

Sun River Electric Cooperative

Ripples



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Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

APRIL 2020

Lineworkers Appreciation Day

LINWORKERS serve on the front-lines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, 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 11



lineworkers who maintain 2,814 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.

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 on 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.



Nick Soiseth

New Employee

NICK Soiseth has been hired as an apprentice lineman in the Conrad area. He has received his pre-apprenticeship line worker diploma from M State in Wadena, MN. Nick comes from Fargo, North Dakota, with some apprentice experience with Key Contracting and Runestone Electric Cooperative. Prior to this, Nick was a police officer with the Fargo Police Department and a deputy sheriff for Burleigh County.

Welcome Nick, to the Sun River Electric Cooperative family.

Life Support/Medical Equipment Dependent members

CONTINUED electrical service is particularly important for our members who depend on life support and other medical equipment. Sun River Electric maintains a list of such members. To make sure you are on our list, call Shelley at (406) 467-2526.

Planned Outages

On the occasion of a planned outage (e.g., for needed repairs or upgrades), every attempt is made to

contact life support/medical equipment users affected to ensure they are aware of the time and duration of the planned outage.

Power Outages

In the event of a power outage, it is important that you have emergency backup power that is adequate to operate your life support/medical equipment. Due to system limitations, Sun River Electric Cooperative is not able

to provide priority response to life support/medical equipment



members in the restoration process. This makes it imperative that members with special needs take precautions in case the power is out for extended periods of time.

Swap Column

FOR SALE: Small square straw, \$2.50/bale; second cutting round bales alfalfa, \$80. Gilbert Anderson, 799-2519.
WANTED: Field turnouts with concrete face. Scott Hinderager, 799-7994.
FOR SALE: Hay, 2019 \$6/bale, 2018 \$5/bale. William O'Neil, 750-5519.
WANTED: Used treadmill. Al and Elaine Wiseman, 466-2718.
FOR SALE: 6 cast-iron skillets, ranging from 6" to 13"; lighted makeup mirror; table lamp; new raised toilet seat; lady's down jacket; white lady's jack-

et, reverses to light turquoise. Al and Elaine Wiseman, 466-2718. 279901
FOR SALE: Large Humidaire incubator with electric auto-turner and separate hatcher, \$1,000/both. P. Gemar, 738-4524 or 231-5308.
FOR SALE: 2011 Lowe Roughneck 1455 boat; 2011 boat trailer; 2003 Yamaha 4-stroke outboard motor; Lawrence GPS fish-finder; 2 MinnKota trolling motors; carpeted boat floor; 2 boat chairs (camo); bilge pump. All in good condition, stored inside. \$7,800.00 OBO. Holly Ward, 467-2162.
FOR SALE: Sun River Electric Cooper-

ative is accepting sealed bids on a 1997 model 7020 Ditchwitch trencher/backhoe combo with 1,781 hours. Minimum bid \$5,000. The unit can be viewed at the Sun River Electric Fairfield shop. The bid opening will be at noon on 4/9/20. Call Robert at SREC 406-467-2526.
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 by the first of the month.

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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