

Sun River Electric Cooperative

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Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

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The story behind the switch

Sun River Electric Cooperative along with Basin Electric Power Cooperative took a display/demonstration, "The Story Behind the Switch," to local elementary schools in Sun River Electric's service territory. The pictures of the presentations are included on this page.

Tracy Fugere from Basin Electric and Ross Oveson from Sun River Electric demonstrated electrical safety, how electricity is made, used, distributed and even had some hair-raising demonstrations. The 45-minute demonstration was presented at 12 elementary schools. Depending on school size, fourth and fifth graders

viewed the demonstration, in smaller schools all the students were able to attend.

Basin Electric, Sun River Electric's wholesale power provider, brings the demonstration to Sun River Electric every year for a one-week schedule. Sun River Electric alternates schools on a two-year rotation so all students in Sun River Electric's service territory get the opportunity to see the demonstration.



Right: Tracy Fugere, Basin Electric and Bynum Elementary students.
 Below: Students from the Pondera Colony.



Reminder: Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Co-op Connections Card Corner Spotlighting these businesses

Mountain View Co-op (Fairfield & Power)

Ten percent off any oil change service at the Fairfield Tire Shop & the Power Service Center 219 Central Ave, Fairfield, MT, 59436, 406-467-2516.

RPH Irrigation Service (Choteau)

Ten percent extra discount on new sprinkler packages 10 percent discount on all Honda Invertor Generators, including the 1,000, 2,000, and 3,000 series for RV's 10 percent discount on all service work during the month of May 2009 (start up time) 10 percent discount off all goods that are not net

priced. Details at counter at RPH 15 percent discount on all GPS conversion equipment for any brand center pivot 10 percent discount on purchase of New OnTrac Satellite pivot control equipment. 4056 Hwy. 89, Choteau, MT, 59422, 406-466-2242.

Sole Revival (Fairfield)

Come in and present your Connections Card and receive a 10 percent discount on a manicure and/or pedicure. We also have your favorite Latte's to make your experience an even more relaxing treat. 424 Central Ave., Fairfield, MT, 59436, 406-467-2298.

Show your card at these businesses for valuable discounts – Each month we will spotlight different businesses

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LOW INCOME PROGRAMS

The state of Montana, through the Department of Public Health & Human Services, offers two programs aimed at helping low income individuals reduce their heating costs. The programs run from October 1st through April 30th of each year. **LIEAP** (low income energy assistance program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and home owners may apply. Below are the income limits, according to family size. Apply at the LIEAP office for your county:

Opportunities Inc

905 1st Ave N
PO Box 2289
Great Falls MT
(406) 761-0310
(800) 326-0955

Serves: Cascade
Chouteau
Glacier

Rocky Mountain Development Council

648 N Jackson
PO Box 1717
Helena MT 59624
(406) 447-1625
(800) 356-6544

Serves: Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis & Clark

FAMILY SIZE	LIEAP INCOME LIMIT
1	\$20,617
2	\$29,960
3	\$33,304
4	\$39,647
5	\$45,991
6	\$52,335
7	\$53,524
8	\$56,445

North Central Area Agency on Aging

Pondera Village Shopping Center
600 S Main, Suite 4
Conrad MT 59425
(406) 271-7553

Serves: Pondera
Teton
Toole

Blackfeet Reservation

PO Box 850
Browning MT 59417
(406) 338-7977

Tribal Energy Assistance



The **WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM** through LIEAP helps participants to improve the heating efficiency of their homes, thus reducing their energy consumption. Applications are ranked according to the degree of need and placed in "priority groups." Special priority is given to older adults and disabled individuals. Once approved, an energy auditor will set a time to visit with you about the most cost effective weatherization measures for your home within the dollar limits allowed.

Another organization, **ENERGY SHARE OF MONTANA**, is aimed at helping Montanans faced with emergencies meet their energy needs and move towards self-reliance. It is to be used only after an applicant has been considered for LIEAP. There are no specific income limits; however, if a household has sufficient resources available to meet the needs, it will be ineligible for assistance. Energy Share is meant to be a "loan program" so others may utilize the funds once they are paid back. Applicants must fill out an application available at Opportunities Inc; 905 1st Ave N; Great falls, or receive one by mail by calling either 761-0310 or toll free 1-800-326-0955. Applications may also be available at your LIEAP office or through your energy provider.

For more information about saving energy in your home visit: www.deq.mt.gov/energy/warmhomes
Once on the site arrow over and choose: What can I do to save energy in my home?

Swap Column

FOR SALE: Arrow wood stove; Norcrest china, 8 piece setting; fuel tanks with stands, 300 gal. Richard Johnson, 469-2223.

FOR RENT: Timeshare condo, Grandview Las Vegas, across from Southpoint, Dec 2-8 National Rodeo Finals week, \$90/night, don't need to rent all 7 nights. Jeff & Teresa Poor, 264-5985.

FOR SALE: 4 tires, 2 new, \$70 each & 2 like new, \$60 each, Hankook P185/65R14. Dennis Lobdell, 403-5356 or 264-5851.

FOR SALE: Farm machinery; 1991 restored Chevy Baretta, \$1,500. Ramona O'Banion, 590-6943.

FOR SALE: China hutch, 80 in tall, 44 in wide, 19 in deep, 2 glass shelves, mirror backed, interior light, \$950; 15 in trail saddle, \$175; ultraviolet light, 4 ft high, 4 tubes on timer, \$200 OBO; gym quality exercise machine, Parabody 350, \$350. Mike or Butch Todd, 467-3853.

FOR SALE: 16 ft panel white steel garage door; 3 pnt 6 ft blade, new extra long twin bed with solid oak headboard, frame & bedding; Chromecraft dinette table (42x60 open) with one leaf & 5 roller chairs; Kenmore Progressive canister vacuum, never used. Lucille Gullickson, 463-2345.

FOR SALE: 42 in round oak table with metal base, \$75; 45 in saw blade w/small hole, great for artist, \$300; OLD round butcher block with 3 legs, 6.5 in thick from old Butte butcher shop, very unique with lots of character, \$400; Piranha/Roof string mower, \$50; car cover by Wolf, \$280; 11 bags of wood pellets, \$44; Alpena x-country skis touring series & poles, \$40; Jarvinen NNN x-country skis & poles, \$50; men's x-country ski boots size 7-1/2 worn once \$30. Sissy Girtman, 264-5858.

FOR SALE: Ford 8N tractor with loader and new tires and wheels, 12 volt, \$1,500; 8 ft non-cabover camper, ice box and stove good condition, \$50; 8 ft fiberglass truck shell with boat rack side

opening windows, \$50; 10 ft Kayak, \$25; large leather sewing machine sews harness and saddles, \$1,500. Sparky Wallace, 467-2668.

FOR SALE: T-lock shingles. Connie Anderson, 467-3283.

FOR SALE: Miniature Horses, AMHR registered, one 5 yr old mare, dark gray (almost black) 30.75 inches, \$450, one 4 yr old mare, sorrel, 34.50 inches, \$550, or both for \$900, or make offer. Good show horses or keep as a pet. Call for more information. Milly Norman 964-0546.

LOST: Two Min-Pins, one black female & one red male in the Fairfield-Vaughn area, missing since Sept 17th. George Chapel, 467-3289.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ADVERTISE-
MENT IN THE RIPPLES
SWAP COLUMN, PLEASE
CONTACT SUN RIVER
ELECTRIC AT 1-800-452-
7516 OR 467-2527 OR E-
MAIL KATHY AT [kscott@
sunriverelectric.coop](mailto:kscott@sunriverelectric.coop), BY
THE FIRST OF THE
MONTH. THANKS.

Corn Bread Dressing for the Holidays

1 cup butter
3 cups cornmeal
1 cup flour
2 Tbsp sugar
2 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
7 eggs
3 cups buttermilk
3 cups bread crumbs
2 medium diced onions
1 large bunch celery, diced
1/2 Tbsp sage
6 cans chicken broth
1 Tbsp pepper

Melt 1/2 cup butter; combine cornmeal and next 5 ingredients; mix in 3 eggs and buttermilk; pour melted butter into batter, stirring until blended. Pour batter into 9x13 pan; bake at 425° for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Crumble cornbread into a large bowl; stir in bread-crumbs, and set aside. Melt remaining 1/2 cup butter in a saucepan; add onions and celery, and saute until tender; stir in sage, and continue to saute 1 minute. Stir vegetables, remaining 4 eggs, chicken broth, and pepper into cornbread mixture; pour evenly into lightly greased 13 x 9 inch dish. Cover and chill 8 hours. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Chase Brady Represents SREC

Chase Brady of Fairfield represented Sun River Electric at the MECA Today's Member Program

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which was held in conjunction with the Montana Electric Cooperative's Association Annual Meeting. The MECA Annual Meeting is held in October of each year at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls.

The two day program educates members on how a cooperative operates, everything from co-op history, how electricity gets to your house, safety, generation and

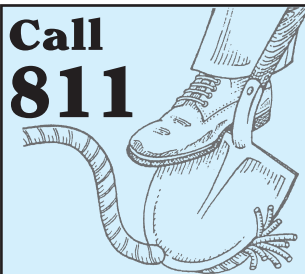
transmission, to how co-ops are affected by federal and state issues and regulations.

Chase farms irrigated barley east of Fairfield. He graduated from Fairfield High School and Montana State University in Bozeman.

If you are interested in being a Today's Member Program participant contact Ross at Sun River Electric. #337335



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