

AVEC Awards Scholarships

Ten hardworking young people were awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative board of directors recently. They are:

Marita K. Kameroff	Emmonak
Kristy A. Moses	Emmonak
Jeffrey Evan	Goodnews Bay
Elizabeth A. Carmichael	Goodnews Bay
Lexy B. Staheli	Kiana
Trent N. Walker	Kiana
Mikki D. S. Foster	Noorvik
Jeremy Sagoonick	Shaktoolik
Ralph S. Sinnok	Shishmaref
Joel F. Forbes	Togiak

Congratulations to these excellent students, and good luck in your future endeavors!

Be Alert for Billing Errors

AVEC recently switched all of its accounting, billing and engineering programs from an extremely old software system to a new, state-of-the-art system. Naturally, switching has not been without its ups and downs. It has taken us nearly two years to complete the process.

The new software went "live" in August. The bill you received last month was the first one issued by our new system. Please look at your bill closely and let us know if you see anything we need to know about. We expect to have a few bugs to chase for the first few months, and need your help to find them!

Brace Yourself for New Fuel Rates

By now, I'm sure most villages have received their fall fuel orders and you will have seen the huge increase in the cost of fuel for the coming winter. AVEC has seen the same price shock you have, and those prices will be hitting your electric bill in the next couple of months.

Power Cost Equalization will be going up, so for the first 500 residential kilowatt-hours (kWh) used, homeowners should see minimal impact. But for usage above 500 kWh and all commercial electricity, the price is expected to be substantially higher than it is today.

I apologize in advance for the unpleasant cost increase in your electric bill. We are all victims of world oil prices. AVEC continues to do everything in its power to make our power plants more efficient and to reduce nonfuel costs wherever possible.

You, too, can do your part. Plug your TV, DVD player, stereo and other electronic devices into a power strip and turn them off when they are not being used. You'll be amazed at how much electricity they use. And throw away your old light bulbs. Replace them with compact fluorescents. The world will love you for it!

Until next time,



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