



FALL RIVER FLASHES

March 2021

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE THIS MONTH



Attention Graduating high school students! If your parents or guardians are members of Fall River Electric, you are invited to apply for a \$2,400 scholarship to be used to continue your education at the college or technical training facility of your choice. Students must have parents OR guardians who are active members (customers) of Fall River Electric.

Scholarship applications are now being accepted through March 26, 2021, and are available at Fall River's website, www.fallriverelectric.com. Click on the tab titled "My Community," and then "Scholarships" in the drop-down menu. Scholarships are funded by unclaimed patronage capital.



CEO CASE ELECTED TO REGIONAL POSITION

Fall River Electric General Manager/CEO Bryan Case was recently elected to a two-year term as the vice chair of the Public Power Council's Fish & Wildlife Committee. The Public Power Council (PPC) is an association of consumer-owned utilities. He is also the board secretary and treasurer of PNGC power, a Portland-based electric generation and transmission cooperative.

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2020**



Fall River Energy Expo: June 19 In Ashton

Mark your calendar: Saturday, June 19, 2021, is Fall River Electric's Energy Expo at North Fremont High School. Bring your family for a FREE breakfast starting at 8 a.m., along with bucket truck rides and bouncy houses for the younger kids and science, technology, and engineering (STEM) activities for elementary kids and above. There will be prizes for the kids, too!



Dozens of vendor booths for the adults will have free information on topics like solar and wind distributed energy generation, COVID-19 vaccines, home improvements, eye and dental care, Medicare information, and much more.

Curious about electric vehicles? Fall River members 18 years of age and older with a valid drivers licence can test drive a Tesla EV available at the Energy Expo. Be on the lookout for more information in upcoming issues of the *FLASHES* newsletter.

Board Election Results

In conjunction with the Energy Expo, formerly known as the Cooperative's annual meeting of members, Fall River Electric will hold the Co-op's annual business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Results of the election for board members representing districts 1, 5, and 6 will be announced. In addition, tons of FREE door prizes will be given away, too.



Fall River Board Candidates Wanted



There is still time for you to become a board candidate or to nominate someone from any of the three districts where positions are up for election to Fall River Electric's board of directors. A nomination by petition is as easy as obtaining fifteen signatures of Cooperative members from within the district of which you are seeking to be a candidate. The three board seats up for election this year include District 1, Rexburg/Ririe, presently represented by Brent Crowther; District 5, West Driggs/Tetonia, where Brent Robson currently serves; and District 6, the Ashton area, currently represented by Dede Draper.

Names and signatures for the nomination by petition must arrive at the Ashton, Idaho, office of Fall River Electric by Monday, April 26, 2021, in order to be placed on the official election ballot.

Interested members should also include a quality photo and a statement as to why they should be elected to the board. Remember, to be a qualified candidate, you must live in the district of which you are seeking election. Qualifications and expectations for board members can be found in our Bylaws that are located on our website, www.fallriverelectric.com. Click on "My Cooperative" and then the drop-down tab "Bylaws."

For Information about nomination by petition, please email bryan.case@fallriverelectric.com.

Remember, the deadline for candidate petitions is April 26, 2021.



Where Service Matters

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Ashton, ID 83420

DRIGGS
1605 N Highway 33
Driggs, ID 83422

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758

All Our Offices Are Open
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Husk Crowther
District 1
Rexburg/Rigby
Secretary/Treasurer



Jay Hanson
District 2
West Victor



Georg Behrens
District 3
East Victor
Vice President



Anna Lindstedt
District 4
East Driggs



Brent Robson
District 5
West Driggs/Tetonia



Dede Draper
District 6
Ashton
President



Jodi Stiehl
District 7
South Island Park



Jeff Keay
District 8
North Island Park



Doug Schmier
District 9, West Yellowstone



Bryan Case
Fall River Electric
CEO/General Manager



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Local Students Invited To Apply To Youth Rally

Local high school junior or sophomore students have had the opportunity in past years to participate in Fall River Electric's Youth Rally event. At the event, they have met new friends from all over the Northwest, learned leadership and team building skills to last a lifetime, gained knowledge about the electric industry, learned about cooperatives and industry related careers—all at no cost to them or their families. Unfortunately, due to on-going concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 event has been canceled.

However, every student that applies and would have been selected for this year's Youth Rally will still earn a \$500 scholarship!

Students that qualify must have parents or guardians who are Fall River Electric owner-members and apply with a short essay. The application and essay deadline is April 14, 2021. Applications are available at www.fallriverelectric.com, click on the tab "My Community" and the drop-down link to "Youth Rally."



Report On Patronage Capital Earnings For 2020 Arrives Next Month



In April, every owner-member of Fall River Electric will receive a summary of the Patronage Capital they have earned in 2020, as well as any previous earnings since becoming an owner-member of the Cooperative. Patronage Capital is your share of the margins generated beyond the costs to operate Fall River Electric. All Patronage Capital amounts earned are based on the amount of electricity you use, with cash payments made each December on an approximate twenty-year payback cycle. For more information on Patronage Capital, visit www.fallriverelectric.com and click on the tab "My Cooperative."

Take Home Safety – Food Safety

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration says 1 in 6 Americans suffer foodborne illnesses annually. Consuming dangerous foodborne bacteria can make you sick in as little as 20 minutes. Here are steps to take to prevent your family from getting sick from a foodborne illness:

- Wash your hands and surfaces with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Separate raw meats from other foods when preparing them and never thaw foods at room temperature;
- Cook foods to a safe internal temperature to destroy bacteria; and
- Refrigerate foods within one hour after preparation at 40 degrees F or below.



For more info, visit www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/safe-food-handling.

Celebrate Lineman's Appreciation Day



We appreciate the dedicated service of our linemen as they battle cold weather, wind, rain, and snow at all times of the day and night, as well as on weekends and holidays, to keep the power flowing to your home or business. Monday, April 12, 2021, is the day set aside by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to salute our linemen. Thank you for all you do!