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Scholarship Winners Announced

The NorVal Electric Cooperative Scholarship Committee has chosen the 2021 award recipients. Scholarships are funded through unclaimed capital credits and annually, we award over \$3,000.00 to students for their post-secondary educational needs. NorVal Electric congratulates all the graduating seniors throughout the service territory and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!



Angelica Sutton

Angelica Sutton, daughter of Kenneth and Brandy Sutton of Wolf Point, was named as NorVal's Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship Winner. She will receive \$1,000.00 towards her tuition and will be attending Carroll College in the fall. In addition to the Basin Scholarship, she was also selected as a recipient of the NorVal Electric Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. Through her high school career she was involved in Volleyball,

Pep Band, Tennis, was the Basketball Manager and was very active in her community.



Joshua Brown

Joshua Brown is the son of Sarah Brown of Wolf Point. He is graduating from Lustre Christian High School with a 3.9 GPA and first in his class. He was the President of Student Council all 4 years of high school. He also participated in the Pep Band, Awana, was a Counselor at Beacon Bible Camp and a Helper at Frazer Bible Club. Joshua will be awarded \$500.00 to go towards his tuition this fall while he attends the Montana Wilderness School of the Bible.



Kaitlyn McColly


Kaitlyn McColly, daughter of Paul and Kristin McColly of Hinsdale, was awarded one of the \$500.00 NorVal Electric Scholarships. She was also selected as the top nominee for the Montana Electric Cooperative's Association (MECA) Scholarship. Her application was forwarded to Great Falls where she will compete with six other applicants for a

\$500.00 scholarship. Kaitlyn maintains a 4.0 GPA, participated in Basketball, Volleyball and Track. She remains active in her community in the 4-H club and FFA.



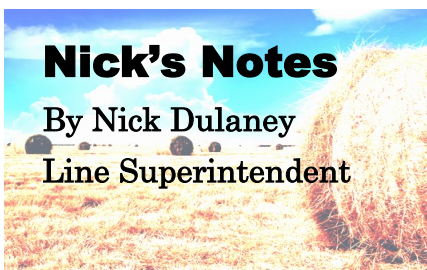
Rio Booth

Rio Booth, son of Robert and Cheryl Booth of Scobey, was awarded a \$500.00 NorVal Electric Scholarship. He was on the High Honor Roll all four years of school, lettered in Basketball, Football and Pep Band. He is the president of the Poplar Valley 4-H Club. He has served his community in for 9 years in the club, and he also raised a Steer of Merit for 4-H Market

Beef. His love for sports has lead him to choose a career in Physical Therapy so he can give back to athletes and help the community. 

Nick's Notes

By Nick Dulaney
Line Superintendent



With the lead time of material, if you have a job planned for this summer or fall, don't wait. Give us a call and we will gladly go over your options, prices, and give you an estimated time for installation.

The first of April, the crews performed a planned power interruption on the Whatley Substation Breaker 592 which feeds the


The crew finished the Montana Department of Transportation move on Highway 13, North of Wolf Point.

We have quite the list of new services that have been added to the work load recently.

Fauth, Kronebush, Opheim, Peerless and Schuster Substations. We appreciated the patience of our members who were affected. During the outage, the crews changed the primary taps in the transformers to better match the incoming voltage from our power suppliers. This proactive approach to stabilizing the voltage will help prevent issues in the future.

The irrigation pivots have been connected for the season. NorVal wishes the farmers a successful season!

Please remember with high equipment moves to have a spotter. If you have a line that is close to touching, give us a call and we'd be happy to lift the line!

Also, be sure before starting any dirt work project, fence installation, or digging, call 8-1-1 at least 48 hours ahead of the scheduled work. One call to 8-1-1 and all underground gas, electric, fiber and telephone lines will be located free of charge. We thank you for your cooperation! 




Recipe of the Month

Brown Sugar BBQ Chicken

Ingredients

2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 c. barbecue sauce, plus more for drizzling
1/2 c. brown sugar
1/4 c. bourbon
1/4 c. Italian dressing
2 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. paprika
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
6 potato buns
Coleslaw, for serving

Directions

In a slow cooker, add chicken breasts, barbecue sauce, brown sugar, bourbon, Italian dressing, garlic powder and paprika. Season with salt and pepper. Toss until well coated, then cover and cook on high for 4 hours or on low for 5 hours. Shred chicken and serve on buns with a drizzle of barbecue sauce and a spoonful of coleslaw. 

Be Safe This Fire Season

With warm weather and high winds upon us, fire safety should be at the forefront of our minds as we work outside. Please be careful out there and follow these safety protocols to ensure safety at home and in the field!


- **Ensure your equipment is properly maintained:** check for residue around rotating units. Check bearings for excessive heat and ensure they are properly lubricated to avoid additional friction.
- **Carry a fire extinguisher in vehicles and equipment at all times and review instructions for use every Spring with all operators.**
- **When refueling, turn off engines.**
- **Check weather conditions before controlled burning by calling the National Weather Service 406-228-4042.**
- **Extinguish cigarettes or open flames properly.**
- **Prior to controlled burns wet area around electric poles and guy wires**

To report fires dial 9-1-1

Delinquent Accounts

One of the biggest ways to ensure you can save money on your electric bill every month is to pay in a timely fashion. NorVal Electric assesses a monthly interest fee on any unpaid balance over 30 days old.

In addition, if an account is severely delinquent (more than 60 days in arrears), it is subject to disconnect. In the event that your account is disconnected for non-payment, per the NorVal policy, we charge a \$50.00 collection fee. In order to restore services we require a payment in full of the past due balance, current amount due through the disconnect reading, and fees totaling an additional \$100.00 (collection and reconnection). If a member calls and wants reconnected outside normal working hours it's an additional \$100.00.

The fees and interest can add up over time. To avoid any unnecessary charges, we ask that you make payment by the 20th of the month. However, if you have a month where you are struggling and need to set up a payment plan, call us and we would be happy to work with you! 

HISTORY CORNER




Back Row Left to Right:
Lonnie Stratton, Nick Dulaney, Mike Wesely and Mitch Griebel.

Middle Row Left to Right:
Rick Kinzell and Cody Odom.






Front: Roger Hystad.

Budget Billing Enrollment Open

Are you looking for an easy way to budget for fluctuating power bills? NorVal Electric offers Budget Billing and enrollment is now open through the end of May.

To enroll, give our office a call and we'll go over the specifics of the program. We work within your budget to make your bill payment the same every month. Budget Billing takes the guess work out of high utility bills in winter. Through the summer you can build a cushion of credit to help through the higher bills during the cold months. 

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your furnace and air conditioners to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every 2 months) to prevent dust buildup.

