



FALL RIVER FLASHES

September 2026

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



Brent "Husk" Crowther



Jodi Stiehl



Travis Markegard

BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Fall River Electric Cooperative board member Travis Markegard for his election as Secretary-Treasurer. During the board's regular July meeting, Brent "Husk" Crowther was re-elected board President and Jodi Stiehl was also re-elected as Vice President. These officers will serve until summer of 2027.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Fall River Electric offices will be closed Monday, October 12, 2026, in recognition of Columbus Day. A U.S. national holiday since 1937, Columbus Day commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the New World on October 12, 1492. The Italian-born explorer intended to chart a western sea route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia; instead, he landed in the Bahamas.

As with all holidays, Fall River crews are on stand-by in case of a power outage. Should this occur during the Columbus Day weekend, please call 800.632.5726 and a crew will be dispatched immediately.



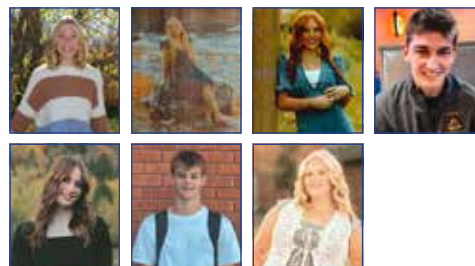
Local Students To Expand Their Education This Fall With Scholarships Awarded by Fall River Electric

Over \$85,000 presented to 37 students this year...the most ever awarded!

Every year, Fall River Electric awards scholarships for higher education to graduating students whose parents or guardians are owner-members of the Cooperative. Funding for these scholarships comes from both member donations and unclaimed Patronage Capital. Each scholarship is valued at \$2,400 and is paid to students at the rate of \$600 per year, while they continue their education. Congratulations to our 2026 students:

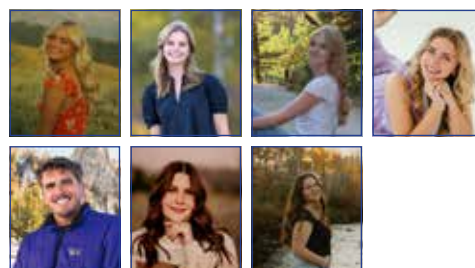
NORTH FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Kamryne Baldwin, Oakley Hathaway, London Marsden, Andrew Martin, Kayla Mickelberry, Owen Reid, and Hailee Stegelmeier



TETON HIGH SCHOOL

Emily Braman, Reece Culbertson, Summer Dines, Emily Hillam, Beck Jordan, Alyvia Matkin, and Emrie Smith. Not Pictured: Finley Bilchuk, Kaycee Cisco, Jack Rinaldi



SOUTH FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Adalyn Dansie



SUGAR-SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Hadley Shaw



MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

Douglas Flamm



RIGBY HIGH SCHOOL

Alyssa Selensky



RIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

Hailey Robson and Lauren Robson

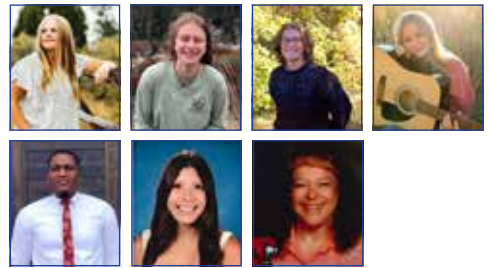


WEST YELLOWSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

Hailey Roos and Kayla Wiese. Not Pictured: Rachel Dawkins



The \$1,000, **ENERGY PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP**, of which is funded personally by CEO Bryan Case and wife Janice, was awarded to **Berrik Bollinger** (not pictured) from Tetonia and **Av-ery Washburn** of St. Anthony. Scholarships are also available to students who attend schools outside Fall River Electric's service territory, but their parents or guardians are owner-members of the Co-op. This year's recipients are: **Anesa Bills** and **Marcella Bills**, both of Pocatello; **Reawynn Hill** and **Josh Onwuka** each from Victor; **Lyla Romero-Erlanson** from Mountain Home; and **Tamara Nelson** of St. Anthony.



Two graduating high school students, **Ashtyn Crapo** from Ririe High School and **Payton Linger** from North Fremont High School, earned **LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIPS** and will be attending lineman school.



Students for Fall River Electric scholarships are chosen based on financial need, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, and the essay each applicant submits. Applications for 2027 will be open next January.



Where Service Matters

800-632-5726
208-652-7431

ASHTON

1150 North 3400 East
Ashton, ID 83420

DRIGGS

1605 N Highway 33
Driggs, ID 83422

WEST YELLOWSTONE

436 Madison Ave
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

All Our Offices Are Open

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

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CEO/General Manager



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New Breaker Technology Reduces Wildfire Risk

A new tool has been added to Fall River Electric's power grid designed to protect members from the danger of wildfires. The Compact Modular Recloser (CMR), as seen in the photo, provides an easy way to upgrade Fall River's existing reclosers, while maintaining proper protection and coordination. A recloser is a high-voltage circuit breaker that detects and stops the flow of power when a "fault" on the line is detected. Faults are typically caused



by a tree or limb coming in contact with the power line, lightning striking, or a small bird or animal contacting a piece of the energized equipment. In some cases, a vehicle can also strike the pole or an excavator can dig up underground power lines.

Under normal operating conditions, when a fault is detected, the recloser will disconnect and then reconnect the circuit, restarting the flow of power after a brief delay of just seconds.

Fall River Conducts Its Annual Business Meeting

Owner-members of Fall River Electric Cooperative who did not have the opportunity to attend the Co-op's annual business meeting for members held on June 13 at Teton High School in Driggs can now view it on our website: www.fallriverelectric.com/energyexpo-annual-business-meeting. During the meeting, members heard reports from Brent "Husk" Crowther, President of the Board of Directors; CEO Bryan Case; and Chief Election Judge Tia Cherry; as well as the announcement of scholarship winners and the annual financial report from the Co-op's auditors.



The 2027 Energy Expo and annual business meeting for members will be held on Saturday, June 12, at North Fremont High School in Ashton.

Members Win Prizes From The Expo

Congratulations to Glenn Vitucci of Tetonia for winning a 75-inch big screen television and Maksymilian Gorski of Driggs, the winner of a PlayStation 5 console. These owner-members joined over 2,300 other members who voted for board candidates as part of the Co-op's 2026 Energy Expo and annual meeting of members. Every member that voted this year had their name entered into a random drawing for a chance to win one of nearly forty prizes given away.

