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STRONGER TOGETHER: NORVAL'S RESPONSE TO THE APRIL BLIZZARD

The month of April in Eastern Montana always brings a certain amount of crazy weather, and this year definitely stayed true to that pattern. Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees all the way up to 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

On the night of April 22, NorVal Electric Cooperative, Inc. was hit by a severe storm that brought rain, heavy snow, bitter cold, high winds, and blizzard-like conditions. The impact on our system was significant, with more than 2,500 meters without power at the peak of the storm. We had over 50 broken poles, and at one point, eight substations were offline. The damage stretched across a wide area—from south of Saco to Hinsdale, Vandalia, and Tampico, down to the Pines and over to Park Grove, where most of the damage occurred. It continued south and west of Nashua, extending west of Frazer, with additional scattered damage reported around St. Marie and up to Peerless. We want to extend a huge thank you to our crews for working tirelessly to restore power to our members. Their dedication and long hours truly demonstrate their commitment to the people we serve.

We also want to give a big shoutout to our office staff for their hard work and

long hours keeping everything running smoothly—answering phone calls (well over 400 in just three days), staying organized, supporting our crews, and even delivering meals to keep them going.

We are especially thankful for the generous food donations that helped keep our linemen going during long hours in the cold. The hot meals and snacks truly made a meaningful difference.

We deeply appreciate the cooperation and kindness shown by our local restaurants and businesses, as well as the support from neighboring Montana cooperatives, McCone Electric Cooperative and Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative. They provided additional crews to help restore power as quickly and safely as possible. We are also grateful for our call center team for assisting with after-hours outage calls and helping us stay connected with our members. The outpouring of support from our community and fellow cooperatives meant more than words can express. We are truly fortunate to be part of such a strong and caring network.

***Powered by teamwork.
Strengthened by community.***





Congratulations to the 2026 Scholarship Recipients



Addison Idler
Sheridan College
NorVal Scholarship



Brynn Donaldson
Lawrence University
NorVal & Basin Scholarship



Cathryn Lyons
North Dakota State University
NorVal Scholarship



Cameron Nelson
Montana State University
Basin Scholarship



Diek Olfert
Tabor College
NorVal & Basin Scholarship



Evan Tande
Montana Tech. University
NorVal Scholarship



Hannah Brown
MSU - Billings
NorVal Scholarship



Kimber Dulaney
Rocky Mountain College
NorVal Scholarship



Roman Fast
University of North Dakota
NorVal Scholarship



Tessa Miller
North Dakota State University
NorVal Scholarship



Kodi McColly
MSU - Billings
NorVal Scholarship

NorVal Electric is proud to support the future of our community by offering scholarships each year for graduating high school seniors. If you have a student graduating in 2027, we encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Applications will open again this Fall for the 2027/2028 school year. Details can be found on our website or by contacting our office.



Our Office Will Be Closed July 2nd In Observance of Independence Day

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