

# Sun River Electric Cooperative

# Ripples



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## Sun River Electric has 3 Youth to Washington, D.C. essay contest winners

SUN River Electric Cooperative (SREC) is proud to announce that Madeline Konen of Fairfield, Kate Stephens of Dutton and Justin Forseth of Fairfield are the winners of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Kate is the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association statewide winner, and Madeline and Justin are the Sun River Electric winners.

Madeline is the daughter of Michael and Heidi Konen, and is a sophomore who is home-schooled. Kate is the daughter of Mark Stephens and Kelly Parks, and is a sophomore who is home-schooled. Justin is a junior at Fairfield



Kate Stephens



Madeline Konen



Justin Forseth

High School and is the son of Karen and Clayton Forseth.

In June, hundreds of electric co-ops across the country send participants to Washington, D.C., for a chance to learn

about the cooperative business model and take in a full week of sightseeing. Participants will also have the chance to meet with their elected officials and discuss the issues that are important to them. SREC feels it is important to invest in the youth of our community by providing opportunities such as this. "The students who have participated in the past have returned home with a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a leader, and have put these skills to use right here in our community," said SREC Member Service Representative Ross Oveson. Konen, Forseth and Stephens were selected for their impressive essays on the topic, "How Can Electricity Be Used to Save and Improve Lives in Developing Nations?". They will join 30 other students from Montana in June to embark on the week-long electric cooperative Youth Tour. 283243 Congratulations!

## Mark Your Calendars

Annual Meeting set for Friday, March 27, 2020

Fairfield Community Hall • Registration: 11 a.m.

Lunch: Noon • Meeting: 1 p.m.

### Nominating Committees:

#### District 2

Upper Sun River – Augusta – Simms  
Clinton Kirby, Chairperson  
Alma Ruth Mortag, Rita June Banta

#### District 7

Highwood – Armington – Stockett  
John Schipf, Chairperson  
Jane Suberg, Lisa Semansky,  
Donna Buckley



SREC's President John Burgmaier addresses annual meeting attendees.

# Moving Along and Moving In

**A**SSISTANT Operations Manager Gary Oksness is retiring after 16 years with SREC. Gary came to SREC as a journeyman lineman in 2004. Gary plans on doing some traveling and puttering around his place on the Fairfield bench.

Scott Steyee is moving into the office from the line crew, and will be taking over the assistant operations manager position.



Gary Oksness and Scott Steyee.

# Operation Round-up

**O**PERATION Round-up is a charitable fund program designed to financially help individuals, families or groups in need within the Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) service area. The fund is made of change from SREC consumers who have rounded up their monthly billing to the nearest dollar. Example: If you sign up for Operation Round-up and your monthly bill is \$138.35, it would be rounded up to \$139. The extra 65 cents goes into the fund.

At this time there are 320 consumers participating in the program. SREC's Operation Round-up has donated to the Teton County Ambulance for new CPR training equipment, Conrad's City Hall for handicapped entrance doors, Pondera Medical Center for the purchase of a newer handicapped van and to the Greenfield School for an automated external defibrillator (AED). If you are interested in signing up or have a request for a donation, give SREC a call.

**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

Placing hot food in the refrigerator makes the appliance work harder than necessary, using more energy. Allow food to cool down before you place it in the fridge.

## Reminder:

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

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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*Swap Column*

**There are no items to be listed in swap column.**

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap Column, please contact Sun River Electric Cooperative 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.



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