311. Load Control status can also be checked at www.prema.coop under the *Irrigation* tab.



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