

PRECorp News

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75th Annual Meeting is Saturday, August 22

Powder River Energy will hold its 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting, with COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, at Sundance High School, Saturday, August 22.

Cooperative members will cast ballots for four director seats that are up for election this year. All members, especially the elderly and those with compromised health conditions, are encouraged to **vote by mail**. This ensures that your vote will be counted if the meeting is suddenly canceled because of changes to the pandemic health protocols.

In honor of the cooperative's 75th anniversary, mail-in voters will be entered into 75 drawings for \$20 bill credits.

On **Saturday, August 22**, the Annual Meeting will open at 9:30 a.m. at Sundance High School with member registration and voting. The annual meeting will be held in the High School gym at 11 a.m. The meeting will include remarks from the Board president, Board secretary-treasurer, and CEO Mike Easley. Free lunch and door prizes will be given at noon. Masks, hand sanitizing stations, and social distancing reminders will be available for members who attend in-person. The first 100 members to register will receive a \$20 bill credit. Attendees will receive a free 75th Anniversary book and collector's hat, free noon lunch, and be eligible in door prize drawings.

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MIKE EASLEY,
CEO

The PRECorp 75th Annual Meeting is right around the corner and with a little bit of luck we will be able to meet face to face to have the meeting.

This 75th Annual Meeting will be one for the books, not just because of the celebration of PRECorp being around for 75 years, but because of the challenges of holding a meeting like this during the pandemic. PRECorp is working with the Crook County Public Health Department and will be complying with their instructions. The PRECorp Team will be wearing face coverings in accordance with the CDC guidelines and the suggestions of Governor Gordon and the State Epidemiologist.

The idea of wearing face coverings has become a bit of a social and political issue these days and our decision to embrace these guidelines has nothing to do with social and political issues. I have thought long and hard about the mask controversy.

I reached back into my childhood, a much simpler time, for some advice from my Mom. Many of you like me, were probably told by our mothers to “cover your mouth when you sneeze.” I was not super good at this. But over the years this became something that I just do. Many of us share this experience. Even before COVID-19, if someone had a big sneeze, people would give you a look if you did not cover your face.

We remember our mothers telling us that “it is not polite to spread germs.” As we are learning more about COVID-19 it appears that it is airborne and could be easily transmitted through the air just by talking, not to mention a sneeze or a cough. Based on my mother’s advice to my much younger self, it seems like in our COVID-19 world that talking could be a lot like sneezing. Covering up might just be the polite thing to do.

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Bringing together a large group is challenging in these times. Doing everything we can to reduce the risk of spreading something just makes common sense. We are not requiring that you wear a mask or some other type of cover up when you come to the Annual Meeting, but we will have masks available in case you would like to wear one.

The PRECorp Team has a culture of safety that we are all very proud of. We always keep safety first and look out for each other. So, when you come to our 75th and you see us using face coverings please understand we are committed to taking care of each other and taking care of you, even when it is not comfortable both socially and physically.

For me, I will be remembering my mom’s advice to my younger self as I manage through the discomfort of wearing the face covering and hope that my efforts to keep you safe would be something that would make her proud of me.

I look forward to seeing you at the 75th Annual Meeting if you are able to attend in person. And if you are not able to make it, please look for us on Facebook or YouTube at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 22.

Mike



Photos courtesy PRECorp Foundation

Foundation to raffle '72 Mustang Mach 1

An anonymous donor has generously donated a 1972 Mustang Mach 1 to be raffled for a fundraiser to directly benefit the Shayna Ritthaler Memorial Scholarship for tuition assistance for local pre-school students in need.

The Powder River Energy Foundation is conducting the raffle in the latter half of 2020 and summer of 2021 until the limited number of tickets are sold. The drawing is planned for the Powder River Energy Annual Member Meeting, at Upton High School, on August 21, 2021, and you need not be present to win.

The showable driver-quality vehicle was appraised at \$28,000. Tickets are \$125 each, but only 500 are being sold in this one-time opportunity to own one of the classic muscle cars of the Seventies.

The vehicle underwent a complete restoration in 2006 and is powered by a rebuilt 5.8L 351 cubic inch Cleveland V-8 with Cruise-O-Matic (3 speed automatic) transmission. As far as modern conveniences, air conditioning was installed as was an AM/FM/CD/Satellite stereo.

The appraisal states that the vehicle has had some “tasteful upgrades, while still keeping its overall stock appearance.”

For more information on the vehicle and to purchase tickets, go to www.precorpfoundation.org

This Mustang will also be appearing at some local classic car shows for a personal inspection, or can be seen by contacting Jeff Bumgarner, VP of Member Service and Executive Director of the PRECorp Foundation at jeffb@precorp.coop.



CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2020 Powder River Energy scholarship winners.

The Powder River Energy Board of Directors congratulates our member students and families for a job well done and wishes future success.



Ashlynn Fennema
Leiter



Warren Carr
Gillette



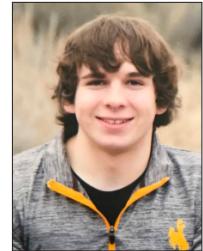
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Britanie Dobson
Rozet

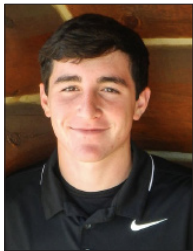


Jozi Edwards
Gillette



Emmitt Finn
Buffalo

The PRECorp Scholarship program awards \$1,500 each to college students of members in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, and Weston counties, with dollars from unclaimed Capital Credits. The Powder River Energy Foundation Board of Directors reviews the applications and awards the scholarships.



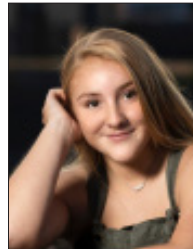
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Hulett



Kate Norman
Buffalo



Elsa Petzold
Sheridan



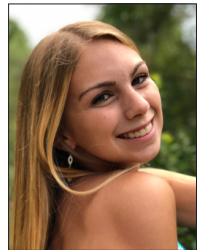
Courtney Reynolds
Rozet



Eli Olson
Buffalo



Christian Velder
Sundance



Jade Maya
Kaycee



Recipients not pictured:

Trey Fischbach, Moorcroft
Audrey Merwin, Hulett
Jamison Nistler, Upton
Dylon Tidyman, Newcastle
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Jaden Vance, Gillette



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