



MAY 2021

THE WHEAT BELT CONNECTION



CONGRATULATIONS! 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Wheat Belt and our partners, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Arbor Wealth Management are pleased to recognize the following recipients of our 2021 Scholarship Program. We congratulate and wish ALL graduates success in their future endeavors!



Danielle Higgins

A \$1,000 Basin Scholarship was awarded to Danielle Higgins. She will be a Senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Major Course of Study: Nutrition and Health Sciences and Minor: Psychology. Danielle is the daughter of Robert and Lianne Higgins of Dalton, Nebraska.

Felicity Beyer

One of the \$500 Tri-State Scholarships was awarded to Felicity Beyer. She will be a Freshman at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Major Course of Study: Theology Education. Felicity is the daughter of Michael and Melinda Beyer of Sidney, Nebraska.



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LUCKY DRAWING



Congratulations to Steven Torres, our March "Lucky Winner"!

Steve is very outgoing and gets along with everyone. He is a hard-working truck driver and father of two children. Steve purchased his very first home in Bridgeport where he enjoys music, basketball and spending time with his beautiful family. Steve is most grateful to be one of Wheat Belt's lucky monthly winners.

Steve has received a \$50.00 credit on his account. If you would like to be included in our next drawing, and avoid the \$5 delinquent fee, please send your payment before the 15th of the month.

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Cole Faessler



The second \$500 Tri-State Scholarship was awarded to Cole Faessler. He will be a Freshman at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Major Course of Study: Business and Minor: Real Estate. Cole is the son of Kurt and Shauna Faessler of Bridgeport, Nebraska.

Cole Coss

A \$500 Wheat Belt Scholarship was awarded to Cole Coss. He will be a Freshman at Mitchell Technical College, Major Course of Study: Powerline Construction and Maintenance. Cole is the son of Kevin and DeeAnn Coss of Oshkosh, Nebraska.



Cade Loomis



A \$500 Wheat Belt Scholarship was awarded to Cade Loomis. He will be a Freshman at Southeast Community College, Major Course of Study: Diesel Technology. Cade is the son of Cody and Naomi Loomis of Alliance, Nebraska.

Brady Newkirk

The \$100 Arbor Wealth Scholarship was awarded to Brady Newkirk. He will be a Freshman at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Major Course of Study: Agribusiness. Brady is the son of Bill and Jill Newkirk of Bridgeport, Nebraska.





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CONGRATULATIONS! 2021 TOUCHSTONE AWARD PROGRAM

OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC & ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

Each year, schools within our service territory are invited to select two high school students for outstanding performance in alignment with Touchstone values of integrity, accountability, innovation and community. One is awarded for scholastic achievements and the other is awarded for athletic achievements.

On behalf of Wheat Belt and the students, the schools receive \$400 (\$200 per award) to be used at the school's discretion.

Recipients receive a certificate and a \$50 gift card; also, an engraved nameplate is added to the Touchstone plaque displayed at their school. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients.

Bridgeport

Chance Cooper (S) and Cole Faessler (A)

Creek Valley

Grace Greenwood (S) and Justin Ningen (A)

Garden County

Chesney Stanczyk (S) and Maddie Lake (A)

Leyton

Hannah Vath (S) and Zackry Henke (A)

Sidney

Adarsha Ganesan (S) and Morgan Jagers (A)

South Platte

Brittany Hensley (S) and Mariah Koenen (A)



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In-lieu-of-tax payments benefit schools and other governmental agencies throughout the communities we serve. In-lieu-of-tax payment amounts are based on 5% of WBPPD's gross revenues from the previous year's retail electricity sales in incorporated cities and towns, and they take the place of property taxes. County Treasurers distribute the funds to school districts, cities and other entities to fund needed services and improvements.

Wheat Belt Public Power District generated \$2,987,619.13 in 2020 Revenue and distributed in-lieu-of-tax payments totaling \$149,380.95. Payments were made March 31.

In addition to in-lieu-of-tax payments, WBPPD pays general sales taxes, gasoline taxes, motor vehicle license fees and permit fees like any other business. WBPPD is however exempt from income tax (state and federal).

Below are the payments made:

CHEYENNE COUNTY

	2020 Revenue	2020 Tax
Dalton	\$ 353,709.82	\$17,685.49
Gurley	\$ 292,212.28	\$14,610.61
Lodgepole	\$ 4,075.05	\$ 203.75
Potter	\$ 232,555.81	\$11,627.79
Sidney	\$ 422,494.22	\$21,124.71
Total	<u>\$1,305,047.18</u>	<u>\$65,252.35</u>

MORRILL COUNTY

	2020 Revenue	2020 Tax
Bridgeport	\$1,682,571.95	\$84,128.60
Total	<u>\$1,682,571.95</u>	<u>\$84,128.60</u>



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