

Big Bend Electric Co-op

In Our Community

Meet Big Bend's Marty Moberly

Journeyman Lineman Marty Moberly works at the Ritzville shop. He started his career with Big Bend Electric Co-op May 1, 2007.

Marty worked for the municipal department of utilities in Colorado Springs for 27 years before joining Big Bend.

Marty's daughter, Amanda, is a senior at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. She is studying to be a history teacher.

His son, Adam, is studying to be a firefighter. Amanda and Adam both teach karate and have achieved black belt status.

Marty earned a scholarship from the University of Colorado in Boulder, playing guard for the Buffaloes in 1971 and 1972 until his knees told him he needed to do something else.

Marty enjoys his work. He praises his co-workers for their intelligence, experience and their ability to keep ahead of system maintenance. The ability to think on their feet and work as a team has helped the crew during this difficult winter.

Youth Tour

Big Bend Electric Co-op will send two students from our area to the youth tour in Washington, D.C., this June. Sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the tour is open to students in their junior year of high school.

Parents or guardians of the students must have an account receiving electrical service from Big Bend Electric.

The weeklong youth tour focuses on government, electric co-ops, historical tours and meeting with local congressional delegates.

Jillian Pflugrath

is the daughter of Dwight and Mary Pflugrath. She is a junior at Ritzville High School. She is involved with Honor Society, FFA, Pep Club, cheerleading, track and field, and is the assistant treasurer for the associated student body. She maintains a 3.95 grade point average.

Madison Phillips is the daughter of Reid and Shannon Phillips. Madison is also a junior at Ritzville High School. She is involved with cheerleading, Pep Club, Red R Club, Honor Society, FFA, and track and field. She is the junior class president. She maintains a 3.74 grade point average.

These two outstanding students will have a busy week. They will be great representatives of Big Bend Electric Co-op.

Scholarships

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scholarship program is in its 11th year. We had another excellent group of student applications.

The judges had to narrow 13 applications down to three recipients, which was not easy.

The three scholarship winners are: **Erika Rattray**, Othello High; **Erik Hille**, Ritzville High; and **Jessica Casper**, Connell High. The three students will each receive \$2,000 in scholarships—\$500 for four consecutive years.

It is important to acknowledge those students who took the time to fill out an application and write an essay. We want to thank them for participating in our program. The students are Wesley Jenks, Kortneigh Eppich, Julie Hawkins, Ashley Eagy, Kayla VanHollebeke and Elizabeth Combs, all from Connell; Jacob Hafer from Othello; Kyle Heimbigner and Zach Maier from Ritzville High School, and Wesley Dahl from Pasco.

Scholarship winners read their essays at the 69th annual meeting of Big Bend Electric Co-op February 23 at Basin City Elementary School.

See information and pictures of the scholarship winners on page 25 in the April issue of Big Bend's Ruralite. ■



Madison Phillips and Jillian Pflugrath