

Former Tour Winner Honored Again

Charles Mix Electric is proud to announce that Miss Jenalee Doom of Wagner, SD, was recently chosen as a "Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week" by KSFY TV. Jenalee received this honor for the week of October 8-14, 2006.

Jenalee is a senior at Wagner Community School, where she sports a 4.0 GPA. She participates in a host of activities, including volleyball and basketball, band and jazz band, chorus, Student Council, National Honor Society, and more. She is the daughter of Jeff and Julie Doom. Jenalee was nominated by WCS staff.

Jenalee is already a familiar face to CME, and has been featured in the "Cooperative Connections" before. In 2005, she was selected to attend the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, and enjoyed an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC, courtesy of this local Touchstone Energy cooperative.

To reward her for her scholastic achievements, Jenalee received \$100 from Charles Mix Electric. She was

featured on KSFY TV's morning and evening news broadcasts during the week of her reign. Being chosen as a "Scholar of the Week" will also grant Jenalee an invitation to the prestigious scholar's banquet, to be held at the end of the school year. The banquet honors all of the scholars chosen throughout the year, with one student receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

Jenalee is the third such "Scholar of the Week" to come from the Charles Mix area. Miss Jessica Walder of Lake Andes was honored in November, 2005, and Mr. Jeff Swett of Platte was selected in February, 2003.

The "Scholar of the Week" program is an ongoing joint effort between Touchstone Energy co-ops, such as CME, and KSFY Television. The program recognizes the achievements of high school seniors throughout the region. The honor is awarded to highly motivated seniors who excel in the classroom, and also in their community.



Mr. Neil Goter, principal of Wagner Community School, presents Jenalee Doom with a souvenir check for \$100.00.

Thank You

Dear Members of Charles Mix Electric: Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring me for Scholar of the Week. The honor and the money are greatly appreciated. I really owe a lot of thanks to Charles Mix Electric after receiving both the trip to Washington, and Scholar of the Week. Thank you again for your generosity!



Jenalee Doom

Bits & Pieces

CME Closings

- Thursday, November 23rd
- Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Monday, December 25th Christmas Day

- Call 1-800-208-8587 for outages or emergencies. (Internet tech support is not available at this number.)

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Co-op **News**

Introducing Tyson Brooks

Tyson Brooks is the newest member of Charles Mix Electric's dedicated staff. Tyson, an apprentice lineman, fills the vacancy created when Richard Strouse retired earlier this year.

Tyson is originally from Philip, SD, and attended Mitchell Technical Institute, where he completed the powerline construction program. He was employed briefly with Brink Electric of Rapid City, and most recently worked as a farrowing assistant at a hog confinement operation in Beaver Creek, Minnesota.

Tyson is working with the Lake Andes line crew, and is currently living in Lake Andes. He will be working on completing the apprentice lineman course requirements, and obtaining his journeyman lineman status. In his first week with CME, Tyson has already experienced reading meters, installing underground cable to a new campground service, and has already responded to an after-hours outage call.



Tyson Brooks has joined the Charles Mix Electric line crew.

He will be required to be "on-call" for after-hours calls for one week at a time. We welcome Tyson to CME!

Billing Packets Coming!

New billing packets for 2007 are being prepared, and will be mailed in late December. Everyone should receive their billing packet before the January 1st billing is due.

The beginning reading for January will be pre-printed on the top card of your packet. Rates for 2007 will remain the same, providing you with a seventh year without an increase. If you do not receive your packet, please give us a call.

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