

Sheridan Electric Cooperative

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Miss Montana Laura Haller visits Froid school

March 12 was a day that those at the Froid School District will not forget. The Froid school was selected to be a part of filming a Miss Montana commercial within its walls.

Miss Montana Laura Haller did a phenomenal professional job delivering a message from Sheridan Electric Cooperative. Four students,

who are also featured in the commercial, did a remarkable job. Even the shyest person was not shy for long as the day progressed.

Sheridan Electric Cooperative would like to thank the Froid school for its participation in this event and for allowing the cooperative to use the school for this important event.

Great job to all. ■





High-voltage training

BY SCOTT WESTLUND



Sheridan Electric Cooperative members may have seen the photos on Facebook, or maybe heard about the training that your cooperative has done in the service region.

During April, Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative loaned its high-voltage training trailer to Sheridan Electric Cooperative to travel to schools to demonstrate the dangers of high voltage. The presentation included a narrative

of Sheridan Electric Cooperative's history, then the lineworkers demonstrated an insulator and actual arcs drawn on common materials. The 1,000 students who saw the demonstration will remember the lessons. Oscar, the hot dog, even met his demise to demonstrate what high voltage would do to a person.

Sheridan Electric Cooperative's Facebook page includes actual videos. Enjoy. ■



Message for the day

BY SCOTT WESTLUND

Recently, I received a note from my uncle in Minnesota that included a message for the day. I found the message to be so profound that I wanted to share it with the members of this cooperative as the message for your day.

Who's packing your parachute?

Charles Plumb was a U.S. Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier, Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" Plumb asked.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude.

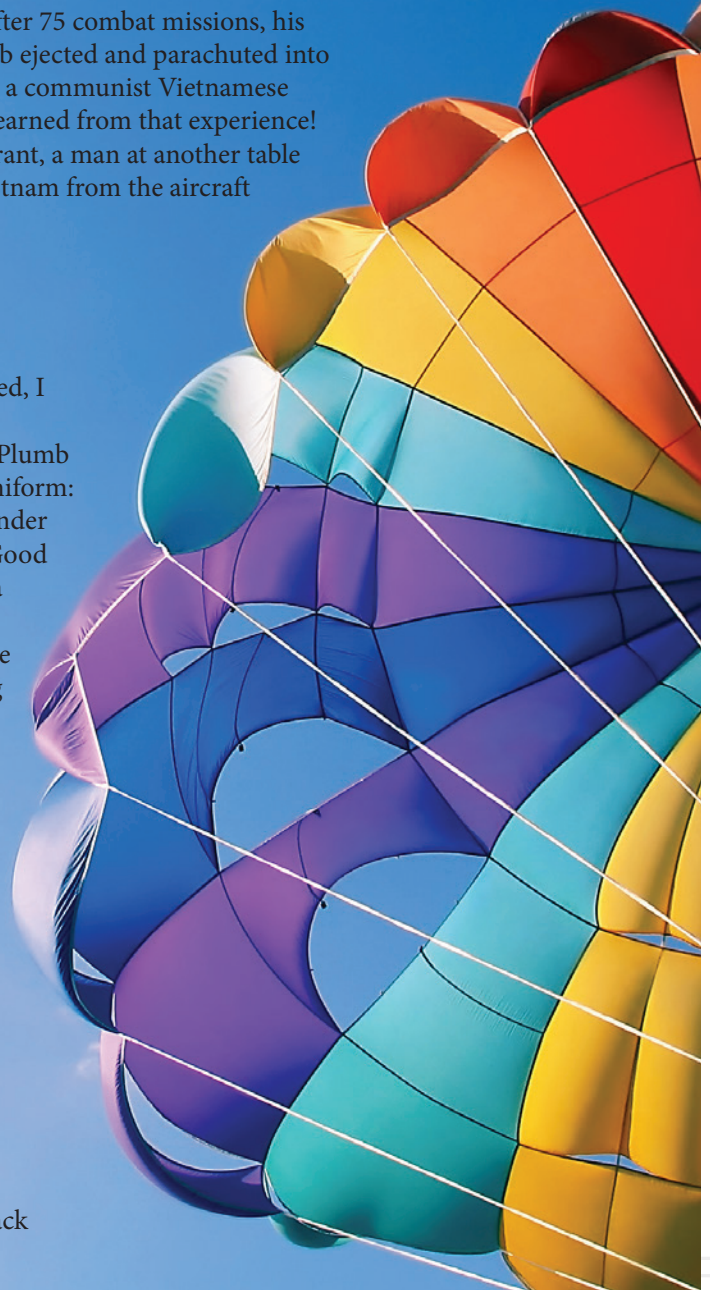
The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb said, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said, 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audiences, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory – he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month and this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes. ■



Lighting to be given away



In the spirit of efficiency, Sheridan Electric Cooperative is giving away light-emitting diodes (LEDs) each month. Each month's winner will receive 12 new LED bulbs.

So this month, take a moment to complete and mail the coupon. Maybe you'll be this month's lucky winner and save on your energy costs. Good luck. ■

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Account number: _____

*Congratulations to **St. John's Church** for winning this month's light bulb giveaway.*



Sheridan Electric Cooperative STATISTICAL REPORT

	April 2018	April 2019
Total miles of line	2,836	2,835
Consumers billed	3,087	3,097
Kilowatt-hours purchased	11,182,113	11,089,785
Kilowatt-hours sold	10,686,062	10,542,620
Average KWH per residential consumer	1,258	958
Average bill per residential consumer	\$113	\$93.59
Cost of purchased power	\$538,238	\$454,775
Margins year to date	\$1,509,805	\$1,641,382

LINE DEPARTMENT STATS

	April 2018	April 2019
Weather	4	66
Age or deterioration	3	4
Animals and public	0	4
Power supplier	0	0
Equipment	0	0

SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED

	April 2018	April 2019	Year to date
Pole installations	5	0	6
New construction	15,559	11,657	11,753
Miles driven	18,368	26,440	79,258
New accounts	4	4	9
Accounts retired	2	5	7

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