

# Sun River Electric Cooperative Ripples

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APRIL 2018

## Sun River Electric has two Youth to Washington, D.C. Essay Contest Winners

**B**erit Bedord and Tierra Chapdelaine will represent Sun River Electric Cooperative on the Washington Youth Tour.

Berit is the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association statewide winner, and Tierra is the Sun River Electric winner.

Both girls will accompany 29 other students from 18 cooperatives across the state in Washington, D.C., June 9 - 15, 2018. The tour will include our nation's capital, memorials, monuments and museums. The students also will have an opportunity to meet the Montana congressional delegation, plus take an active role in learning about cooperatives and our national government.

**B**erit, a junior at Fairfield High School, is the daughter of Brian and Lisa Bedord. Berit's school activities include: FFA, Science Bowl,



Berit Bedord

Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society and Science Olympiad. Outside of school, Berit is involved in 4H, a second-degree black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do and competes in and instructs small-bore rifle and pistol shooting.



Tierra Chapdelaine

**T**ierra is involved in volleyball, track and field, pep club, speech and drama, student council, art club, pep band, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA), choir and is a class representative. Tierra is active in her church, church youth group, church outreach programs, Empty Bowls project and Girl Scouts. Tierra also volunteers for the Red Cross. Tierra is the daughter of Marion Strickland, and is a

junior at Dutton/ Brady High School. 283798

Congratulation girls!

## Lineworkers Appreciation Day

**L**ineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 9, 2018, Sun River Electric Cooperative will honor the men and women who work in challenging and often dangerous conditions to keep the lights on.

We are proud to recognize all electric lineworkers for the services they perform around the clock in difficult conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

"Lineworkers are the first responders of our electric cooperative, and they're always ready to get the job done, day or night," said General Manager Scott Odegard. "Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of everything we do."

Sun River Electric is proud of our 10 lineworkers who maintain 2,806 miles of power lines in our service territory. So during the month of April, if you see a lineworker, please pause to say thank you to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.



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# Watch out for overhead lines while seeding

Please remember to work safely around overhead power lines during spring seeding. Be aware of power line heights and locations. While moving machinery, know the height of it. A good rule is to stay at least 10 feet away from high-voltage power lines.

If your piece of equipment or tractor comes in contact with a power line, stay inside and call for help. Keep others away as well. If you must leave the vehicle, do not allow your body to come in contact with the equipment and the ground at the same time, and jump as far away as possible. Once you are off, do not go back until co-op personnel tells you it is safe to do so. Always assume the power line is still energized.

In the U.S. every year approximately 60 farm workers are electrocuted. Play it safe, stay away from overhead power lines.

Also, while burning stubble this year, please be careful not to burn power poles. Every year a few power poles are burned to the point they need to be replaced. This cost will be passed on to the person responsible.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Save energy and money by lowering your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. This will also slow mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

## Hidden numbers

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

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## Swap Column

**FOR SALE:** New tailgate for '94 Mazda B4000 pickup (will also fit Ford Ranger) \$135; lo-boy trailer axle \$550; 2-stage, 3-chambered hydraulic pump for \$170; Pachislo slot machine (can be converted) \$525; receiver hitch \$65; wood side stake rack with front and rear steel panels fits 48' flatbed semi-trailer \$650, Robert Doran, 965-3212

**FOR SALE:** 1-horsepower Red Lion Water Pump, 220/110 pump,

2-inch inlet and 1.5-inch outlet. Excellent condition, used very little, \$100. Toro electric snow sweeper, used one time, \$100. Coleman camp stove with oven and 3 burners, runs on propane, used 1 time, still in box, \$100. Call Leslie Shaw 457-2268.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the *Ripples* Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at [kscott@sunriverelectric.coop](mailto:kscott@sunriverelectric.coop) by the first of the month.

## REBATES

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