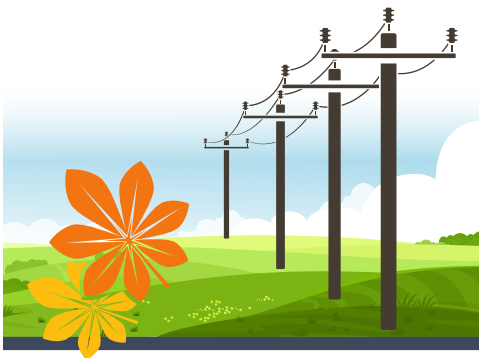


## Stay Safe Around Powerlines and Poles



Every harvest season brings both excitement and challenges for farmers. However, recent incidents involving power poles, lines, and farm equipment have underscored the urgent need for safety awareness during this critical time. To ensure a safe and productive harvest, it's crucial to prioritize safety around power infrastructure. To the right are some essential tips to keep in mind.

A successful harvest hinges on the safety of everyone involved. Power poles and lines pose significant risks, but by identifying hazards, maintaining safe distances, using spotters, and following safety measures, you can protect lives and property during harvest. Remember to prioritize your safety above a few more inches closer to the power pole!



### Identify Hazards:

Before you start, map out the locations of power poles and overhead lines on your farm. Knowing where these hazards are situated will help you plan your operations safely.

### Maintain Safe Distances:

Always keep equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines with voltages up to 50,000 volts. For lines with higher voltages, maintain a 20-foot clearance. Be mindful of equipment height changes, like raised booms or buckets, and ensure they stay within safe distances.

### Use a Spotter:

When operating tall equipment or carrying loads that could contact power lines, have a spotter assist you. They can help you navigate safely and ensure you maintain the necessary clearance.

### Contact Utilities:

If you need to work near power lines or you need to move high equipment under a power line, contact your utility provider. We can offer guidance for your safety.

### Mark Hazard Areas:

Use flags, signs, or markers to clearly indicate areas with power lines. This visual communication serves as a constant reminder to exercise caution.



A reminder to farmers in the field: if you notice a guy wire without a red or yellow tube on it, please let us know.

#### For Power Troubles:

Battle River Power Coop (our distribution system operator)  
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972

#### For RRO Billing and Account Inquiries:

Battle River Power Coop | Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3  
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972  
E-mail: [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop) | Website: [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop)

#### For REA Inquiries, New Service and Service Change Requests:

Contact West Wetaskiwin REA, RR #1  
Station Main, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8  
Tel: 780-335-9378 (WEST)  
E-mail: [westwet@telus.net](mailto:westwet@telus.net) | Website: [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com)

For service requests: go to [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html)

# Congratulations to West Wetaskiwin REA Scholarship Recipient, Brady Ewart

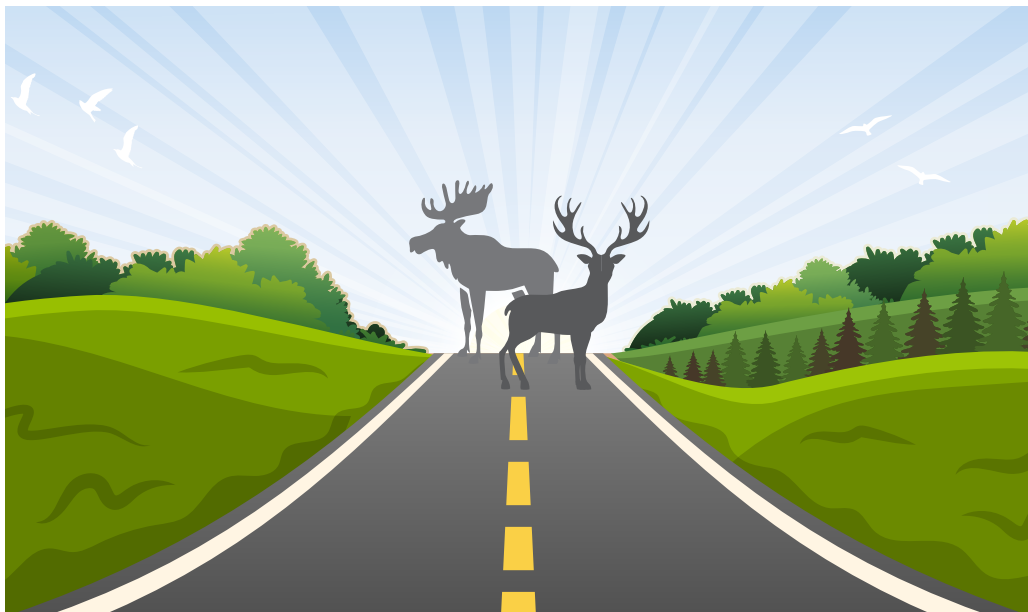


Brady Ewart, son of WW REA member-owner Neil and Janice Ewart, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from West Wetaskiwin REA to help with costs toward his post-secondary education.

Brady will be attending MacEwan University in the fall, where he is enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce 4-year degree program.

Throughout his time in high school, Brady has participated in both local and school sports, allowing him the opportunity to volunteer at events and tournaments. Since Grade 7, Brady has been active in the Brightview Community Church, participating in the Youth Group Program that saw him grow into a leadership role for the program, planning activities for the Youth Group. In Brady's Grade 12 year, he helped with fundraisers for his graduating class.

Congratulations, Brady from all of us at West Wetaskiwin REA! We wish you the best of luck with your studies and look forward to hearing about your accomplishments!



## The Changing of the Seasons Comes With...

*Wildlife!*

When driving on the roads, please remember to stay vigilant and watch for any wildlife in the ditches and attempting to cross the road.

**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 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.24435 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For October 2023, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.15271.

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