



BIG FLAT NEWS



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Member Service/Billing Clerk, Debbie Kindle, represented Big Flat Electric Cooperative at the 2025 Montana Tribal College and Career Fair in Fort Belknap.

2025 Montana Tribal College and Career Fair

BIG Flat Electric Cooperative took part in the Montana Tribal College & Career Fair Circuit held at the Red Whip Center, Fort Belknap Agency in April.

Member Service/Billing Clerk, Debbie Kindle, was on hand to provide information and answer questions about careers available at Big Flat Electric and in the electric utility industry.

Big Flat Electric appreciates the opportunity to connect with the bright minds of tomorrow and share insights about opportunities in our industry. 



Family Safety Night

BIG Flat Electric Cooperative participated in the Family Safety Night that was held at the Malta Elementary School / Mustang Football Field.

There were multiple booths focusing on staying safe in Phillips County.

A & E Catering food truck was on site, and many participants walked for Mental Health Awareness Month.

We are very lucky to have so many caring and supportive people in our community.



SCHOLARSHIPS

BIG FLAT ELECTRIC 2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Big Flat Electric Cooperative would like to announce our 2025 Scholarship winners.

Big Flat Electric Trade School Scholarship recipients, receiving \$500, are Carson Maloney, Turner High School graduate, and Caleb Zellmer, Turner High School graduate.

Recipients of Big Flat Electric's \$500 scholarships are Modesty Chamberlin, Turner High School graduate; Blaine Downing, Saco High School graduate; Cassidy Grabofsky, Turner High School graduate; Shelbi LaBrie, Whitewater High School graduate; and Carson Maloney, Turner High

School graduate.

Mason Simanton, son of Erik and Shayley Simanton, was awarded the Big Flat Electric \$500 Managers Scholarship, which goes to graduating seniors of Big Flat Electric employees.

Shelbi Labrie, Whitewater High School graduate, is our recipient of a \$1,000 Basin Electric Member-Cooperative Consumer Scholarship.

Big Flat Electric congratulates all service area graduates and wishes them well. 

Carson Maloney

Turner High School



Caleb Zellmer

Turner High School



Modesty Chamberlin

Turner High School



Blaine Downing

Saco High School



Cassidy Grabofsky

Turner High School



Shelbi LaBrie

Whitewater High School



Mason Simanton

Malta High School





Reduce power use during extreme heat this summer

WHEN multiple parts of the country are experiencing a prolonged heat wave with soaring temps, large amounts of electricity are being used simultaneously across the U.S., placing additional pressure on the electric grid. These situations bring the potential for energy conservation requests and even rolling power outages. The best way to help is to reduce your energy use at home.

Your thermostat is the best place to conserve energy. During summer months, select the highest comfortable thermostat setting and turn it up several degrees whenever possible. Remember: your cooling system must run longer to make up the difference between the thermostat temp and the outdoor temp.

To save energy during the hottest months, use smaller appliances, such as slow cookers, air fryers and toaster

ovens, to cook meals. Studies have shown air fryers use about half the amount of electricity as a full-sized oven. Air fryers are smaller and use focused heat, resulting in faster cooking times, less heat output and lower energy use.

Keep your home cooler during periods of extreme heat. Close blinds, curtains and shades during the hottest part of the day to block unwanted heat gain from sunlight.

Ceiling fans can make you feel a few degrees cooler. During summer months, set fan blades to rotate counterclockwise, which pushes cool air down for a windchill effect. Remember, ceiling fans cool people (not rooms), so turn them off in unoccupied rooms.

Run energy-intensive appliances (dishwashers, ovens, dryers etc.) during off-peak hours. You can save energy and reduce strain on the grid. RM

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

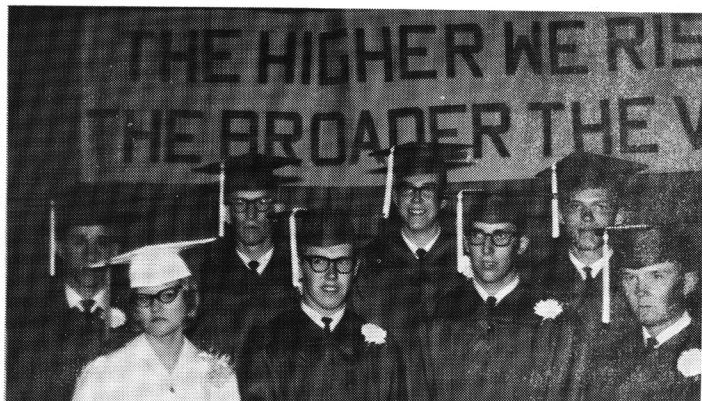
- **Find us on Facebook** under Big Flat Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- **Visit our website** at www.bigflatelectric.com.
- **Sign up for budget billing** and/or ACH (auto payments) by calling our office.
- **Bills** are generated on the 1st working day of each month, and are due on the 20th of each month.
- **Bills that are 60 days in arrears are subject to disconnect.** Once disconnected, a reconnect fee will be charged. The bill will then have to be paid in full to be reconnected.
- **We have a secure, automated toll-free phone number** for members making payments by credit card and/or bank account: 1-844-968-1965. You will need to have your account number and/or phone number that is on file with our office to access the automated system.
- **Take control of your electric account with SmartHub.** You can pay your bills; set up and cancel reoccurring payments; set up notifications; obtain duplicates of your bills; and view your monthly and yearly usage, all at your fingertips. Visit our website: www.bigflatelectric.com or download the SmartHub app from your Play Store on Android or the App Store on Apple devices.
- New service and service change quotes are only **valid for 30 days**.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"Where there's hope,
there's life. It fills us
with fresh courage
and makes us
strong again."**

**ANNE FRANK, THE DIARY
OF A YOUNG GIRL**

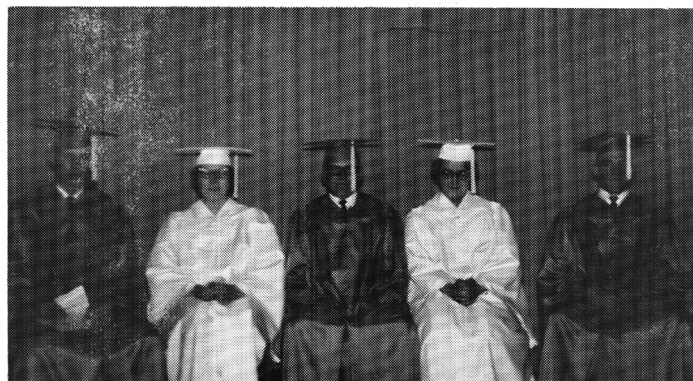
FROM JUNE 1965: BFEC NEWSLETTER



Turner High School — Class of 1965
 Left to Right — Front row: Mary Mangold, Kip VanValkenberg, Clayton Hornung, and Robert J. Tooke, Jr. Back Row: Billy Price, Calvin Simons, Dan J. Kegel and Michael D. Hutton.



Whitewater High School — Class of 1965
 Seated left to right: David G. Dunbar, Anna Lee Allery, Jerry Alan Flom, and Roger Schwarz.



Hogeland High School — Class of 1965
 Seated (l. to r.) Lee Rafter, Karen Billmeyer, Edward Snider, Nancy P. Violett, Gary Johnson.

Along Our Lines

JUNE 1965 – BFEC Newsletter

- Gerald Walsh has built an addition to his residence near Zortman.
- Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klindworth have returned to their home in Hogeland, having spent the winter months in the south.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee Staples have returned to their home in Turner after spending the winter in Salem, Oregon.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foote of Turner are planning to leave soon to make their home in Minnesota.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tony Preite have moved to Havre for the summer months. Mrs. Preite will be employed by the Havre Beauty Clinic. Mr. Preite was a teacher in the Turner school this past season.
- Mrs. Bud Bradley of Loring was elected president of the District 5 Montana Federation of Women's Clubs in Havre April 29. Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Bradley.
- Security Lights have recently been installed for Elsie Moccasin, Lodgepole; Edwin Koss, Regina; and Jack Lang, Loring. The Big Flat Cooperative now has 196. Who will get the 200th light?

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