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Electricity Theft: Not Worth the Risk

By Christine Smith

Every year, electric cooperatives across the country cope with thieves—folks who deliberately tamper with their electric meter to steal power. Not only is this practice extremely dangerous, it's a serious crime which includes hefty fines and jail time.

"We've seen people do some dangerous things—using knives, forks, magnets, jumper cables, and any number of other objects to get around paying for the power they use," explains Glacier Electric Cooperative's Operations Manager. "However, not only are these persons stealing from their fellow co-op members they're also risking their lives and those of our workers."

According to the Business Technologies Strategies unit, a division of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, power surging through a compromised meter can cause an electrical

catastrophe. A short circuit could produce an arc flash bright enough to cause blindness and powerful enough to launch fragments of shrapnel-like, red-hot debris. Serious injury or death from electrocution, explosion, or fire often results from meter tampering. Only trained Glacier Electric Cooperative personnel wearing protective clothing should work on meters.

Electricity theft is not a victimless crime. Your not-for-profit cooperative

loses revenue and expends resources to investigate tampering. These costs are then passed on to the entire membership. Global estimates vary, but the Northeast Group, LLC, recently reported \$96 billion worth of electricity is stolen from utilities annually.

Since everyone pays for lost power, please let us know if you suspect meter tampering. Call your local GEC office to report possible theft of service. All information can be given anonymously.

GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Board Room Report

The Glacier Electric Board of Trustees' regular board meeting is held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Action Items: Approved donation request to Heart Butte Indian Days

Date of Last Board Meeting: July 26, 2017

	YTD 6/30/2017	YTD 6/30/2016
kWh Sold	87,978,105	83,776,492
Revenue	\$8,281,822	\$7,945,254
Cost of Power	\$3,591,157	\$3,332,448
Margins	\$750,036	\$504,420

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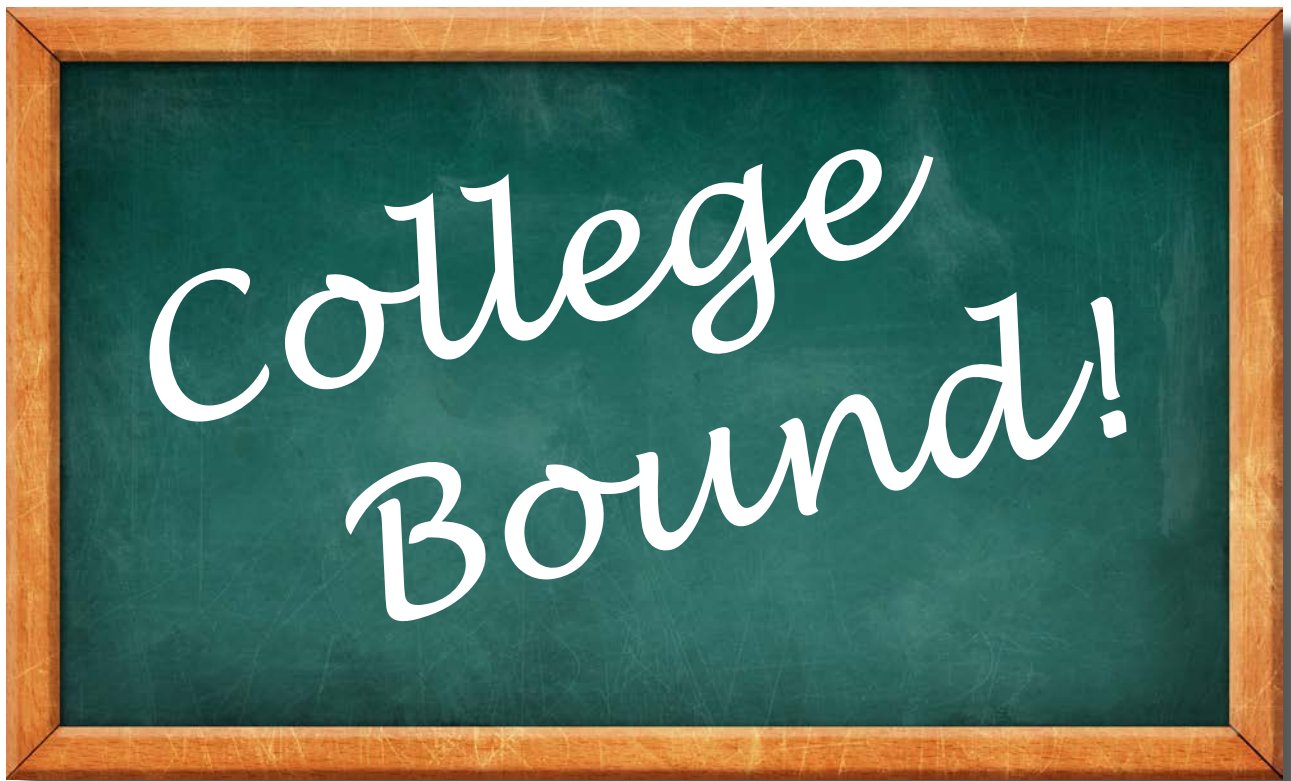
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Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
7am-5:30 pm
CLOSED on Fridays



At Glacier Electric Cooperative, we talk a lot about the services we provide to you, our members— member rebates, convenient billing options, and fun events like our annual meeting and other activities. But many of our value-added benefits are directed at a younger audience: students.

It's important that we support our youngest members, not only to enrich their lives, but also to instill in them the importance of cooperative membership. After all, these youngsters will one day become community and possibly co-op leaders.

For high school seniors, we award ten \$1,000 Energy for Tomorrow Scholarships, and one \$500 Montana Electric Cooperative Association Memorial Scholarship. A new scholarship added this year by your cooperative was the drawing for two \$500 No Essay Scholarships at our annual meeting.

Alongside high school senior scholarships, we also offer a full tuition and fees Powering our Future Scholarship to Blackfeet Community College students enrolled in the Pre-engineering

program.

Your cooperative believes strongly in awarding our local students for their hard work and dedication. This year's winners of the Energy for Tomorrow Scholarships are: Keaton Anderson, Elizabeth Atkinson, Ashley McLean, Mariah Omeasoo, Emma Pyette, Ashlyn Taylor, David Taylor, Sarah Thies, Marissa VandenBos, and Jordan Whitford.

Outreach with youth and improving the quality of life in the communities we serve is just one more way Glacier Electric Cooperative looks out for you. The employees, board members, and management would like to wish the best of luck to our scholarship recipients on their path to a higher education!

If you would like to learn more about scholarship opportunities with Glacier Electric please visit the youth programs page on our website at www.GlacierElectric.com. Due dates and application availability are updated regularly. Please contact our office at 406-873-5566 if you have questions.



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Dont Forget!

Glacier Electric Offices will be changing to Winter hours on October 2, 2017.

Hours will be as follows:
Monday-Friday
8am-5pm



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps will be here soon! No matter what kind of heating system you have in your home, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. Contact a licensed professional to inspect your system *before* the winter chill arrives.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



SEPTEMBER OFFICE CLOSURE

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY THE 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.



60 Plus

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Entry Form

Program
2017

Members age 60 and older, turn in this form to GEC for your chance to win \$100.

Last month's winner was:

Michael Olson
of Cut Bank

Bring your entry to one of our offices or mail it to:

Glacier Electric Co-op
P.O. Box 2090
Cut Bank, MT 59427

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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