

# SPARKS

Solar power has been an emerging innovation for quite some time, but it is very important to High West Energy that our members are aware of our net metering program as well as all the details that encompass solar power.

Net metering programs compensate residential on-site generators with energy credits based on the surplus energy it feeds back into utility grids. We provide the opportunity for our members who have installed their own solar or wind generators at their home or business to enroll in a net metering program. If you are interested in solar, please call us with any questions or concerns. This is a complex topic, so conducting your own research, as well as speaking with our qualified staff, is vital.

Please contact us directly regarding solar power and our net metering program, prior to signing an agreement for your installation, as there can be misconceptions when discussing this topic with other companies.

If you are in our service territory and considering solar power, please be aware that you will still have an electric bill. The non-electric components of your bill, such as grid access charge and device charges, will be billed as normal. When a residential solar service over-generates, our meter flows two ways by keeping track of how much energy is used and the excess amount is then “banked” and can be used to offset any electricity needed to pull from our grid in a later month. At the end of the calendar year, any excess banked usage will be refunded to the member at our power provider’s avoided cost. On certain days, on-site generators may over produce what is needed for a household or business, while on other days, on-site renewable generation is not occurring due to low wind or overcast weather.

As you know, we are not immune to inflation, and we cannot predict the cost of future power supply. We are doing everything we can to maintain our rates, but that will not last forever. The renewable suppliers do not have any insight on our financial structure so we encourage you, our members, to call us to discuss your financial investments regarding distributed generation so we can partner with you.

For members who are interested in buying on-site generation, it is vital to do your research and understand that state laws and regulations are most likely going to change, which will affect the net metering incentive required by High West Energy. Policy changes could affect the financial payback that comes along with net metering as well.

In addition, please conduct your own research and ensure companies you work with are North American Board of



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CEO/General Manager

## HIGH WEST ENERGY

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*\*Meetings are typically held on the fourth Monday of each month.*

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Certified Energy Practitioners certified professionals. If you have any questions about solar power or our net metering program, please contact our office at 307-245-3261.

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## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are so proud to announce our 2023-2024 scholarship recipients! High West Energy is honored to serve the communities in our service territory and to be able to invest in the future of those communities. Investing in the future of our communities is vital to High West Energy as we hope that our youth will use their education or training to provide for their communities in the future.

In 2023, we had excellent applications for our college scholarship program, which is a huge testament of how dedicated these students are to their education and to improving their communities. Students must be a dependent of a High West Energy member as well as complete the application process. Thank you to each and every student who took the time to complete the application process.

These individuals are more than students, they are leaders at their schools and within their communities. Not only are they continuing their education to better themselves, but they are also using their education to gain more knowledge in their desired fields of study. While we invest in our youth, we are also investing in the future of our communities including veterinary care, line work, education, medical care, among many other aspects that improve our communities.

Congratulations to each applicant as they continue their education and thank you to the panel of judges who took their time in selecting the applicants. Thank you to our members as well who invest in High West Energy. With your membership, we can support the surrounding communities through scholarships. Good luck to all the applicants with your future endeavors!



**Hogan Allen**  
Burns Jr./Sr. High School



**Layne Burnett**  
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**McCoy Bush**  
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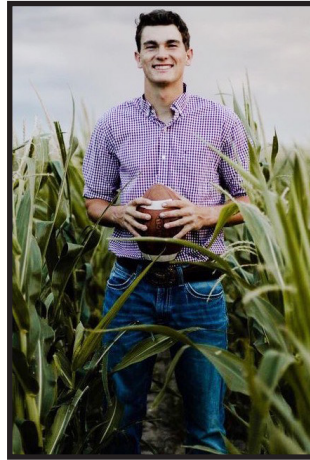
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**Collin Jessen**  
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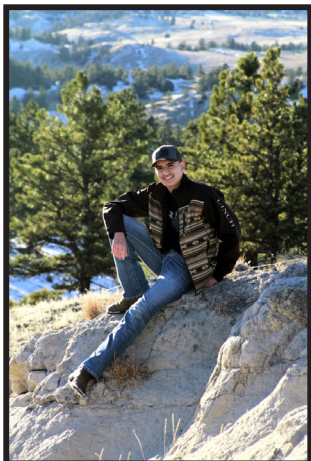
**Luke Kasten**  
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**Maianna Siebert**  
Burns Jr./Sr. High School



**Trista Stehwien**  
East High School

**This is a reminder that our 86th Annual Meeting will be held virtually on the evening of Thursday, June 15, 2023. Members who register and attend the meeting will receive a \$20 bill credit as well as a chance to win raffle prizes! We hope to see you virtually on June 15!**