

Annual Luck of the Draw Winners:

Monte Cole



Monte is a rising second year law student at the U of M School of Law. After graduation, he would like to practice public interest law. He was happy to stay in Montana for school because he loves to trail run, ski and bike in the wilderness while staying close to family and friends.

Regan Hanson



Regan has always enjoyed helping people and her hobbies include these types of activities. Choosing to study Biochemistry at Montana State University helps her to achieve that goal. After graduation, she would like to go on to become an anesthesiologist.

Nash Payne



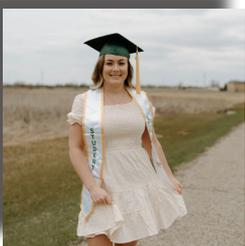
Nash is attending Gallatin College to obtain his Culinary Arts degree with the goal to continue at MSU in Hospitality Management. After school, he aspires to open a small cafe and pastry shop. In his spare time, he has interests in Eastern archery, playing the violin, drawing, photography and playing chess.

Jaia Wagman



Jaia is a senior at UM majoring in Sociology with a minor in Psychology focusing on Criminology and Forensic Science. Jaia is a Reserve Police Officer with the Missoula Police Department and aspires to become a sworn officer after graduation. She would like to some day work in the detective division.

Brook Russell



Brook is attending Presentation College in SD. She will graduate this fall with a degree in Nursing with a minor in Psychology. She eventually would like to work in Pediatrics and becoming a traveling nurse. Outside school, Brook enjoys spending time with family and boating on the lake.

Luke Apenburg



Luke is a junior in Mechanical Engineering at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. After graduation, Luke hopes to become a project design engineer and return to Bozeman for work. In his spare time, he enjoys intramural sports, music and all that Montana has to offer.

River Smith



River is heading to Wenatchee Valley Community College in the fall to study and play baseball. River graduated from Park High this spring and he is excited to be able to go to college and play ball. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing and hanging out with family and friends.

Kayla Johnson



Kayla is attending U of M Western in Dillon. She is pursuing a degree in Business Administration with a minor in Farm and Ranch Operations. Kayla plans on using her degree to start her own business in photography. In her spare time, she enjoys taking photos, fishing and spending time with her family.

Bailey Opitz



Bailey graduated from Park High school this past spring and is attending MSU in the fall as a Nursing student. She enjoys spending time with her 4H animals, playing sports and being outside. Some of her favorite hobbies include hiking, fishing and hunting.

Park Electric would like to congratulate these young people on their hard work. Thanks to the Luck of the Draw scholarship program, they each received \$2000 at our Annual Meeting last year. Luck of the Draw scholarships will be given out again at this years meeting in October.

Managers Comments

by Matt Haggerty

On June 14th, the Park Electric office was unexpectedly inundated with flood waters from the Yellowstone River. We watched as catastrophic flooding occurred the day before in areas around the river and Yellowstone National Park. With the office being located over a mile from the river, we never expected it to happen to us. When the crew returned from working on a flood-related power outage late Monday night, they found over a foot and a half of water in our lot. As they entered the building, they found the water rising inside. Management was quickly notified and the crew began to try and save as many things that were near or on the ground as they could by putting them up on desks and counters. Their valiant effort saved many computers, electronic equipment, and files that could not be easily replaced. The water continued to rise until early morning, then as it dissipated, it left behind nearly a half-inch of thick mud and silt. As we assessed the damages, it became clear that all of our desks, cabinets, flooring, and walls would have to be torn out and replaced. In addition to the damage done to the office equipment, our servers and radios were also damaged by the flood water and were inoperable.



to give credit to all of our team for working through so much adversity to become operational again. We were able to secure a

building for a temporary office so we could restart our operation while repairs are being made to our existing building. Our office staff loaded truck after truck with computers, copiers, files, etc. and moved them to the new office location. Meanwhile, our IT staff worked tirelessly to bring each system back up. Within 48 hours we had part functionality of our systems, and by the following week, we had nearly everything up and running. Our line crews worked an extreme number of hours restoring power to our members from the flood and unrelated outages. For example, three days after the flood we had a microburst event with 100+ mph winds in the Boulder area. This took down almost 4-miles of large trees and our lines with them. Less than a week after that we had a lightning storm that caused many of our members out of power in the same areas that had just flooded. At times, the linemen have worked literally around the clock to restore service.

If you see any staff members, feel free to share your thanks as every one of them has contributed to getting things up and running again. At this point I do not have an estimate of the total costs this will bring to PEC, but I can assure you Park Electric was financially stable before this event, and we will be after. There will be large costs associated with this event and I will give a full report at our annual meeting on October 21st at the Park County Fairgrounds.



The flood damage extended well beyond the interior of the building. The force of the water



was most apparent in the equipment yard behind the building. The rushing tide of water and debris pushed a hole a few hundred feet long through a six-foot-high chain-link fence that surrounded the material storage area. The action of the water flowing through it was so strong, that it carved channels through the gravel in the back lot. Even some of the poles and lighter equipment floated hundreds of yards away into neighboring lots. On top of dealing with water logged and missing equipment and a muddy building, many