

# Sun River Electric Cooperative

## Ripples



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**Phone Numbers:** 406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516

**Website:** [www.sunriverelectric.coop](http://www.sunriverelectric.coop)

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**406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516**

If calling from a local number or cell phone –  
please use: 406-467-2526 or 406-467-2527

**Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.**

JUNE 2023

## SREC wins NWPPA safety award

**S**un River Electric Cooperative (SREC) is a member of the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA). Each year at its Engineering and Operations Conference, awards are given for safety.

The award is based on the number of recordable injury and illness cases, along with the total lost workdays in 2022. SREC was awarded a 1st place plaque for the 0-50,000 Hours of Exposure category.

Sun River Electric has an excellent safety training program in place. Currently we have gone more than 7,800



hours without a lost-time accident. Training and education are a high priority at SREC. Employees do monthly sessions to stay up to date on topics such as: CPR, first aid, pole-top rescue, emergency preparedness, personal protective equipment and OSHA rules and requirements.

Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association also issues yearly safety certificates for "No-Lost Time" – SREC received a certificate for more than 20 years without a lost-time accident.

There is only one other co-op in the state with more years.

## WE OFFER ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATES

**H**AVE you recently purchased new appliances?

Sun River Electric Cooperative offers rebates for household appliances to our members. If you purchase an Energy-Star-compliant clothes washer and dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator or freezer, you are eligible to receive a \$25 rebate. Just download the rebate form from the website: [www.sunriverelectric.coop](http://www.sunriverelectric.coop), fill it out, attach a copy of the receipt and send it to SREC. The application will be reviewed, and the \$25



credit will be applied to your billing account. For a listing of Energy-Star-rated appliances, check out its website:

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

If you purchase an electric water heater, you may qualify for a \$100 rebate. The water heater must be at least 90 percent efficient and at least 40-gallon capacity. The rebate form is also on the SREC website, simply download it, fill it out and attach a copy of the receipt.

Rebate forms must be submitted within 90 days of purchase. If you have any questions, call Christy at Sun River Electric, 467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516.

### REMINDER:

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

Pay as you go with  
**prePAY**  
electricity from SREC. It is easy!  
Call SREC to get started.



2023

# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SREC would like to congratulate all the winning students

Sun River Electric Cooperative believes in educating today's youth. Over the past 29 years, Sun River Electric has awarded more than \$325,000 in scholarships.

## SUN RIVER ELECTRIC \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- AUGUSTA:** Wyatt Barrett  
Jonathan Harris  
Rylan Harris (Florence High School)  
Alexis Morris
- CHOTEAU:** Ada Bieler  
Matthew Haas  
Alyson Wood
- CONRAD:** Cye Judisch
- FAIRFIELD:** Nolan Forseth  
Maxwell Gjerde  
Paige Hatch  
Shea Ostberg  
Darrah Rogers  
Avery Schubarth  
Trevor Severinsen
- POWER:** Jersey Somerfeld  
Magdalen Toeckes
- SIMMS:** Carsten Brooks

## SREC CONTINUING EDUCATION \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- Hanna Antonsen  
Katie Bieler  
Maddie Bloom  
Elizabeth Evans  
Emily Evans  
Justin Forseth  
Madeline Hane  
Allyson Hitchcock  
Abby McCollom  
Alexis McWilliams  
Brooke McWilliams  
Gavin Mills  
Luke Ostberg  
Hanna Peterman  
Tatyana Rohrer  
Colton Scherrer  
Bradi Shields  
Ella Stott  
Grace Weber

## SREC \$1,000 LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- FAIRFIELD:** Cooper Christensen

## BASIN ELECTRIC \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

- FAIRFIELD** Nolan Forseth



WE WISH ALL OF OUR WINNERS THE BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

# DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY SREC 3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**I**N May of 2020, Sun River Electric Cooperative, with the help of the “Friends of the Fairfield Library,” was able to start offering books to children in our area through a program started by Dolly Parton, called The Imagination Library.

Electric cooperatives across the country started partnering with 501c groups in their communities to become part of this amazing program. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a 60-volume set of books. Each month, once a child is enrolled, a new book is mailed in the child’s name directly to their home. Sun River Electric pays for the cost of the books and the postage, there is absolutely no cost to the families.

Preschool children, ages birth to 5, who live within the Sun River Electric service territory, are eligible. It is not necessary to be a member of the cooperative. Over the past three years, we have maintained a steady membership of 150 to 200 kids. 312770

Now, after three successful years, we are excited to announce that our first lady of Montana, Susan Gianforte, has worked hard to fund and coordinate a statewide effort to enroll children across the entire state of Montana. She is using her 501c and will be funding the program for the state.



“Literacy is critical for our kids and their development. When parents read to their kids or when a child reads, it engages them, it fires their imagination, and sparks their curiosity. The partnership between the Treasure State Foundation, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and local organizations throughout communities in Montana is about making sure every Montanan has access to reading resources so they can dream, grow and reach their full potential,” Gianforte said.



Sun River Electric will stay involved because it is very beneficial to families who live in our area; therefore, we will fund half the cost, along with

Mrs. Gianforte for our service area. The towns signed up under SREC and the Friends of the Fairfield Library are: Belt, Brady, Dutton, Fairfield, Fort Shaw, Highwood, Power, Simms, Sun River, Valier and Vaughn. Unclaimed capital

credits are available to be used for educational purposes and this is a way of educating SREC kids right from the start!

You can register online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com> or scan the QR code above.

It takes a few weeks to receive the first book, but once they start, they will continue until the child reaches age 5 and graduates from the program. ARM

## HIDDEN NUMBER

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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