

Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners

West Wetaskiwin REA Director Ron Stevens had the pleasure of presenting the scholarship cheques to this year's winners, Joel Turpin and Luke Fontaine. The West Wetaskiwin REA and members wish them every success.



Joel Turpin is enrolled in the University of Alberta Faculty of Kinesiology Program – Bachelor of Kinesiology (Major)/ Bachelor of Education (secondary). He chose this field as he has always been fascinated by the design of the human body.

Joel has been very active in the community and is particularly proud of his contribution in planning and running the Brightview Church youth group for several years. He is also very involved in athletics, in particular volleyball, and was named captain of the high school senior team.

He was honored to be the PLRS class of 2022 Valedictorian and recipient of the Owen Specht Memorial Fellowship Award and Grade 12 Citizenship Award.

Joel's references state: "He is an exemplary learner," "always helping fellow students in examining applications of course content" and "Joel has defined citizenship within our school throughout the last 6 years and has set the bar high for future students."

Luke Fontaine is enrolled at the University of Alberta, Augustana Faculty in a Bachelor of Science/ Physical Education (major) Program. He is pursuing his dream of becoming a physiotherapist because this field offers solutions for massive migraines that he suffered with as a child.

Luke has enjoyed the outdoors from a young age and spent time camping, hunting and fishing with his family. That led him to volunteer as a counsellor at a youth fish and game camp. He enjoys soccer, basketball and volleyball, playing with school teams and local clubs and becoming a referee.

Luke's references state: "As a student, Luke is hard-working and committed academically. With marks well above average, he graduated with 108 credits, more than the minimum of 100." "Additionally, Luke is always more than willing to help out around the classroom and school community." "He is a motivated, dependable, ethical individual who consistently strives to do his best on a daily basis."

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Celebrating Co-operative Week | October 16 – 22, 2022

Every year, co-operatives, and the people behind them, celebrate the co-operative movement and co-op values in Canada.

Co-operative and mutual enterprises form when people come together to achieve an objective that they could not achieve alone. They are a rational alternative to investor-owned business when the objective is different from maximizing return to stockholders.



West Wetaskiwin REA members participating in the 2019 AGM

So...what are the qualities of a good co-operative?

According to research, co-operatives have several defining characteristics: 1) they are open and voluntary associations; 2) they have a democratic structure, with each member having one vote; and 3) they have an equitable and fair distribution of economic results based on their volume of operations.

Research also notes members are an imperative part of a co-operative. Without dedicated and participating members, no co-op can succeed. West Wetaskiwin REA would like to acknowledge our members for their support and commitment to their co-operative REA.



West Wetaskiwin REA is proud to be a successful co-operative Rural Electrification Association; a member-owned, not-for-profit utility that is democratically controlled by our members.

Power Pole Maintenance Update

Did you know that only 7% of a typical stand of timber qualifies to be power poles? Once selected and made into poles, they are infused with preservatives to maximize their life span.

However, pole integrity is not left to chance. Regular pole testing by Battle River Power Coop and review of results allows the West Wetaskiwin REA to strategically budget for pole replacements. While pole testing is the primary reason to replace a pole, storm or equipment damage can also necessitate a change out. This year, between September and December, Battle River Power Coop will be replacing poles that “didn’t pass the test.” So you will be seeing scenes as per the photos (right) of employees hard at work.



Any members interested in the old power poles, please contact the REA office or any Director to discuss.

**Regulated
Rate
Option**



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a ‘regulated’ rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For September 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.15536 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For October 2022, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.22443.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).