



# NEWS

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Manager's Message

Dear Members: \_\_\_\_\_ by Jeff Hohn

### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



As you can see by the pictures below, work has begun on the new facilities that will house High Plains Power, Inc.

There is one thing that might be deceiving about the pictures, and that is the time of year that construction actually began. You might think that we began in November or December of last year, but that is not the case. Construction actually began in April of this year, and these pictures were taken on May 6th. The facilities

will house our entire Riverton operations when completed. We are estimating a move sometime in the spring of 2011.

The facilities will consist of a warehouse, and a separate administration building. The warehouse will be approximately 30,000 square feet, and the administration building will be approximately 18,000 square feet. Once everything is completed, we will be abandoning our current facilities on West Main Street and placing it up for sale. We will also be moving

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Don't forget  
Father's Day  
on  
June 20th



# 2010 Scholarship Winners

**H**igh Plains Power is pleased to announce the 2010 scholarship recipients. High Plains Power, Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Basin Electric Power Cooperative will assist in furthering the education of 10 area students by awarding each a \$1000 scholarship.

The scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of High Plains Power. The recipients are selected based on academic record, education, career goals, written recommendations, extra curricular activities, and work experience.

At this time we wish all seniors the best of luck!

**Tanner Whitlock**  
Dubois High School



No Photos Available:

- John Lee** - Dubois High School
- Kylie Olsen** - Hot Springs County H S
- Ian Hitchcock** - Dubois High School



**Payton Vigil**  
Riverside High School

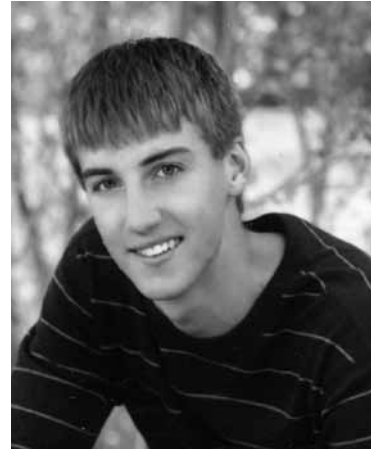


**Kyle Thoman**  
Wind River High School



**Lex Leonhardt**  
Wind River High School

**Andrew Nirider**  
Riverton High School



**Tess Clemetson**  
Shoshoni High School



**Marie Dobson**  
Dubois High School



## 2010 Annual Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting held on April 17th was a success. The Bull Restaurant catered the lunch to over 300 people.

A new director was elected to serve District 1. Beckie Darnell, from Jeffrey City is the new director. She replaces long-time director, Hub Thompson, who retired his director position in April.

Incumbent directors were re-elected to serve on the High Plains

Power Board. Jeff Milton, serving District 3, Gary Gordon, representing District 6, and Jesse Hankins, from District 7 were all re-elected.

President, Bob Cardwell presided over the meeting. Jeff Hohn gave a state of the cooperative presentation and Mac McLennan gave a Tri-State report. Treasurer, Jim Miller also reported on the financials of your cooperative.

Hub Thompson was recognized for his contribution to not only the local cooperative, but to Tri-State as well.

Many lucky members walked away with door prizes ranging from tool sets to energy credits. Also, those members that were present, received a \$10 credit to their electric bills.



President, Bob Cardwell presided over the 12th Annual Meeting.



The membership listened intently to the business meeting.



Beckie Darnell is the new director for District 1.

### David M. McDonald Scholarship Winner



**Carla Moss**  
University of Wyoming

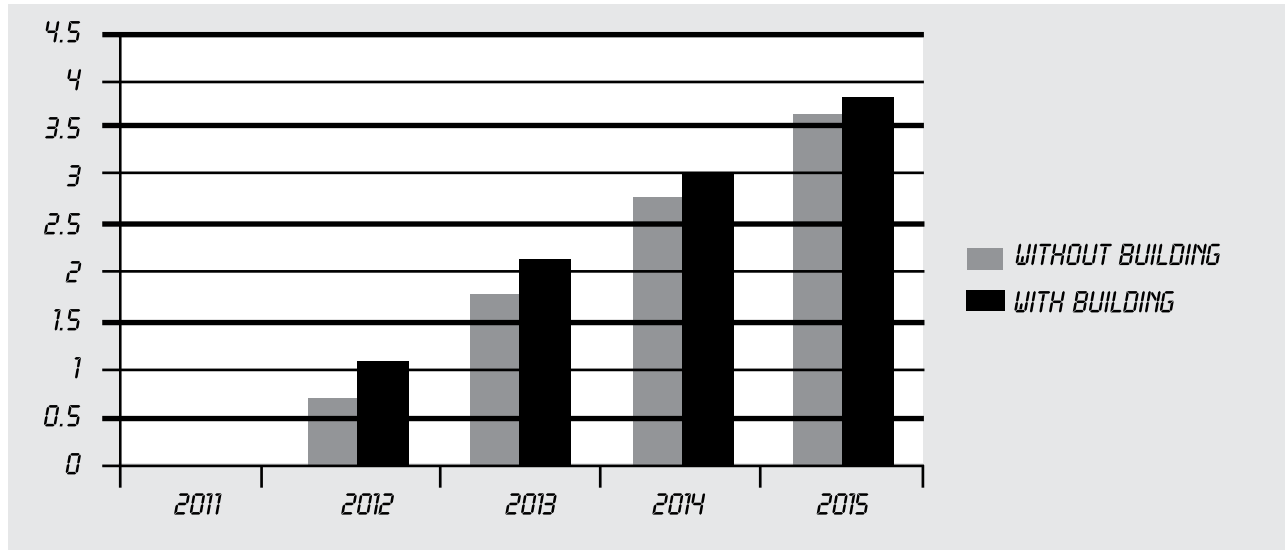
The David M. McDonald Scholarship recipient was Carla Moss. She attends the University of Wyoming and is obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Energy Resource Science.

Carla is the daughter of Jim and Paulette Moss.

The David McDonald family was gracious enough to start this scholarship fund back in 2006.

## Construction Begins *(continued from page 1)*

### COST OF NEW FACILITIES



our pole yard on Burma Road to this new location. In other words, everything in the Riverton area will be consolidated into one location. This will help us be more efficient, and also be able to maintain a better handle on some of our larger inventory items.

For those of you that were not at the Annual Meeting, I'm sure that you are wondering what the cost of this project will be. Last year the Board of Directors hired CH Guernsey from Oklahoma City as the architect to design the buildings, and Pope Construction from Casper as the Construction Manager At Risk ("CMAR") to build the buildings. Based on the design, the CMAR was able to give the Board a guaranteed maximum price to construct the buildings. That price was

\$4.5 million. Now I know that some of you are thinking that this will cause a rate increase. We have prepared two separate financial forecasts to show our anticipated rate increases with/without the building. Even though we will begin paying for the building this year, we are not expecting a retail rate increase next year. We don't anticipate a retail rate increase until 2012. As you can see by the above graph, the building will only have between a .25% and .50% effect on the rate. Please keep in mind that this only covers the retail portion of the rates, and not the wholesale. If we see a rate increase from Tri-State, our power supplier, we will be passing that along.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, my email address is [jhhpp@wyoming.com](mailto:jhhpp@wyoming.com).

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