

# News letter

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## Safety During Harvesting Season

Understanding how to work safely around powerlines and knowing the dangers associated with this work is an important step to mitigating the possibility of a contact. The Rocky REA would like to offer some important reminders to keep you safe during harvest season:

1. Always remain 7 metres away from a powerline when you are parked and operating machinery.
2. The maximum height that is allowed to pass under a powerline without stopping is 4.2 metres (17.7 feet).

Should you come into contact with a powerline it is important to follow these steps:

1. Call for help.
2. Remain where you are and avoid touching anything that may be in contact with the powerline.
3. You may try to attempt to break contact, however only if it does not put yourself, or others, at higher risk or cause more serious damage to the powerline. Keep moving the vehicle until it is at least 10 metres away.
4. Keep others at a minimum of 10 metres away.
5. If you need to exit the vehicle, in the case of a fire, jump away from the vehicle with two feet together and bunny hop, or use small shuffles to get at least 10 meters away. It is important to avoid taking large steps as there is a risk of current travelling through your body.

### Some other agricultural safety tips:

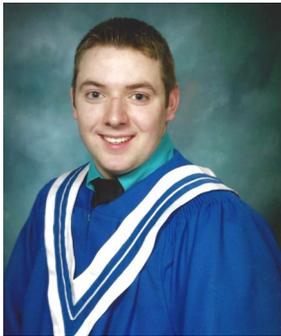
- Powerlines can energize structures such as trees, fences and bodies of water when they are in contact.
- Never pile grain, stack hay or place bulk fuel tanks or granaries near powerlines. These could be inviting to children who could climb within close proximity to the line.
- Never spray water hoses or place pivots near powerlines.

**Call us on 310-POWR (7679)**

Please notify the Rocky REA immediately if: You see a downed power line; a power pole on fire; or if your equipment comes into contact with a power line or a pole.

## Rocky REA Gives Back: 2017 Scholarship Recipient Announced

Rocky REA recently announced the recipients of two \$1,000 Rocky REA scholarships: Kyle Valstar and Taylor Lund, graduates of Rimbey High School and West Central High School respectively.



Kyle Valstar will be attending Olds College. He has enrolled in an Agriculture Management Program with a Major in Marketing.

Kyle has assumed many leadership roles on the sports field as well as in his volunteer work with the 4H Club. Kyle is self-less, ambitious, hard-working and demonstrates integrity in all that he does.



Taylor Lund will be attending the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Engineering.

Taylor has received numerous academic awards, consistently achieving among the top grades throughout her school career. Taylor equally excels in sport with a passion for athletics. Taylor demonstrates integrity, determination, a high work ethic and strong leadership skills. She is also invested in supporting youth within the community.

The Rocky REA office will be closed on Monday October 09, 2017 for Thanksgiving

### Bill fluctuations

Month-to-month bill fluctuations may occur as a result of variations in the number of days between monthly meter reads. Given that the Rocky REA administers meter reads via aircraft, weather conditions may often yield uncondusive or unsafe flying conditions that may result in a longer billing period in certain months. Our members may see this in effect for the billing period of August, where heavy smoke conditions resulted in particularly difficult flying conditions.

The Rocky REA is dedicated to keeping meter reads as consistent as possible. We greatly appreciate our members patience and understanding in the event of poor weather conditions.



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