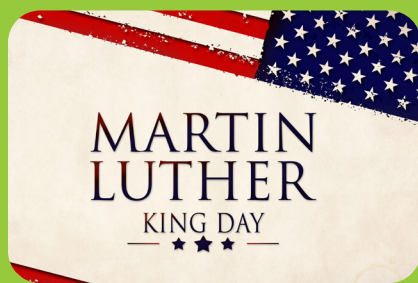


# FALL RIVER FLASHES

January 2022

*Committed to safely and economically provide reliable energy and other services which bring value to its membership.*

## OFFICES CLOSED JANUARY 17 IN COMMEMORATION OF MLK DAY



Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed on January 17 this year. Dr. King was an influential civil rights leader—best known for his work on racial equality and ending racial segregation in the United States. His life and achievements are remembered and celebrated on this day.

Fall River offices will be closed this day. Should an outage occur, crews will be on standby to respond quickly and safely. If you experience a power outage, please call 800.632.5726.

## MECA SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER



Students interested in applying for a MECA (Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association) college scholarship have until Friday, January 20, 2022, to submit an application. You do not need to be a resident of Montana or attend school in Montana to apply.

Applications and details can be found at [www.fallriverelectric.com](http://www.fallriverelectric.com), click the MY COMMUNITY tab and the drop down, "Scholarships."

## Happy New Year!

Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors, along with the Co-op's staff and management, would like to extend a Happy New Year wish to you and your family, as well as our area farmers, ranchers, and local business owners and managers!

## Board Approves \$1.5M Instant Rebate To All 2021 Owner-Members

Following another highly successful year financially for Fall River Electric, the Co-op's board has authorized an instant owner rebate of \$1.5 million to be paid to **all owner-members** of the Cooperative who received power in 2021. Credits will be applied to owner-member statements in February.

This rebate is made possible due to a collection of higher kilowatt hour revenue in 2021, attributed to both an increase in new service connections and a significant amount of Airbnb and Vrbo vacation rentals in portions of Fall River's service territory.



## Lower Rates Now In Effect

Fall River Electric residential and small general service owner-members will experience new lower kilowatt hour rates on their January statements, following the Co-op's board's decision at the end of 2021. These new lower rates are less than they were 17 years ago and reflect the board and management's combined efforts to successfully negotiate with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), as well as operate the Cooperative in an efficient manner that has resulted in an outstanding financial condition. These new lower rates will be in effect at least through 2023.

## Demand Resources Now Available Online



Visit the Co-op's website, [www.fallriverelectric.com](http://www.fallriverelectric.com), to better understand demand and why you will now find a demand component on your 2022 rate schedule. On the website,

you will find resources, such as calculators, conservation program information, and additional links to help you manage your demand usage.

You can also scan this barcode for a link:

Be sure to review the frequently asked questions and answers and watch the video on the website for more help with your family's or business' demand usage.





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Keep up to date, including on power outage information, by "liking" Fall River Electric on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fallriverrec](http://www.facebook.com/fallriverrec).

## Fall River Will Help Pay For Your Education

More than \$70,000 in scholarships will be available to current high school seniors who are planning to attend college or receive vocational training this fall. A total of thirty scholarships worth \$2,400 each over four years will be made available through Fall River Electric's college and continuing education scholarship program. All applicants (students) must have parents or guardians who are owner-members (customers) of Fall River Electric, have a high school GPA of 2.0 or greater, and be in need of financial assistance in order to apply. All applicants must also submit an essay with their application.

Students who have previously received a scholarship from Fall River Electric are reminded that they need to re-apply each year to continue to receive scholarship assistance.



Scholarship applications are available at Fall River's website, [www.fallriverelectric.com](http://www.fallriverelectric.com). Click on the tab titled "MY COMMUNITY," and then "Scholarships." Deadline to apply is March 26, 2022. Scholarships will be presented at Fall River Electric's annual meeting in June in Driggs and are funded by unclaimed Patronage Capital.

## Lineman Scholarship Awarded



Each year Fall River Electric awards a \$2,400 scholarship to a member or child of a member planning to attend lineman college. Wesley Vanevenhoven of the Rigby area was this year's recipient. In his application Wesley stated: "Fall River is a cooperative organization which differs from other major power and utility companies. Some benefits of being a cooperative are that they bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs than investor-owned utilities typically can."

Wesley worked full-time for Wendy's when not in school and part-time when school was in session. During his two and a half years at Wendy's, he learned to lead people and how to more easily deal with stressful situations. He will be attending Northwest Lineman College in Meridian (Boise area) this winter.

Wesley Vanevenhoven

## Keeping Snow Off Your Roof ... Safely



If your home or business has a roof with a substantial pitch, ice dams and clogged gutters can still prevent snow from sliding off. Heavy loads of wet snow can eventually lead to shingle damage, stress on load-bearing walls, and even roof collapse.

Removing snow from your roof is a slippery undertaking. If you have too much snow on your roof, you will need the right tool for the job. If you have a pitched roof, use a long-handled rake to safely remove snow rather

than climbing a ladder in the cold or risking a dangerous fall from icy overhangs. But not just any rake will do. Look for a long-handled roof rake. Start at the edge of your roof with the rake and work your way in, being careful to leave several inches of snow to avoid scraping the shingles and causing costly roof damage.

Remember, never get up on a ladder or on your roof to remove snow. In addition to the hazard of slippery rungs, you will add weight to the already heavy load your roof is struggling under.

If you're still unsure whether your roof is at risk of damage after a heavy snowfall, FEMA advises homeowners to look for these warning signs:

- Sagging ceiling tiles or boards;
- Popping, cracking, and creaking noises;
- Interior doors that can no longer be opened or closed;
- Cracks in walls or masonry; and
- Severe roof leaks.

Be careful clearing snow from your roof this winter season.