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Journeyman linemen join Red **Lake Electric Cooperative**



Branden Narlock (left) and Darcy Cardinal

Branden Narlock and Darcy Cardinal began full-time employment with Red Lake Electric on June 3, 2013. Both men are journeymen linemen and join the Cooperative's line department crew.

Narlock is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls, and Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND, with a lineworker degree. He worked a few months for the City of Detroit Lakes' electrical department before taking employment with Lake Region Electric Cooperative in Pelican Rapids.

Narlock worked for Lake Region for nearly seven years obtaining the status of journeyman in 2010.

Narlock and his wife Bobbi, along with their one year old son Bryce, will soon be relocating in Red Lake Falls. As past-times Branden enjoys hunting and fishing and was a member of the Pelican Rapids Fire Department.

Cardinal is a Red Lake Falls Lafayette High School graduate as well as a graduate of the electrical (2301002.01 James Hjelle) lineworker program at Minnesota State Community

and Technical College of Wadena. He began his lineworker career working at Grafton, ND for a few months. Cardinal began employment with the City of Thief River Falls in 2002, obtaining his journeyman's in 2006. He was employed in Thief River Falls nearly 11 years.

Cardinal and his wife Mandi are residents of Red Lake Falls and have three daughters: Hope, 15; Anna, 13; Josi, 6. Darcy is a member of the Red Lake Falls Volunteer Fire Department and enjoys fishing and hunting.

Hearing held on regional haze issue

State, Minnkota believe the state plan is right for North Dakota

The state of North Dakota Minnkota Cooperative have been in an ongoing dispute with the federal EPA about the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) for nitrogen oxides (NOx) at the Milton R. Young Station for several years.

The dispute between the state and the EPA centers on how the state plans to improve visibility in Class I areas like Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the wilderness area of the Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge. The regional haze program addresses visibility; it is not a health-based program.

"It's time to close the book on this issue," said Dave Glatt, director of the state Health Department's environmental health section.

Glatt's comments came at another EPA public hearing on the North Dakota regional haze issue. The hearing was May 15 at the North Dakota Department Health (NDDH) Environmental Training Center in Bismarck.

The latest hearing was on the reconsideration of North Dakota's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for regional haze that was approved in 2012, prompted by a petition from the Sierra Club and the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). The EPA is taking written comments through June

Dakota's plan.

State leaders, including Gov. Jack Dalrymple, and industry officials spoke in favor of keeping the SIP for North Dakota. Other groups, including Sierra Club representatives, said North Dakota should fall under the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for regional haze.

The basic message from the state and energy officials was that the SIP features proven, cost-effective technology and the EPA made the correct decision in 2012 by approving the plan. Opponents said the EPA should reconsider the plan in favor of a FIP, which would include costly technology that has not been proven to work on North Dakota lignite coal using cyclone-fired boilers.

Stacey Dahl, Minnkota manager of external affairs, said the EPA's decision was not arbitrary or capricious in light of comprehensive scientific analysis, judicial precedent and an extensive public record.

The major difference between the SIP and the FIP is the cost on the region's utility industry and ratepayers. If the EPA is successful in its attempt to take over the state's plan dealing with NOx emissions, Minnkota would be required to invest about \$500 million in new technology. Minnkota had to increase its rates significantly

17 on the appeal of North in 2011. Minnkota's \$425 million investment in emission controls, along with other marketplace (3828002.06 Dean Dahl) required conditions, increase.

The EPA's plan would require Minnkota and other utilities in the region to install Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), a technology that the agency says would reduce about 90 percent of NOx emissions. However, again, SCR hasn't been proven to work on cyclone-fired boilers fueled with North Dakota lignite coal.

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RLEC announces scholarship recipients

Each year, Red Lake Electric Cooperative provides scholarships for graduating seniors at each of the schools operating high throughout the Cooperative's service area.

The recipients are selected by the scholarship selection committee of the recipients high school. There were 11 recipients this year with each student receiving \$500.

The funds for these scholcome from arships unclaimed capital credits.

Congratulations and best wishes to these scholarship recipients.



ALEXANDRA KROHN Marshall County Central Ken Krohn and Cheri Bjorgaard Viking



KYLE MAJER Greenbush/Middle River David and Kari Majer Middle River



KYLIE LEHRER Lincoln High School Mark and Jodi Lehrer Thief River Falls



TIFFANY AUNE Grygla-Gatzke High School Scott and Rose Aune Grygla



CHLOE MILLER Goodridge High School Jack and Jayne Miller Goodridge

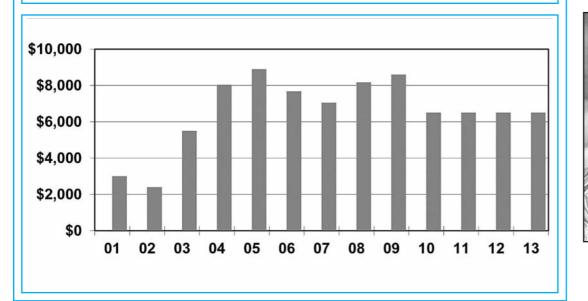
QUICK TAKES

A look at some statistics from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative





The graph below shows the amount of money Red Lake Electric Cooperative has given in scholarships to our service area high school graduates for the past thirteen years. The majority of this scholarship money is funded by unclaimed Capital Credits paid out by Red Lake Electric Cooperative. The ability of Red Lake Electric Cooperative to use these unclaimed Capital Credits this way was a privilege given to all Minnesota Cooperatives in 1987. Prior to that time, these monies were handed over to the state. We think this law change was a good one and are happy Red Lake Electric Cooperative can use this money to provide scholarships for our service area high school graduates.





BAILEY SWICK Lincoln High School Raymond and Tammy Swick Thief River Falls



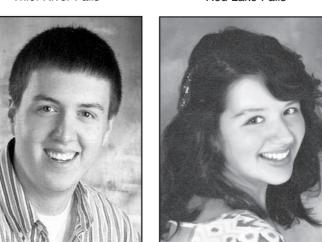
ZACH FINGER Lincoln High School Roger and Susan Finger Thief River Falls



Red Lake Falls



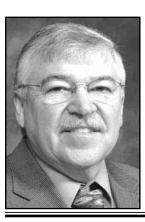
AMY PAQUIN Red Lake County Central Allen and Joyce Paquin **Brooks**



EMMA DUFAULT Crookston High School Tim and Marlene Dufault Crookston



ALEXANDRA ERICKSON Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Peter and Becky Erickson Viking



Manager's **Comments**

by Roger Johanneck



2013 Minnesota Legislative Session

There was a big push by solar Commerce an assessment of the advocates this past legislative session to mandate and subsidize more renewable energy in Minnesota. The "Solar Energy Jobs Act of 2013" was introduced by two metro area legislators (Representative Morgan - DFL Burnsville and Senator Chris Eaton – DFL Brooklyn Center) and had quite a list of provisions that would have had a costly impact to the states electric utilities and ultimately you the rate payer. Because most, if not all utilities in the state, do not need any new generation and the fact that solar is a more expensive, less reliable source to generate energy in Minnesota, there was no support by electric utilities for this bill to become law.

Some of the wish list of items when the bill was introduced included:

-Requires utilities to pay solar generators a "value of solar" price calculated by the Department of Commerce.

-Creates a solar energy mandate that increases to over 10% by 2030.

-Requires utilities to send a 1.33% of annual revenue (sales tax) to the Department of Commerce to be used for subsidizing solar panel installations.

-Authorizes the Department of Commerce to pay additional subsidies to installations using Minnesota made solar panels.

-Requires each utility to provide to the Department of

current capacity available on its distribution system for solar panels on non-residential build-

Rural electric Cooperatives were opposed to this proposal for a number of reasons.

In 2007, the Minnesota legislature passed the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) that required all utilities in the state that by 2025, 25% of our energy sales had to be from a renewable source. It allowed utilities to use the best option to meet this renewable mandate. By requiring utilities to generate energy from solar reneges on the principles of that 2007 agreement.

Cost. Conservative estimates pencil out to \$26 billion dollar investment for the solar panels and installation or about \$20,000 for a family of four.

A 1.33% sales tax would result in \$80 million tax on electricity to subsidize, most likely, only those affluent who could afford to purchase solar panels.

Need. Electric Cooperatives across the state have enough generation. Mandating that Coops add more costly generation would result in more excess energy being dumped in the wholesale market at a loss.

Electric Cooperatives at last count were losing \$70 million a year from those transactions. We are working to reduce those losses, not add to them.

Red Lake Electric members who attended the Cooperative's 75th annual meeting in Thief River Falls March 27th or read the 75th anniversary report we sent to all members may recall the theme chosen for this occasion; "Making a Difference". I thought the theme "Making a Difference" was appropriate for what Red Lake Electric has accomplished throughout its 75 year history. I also consider it an appropriate theme to sum up the (4402021.02 Sheldon's Used Auto Parts) impact Minnesota's

in shaping the states newest renewable energy standard signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton on May 23rd. While we are relieved that Cooperatives were exempted from this solar mandate, we understand the possibilities or likelihood that someone will

electric Cooperatives, its mem-

bership and the local legislators

that represent us in St. Paul had

introduce legislation again promoting more mandates on the electric industry. We are not against solar but we are against expensive mandates that are not well thought out. When we need more energy, we will continue to work toward what makes sense for our member-

If you have an opinion you would like to share on the matter, I encourage you to contact the legislators that represent you. In the meantime, I want to thank our local legislators for the stance they took on this solar



Member Service Department

by Kevin Reich

75th Annual Meeting - Thank you!

Every third month I have an members I was able to work article in the Volts and Jolts therefore sometimes what I write about isn't timely. It can be information about something in advance or it can be something after the fact. In this writing it is after the fact.

Red Lake Electric staff was involved with two out of the ordinary projects prior to the Cooperative's 75th annual meeting. These two projects were the 75th annual report/booklet, "Making a Difference" and the 75th anniversary video, "When the Lights Came On." I was involved with both of these projects.

Both the booklet and the video had a fair amount of time devoted to each but the projects were enjoyable as they were out of the ordinary. What made them most enjoyable was the cooperative and appreciative Neither one of these projects

would have been successful had it not been for the cooperation and approval of the members that were involved. This included members saying: yes, you can take pictures of us, our farm or our business; yes, I am willing to have my story about when the lights came on recorded and shared; yes, this photo meets my approval and the information stated is correct.

All of the time, effort, phone calls, visits, pictures and proofs led to a successful completion of two 75th anniversary products that Red Lake Electric was proud to present to you. And judging by the responses we

received, the products were well received and met the approval of you, our members.

One of the objectives with the 75th booklet was to include a cross-section of the Cooperative's members both from location and a diversity aspect. This resulted in features from all nine director districts from homeowners, to farmers, to businesses and more.

I extend my personal thanks to everyone that was so willing to be included in the booklet and video. Your willingness made my work much easier and very enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who has offered so many gracious compliments on the two products.

Happy 75th!



Happy Fourth of July

remember to play and celebrate safely and responsibly.



Voices have been heard on solar issue

and grassroots efforts, talk of implementing solar mandates on electric cooperatives and municipal utilities has faded into darkin the Minnesota ness Legislature.

Grassroots efforts Minnkota member systems and their member-owners and Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA) municipals and their participants, along with other groups, helped to thwart what could have been devastating costs for Red Lake Electric Cooperative and the Minnkota/NMPA Joint System.

After months of discussions and negotiations, Minnesota cooperatives and municipals in mid-May were exempt from solar mandates, taxes and net metering changes in the final energy bill in the 2013 Legislature.

The state's investor-owned utilities (IOUs) such as Xcel Energy and Minnesota Power weren't as fortunate. They will need to generate 1.5 percent of their energy from solar generation by 2020. Iron mining facilities and paper mills are exempt. To the surprise of many, this energy legislation for IOUs was

Thanks to rural legislators rolled into a larger economic development bill at a very late stage of the legislative process.

Consumers from Red Lake Electric and the Joint System made phone calls and sent emails and letters to rural legislators to voice their concerns about energy mandates and the millions of dollars that it would cost to pay for new solar gener-

For instance, a bill in the Senate (SF 901), if passed as introduced, would have required the state's cooperative and municipal power companies to derive 2 percent of their total electric sales within Minnesota from solar by 2025. Minnkota estimated this mandate alone would cost approximately \$193 million by 2025 in capital costs to the Joint System. The annualized cost would be nearly \$13 million in 2025.

The Senate bill would have also created a solar energy production incentive of 1 percent of retail electric sales to be paid to qualifying solar energy producers by IOUs, cooperatives and municipals. That would have cost the member-owners of the Minnkota/NMPA Joint System more than \$2.5 million in 2012.

In response the Joint System voiced opposition to a tax on members to subsidize solar installations on \$1 million homes on Lake Minnetonka and Gull Lake.

Other original bills in the 2013 Legislature had required cooperatives and municipals needing to derive an even higher percentage of their electric sales from solar, ranging from 4 to 10 percent of their total generation.

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association estimates that owning, operating and maintaining a solar facility in Minnesota would cost 25 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which is four to five times more than what it costs the Joint System for coal and wind. Consider further that the state of Minnesota already has one of the most aggressive renewable energy mandates in the country at 25 percent by 2025.

The expense of the solar mandate to the Joint System makes even less sense when you consider the Joint System's current energy resource mix. The Joint System has been recognized for having the highest percentage of wind of any nongovernmental utility in the country at 32 percent. The number increases to 42 percent if you count hydro-based generation, which is usually classified as a renewable energy source since it is derived from naturally replenished resources. But the state of Minnesota does not recognize hydro from large facili-(4618002-02 Steven ties Paulson) such as the Garrison Dam as a renewable source.

Solar legislation for cooperative and municipal utilities also would have reneged on the negotiated 2007 Renewable Energy Standard agreement of allowing utilities to decide the best approach to meeting the standard for their system.

The Joint System and Red Lake Electric specifically thanks legislators, Rep Dan Fabian, Rep. Deb Kiel, Rep. Steve Green, Senator Rod Skoe and Senator LeRoy Stumpf, who

worked hard to revise the energy bills introduced in the 2013 Legislature. Please be sure to keep in touch with these legislators and thank them for their efforts in this battle to have a common sense approach to keeping electricity rates as low

Why it's important Minnkota member coopera-

tives have a good track record with renewable energy. Thirtytwo percent of your co-op's member-owner load comes from wind energy. The Minnkota member systems are concerned about rates increasing significantly if they had to install expensive solar energy that only works 15 to 18 percent of the time.

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Things you should know about your electric service

BILLINGS AND COLLECTION

You will receive your energy bill on or near the 20th of each month.

Payment of your monthly energy bill is due on the 20th of the month. You may pay your bill in person at RLEC during office hours, use the 24-hour drive-up drop box located next to the RLEC office, by Auto Pay, or by mail. Payment must be in the office, drop box, Auto Pay, or in the mail, as evidenced by the postmark, by the 5th day of the following month to avoid a late payment charge. A 1 1/2% monthly late payment charge will be computed on delinquent energy bills, the minimum late payment charge will be \$1.00.

If your payment is not received by the 15th of the month, a final notice of disconnection statement will be included on your following bill. The final notice statement will notify you when your electric service will be disconnected if the delinquent amount remains unpaid. If an employee is sent to disconnect your electric service, a \$60 collection fee will be charged to your account, even if you pay the collector.

To have a disconnected service reconnected, all amounts owing, a \$60 reconnection fee, and a security deposit must be paid. If the service must be reconnected after normal working hours, a \$120 reconnection fee must be paid.

BAD CHECKS

A \$15 charge will be levied each time a check is returned because of nonsufficient funds, account being closed or payment stopped.

OUTAGES

In case your electricity goes out, please do the following:

1. Check your fuses or breakers at the yard pole or meter pedestal.

2. Call your neighbor to see if they are out of electricity also.

3. Call the RLEC office (218-253-2168 or 1-800-245-6068) during working hours or 218-253-2200 after hours. We will accept collect calls for outages only.

METER TESTS

RLEC has a schedule in place to have its meters periodically tested for accuracy. Results from these tests show that meters generally slow down with age; however, if you think that your meter is recording too much usage, RLEC will test it for accuracy. You must pay a test fee in advance of the test. If the meter test shows that the meter was inaccurate, the test fee will be refunded to you.

STOPPED METERS

If you find your meter has stopped and you are using electricity, please contact the office immediately so we can replace it. Average consumption will be billed to the member for the time the meter was stopped so there is no advantage in not reporting a stopped meter.

METER READINGS

An automated meter reading system is utilized to obtain monthly meter readings. Although the system is normally reliable, there is always a chance that the correct reading has not been transmitted to the office for billing. Customers should periodically read their meter and compare it to the reading on the billing statement. If the actual reading is not close to the billing statement reading, please call the office.

GENERAL SERVICE RATES

Facilities charge variable \$27 to \$35 month April-December 9.5¢ Kwh January-March9.9¢ Kwh Multiphase users add \$22/month cost of

service charge. Standby, \$12/month (meter disconnected

but the power line retained; standby is not available on services larger than 15 KVA transformer capacity).

Security light: high pressure sodium, \$8/month; mercury vapor, \$9/month; water heater flat credit, \$7/month (January-April billing); off-peak equipment charge, \$5.50/month per heat meter; off-peak energy rate: 5.5¢/kWh long-term control, 7.5¢/kWh short-term control.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Red Lake Electric Cooperative to enhance the quality of life for people of our service area by consistently providing quality electric service and other valued services while holding our employees, our community and our environment in high regard.



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Hidden within the text of the articles of this issue of the Volts & Jolts are the names and account numbers of some RLEC members. They will appear within the articles in parenthesis as such (9999999.99 Roger P. Member). If you find your name and account number, clip it out and send it with your next payment. You will be credited with \$5 on your electric bill.

Recipe Corner



Rhubarb Muffins

- 1 1/4 c. brown sugar 1/2 c. cooking oil

- 1 c. buttermilk
- 2 tsp. vanilla $1 \frac{1}{2}$ c. rhubarb
- 1/2 c. nuts
- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. soda 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Mix first 5 ingredients together and beat well. Add rhubarb and nuts. In a separate bowl, combine dry ingredients. Stir dry ingredients into rhubarb mixture just until blended. Spoon batter into muffin cups. Bake at 375° for 20-25 mins. Yield: 18 muffins

Rhubarb Muffins

- 1 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. soda 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 c. rhubarb (diced)
- 1/4-1/2 c. coarse chopped nuts
- **Topping:**
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp. margarine, melted
- 1/3 c. sugar (mix together)

Mix well brown sugar, oil, vanilla, egg and buttermilk. Stir in dry ingredients and rhubarb. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full. Sprinkle topping on muffins before baking. Bake 30 mins at 350°. (Note: These muffins are moist and freeze well. If using frozen rhubarb, decrease buttermilk slightly.) Yield: 24-30 muffins

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MONTHLY COMPARISON

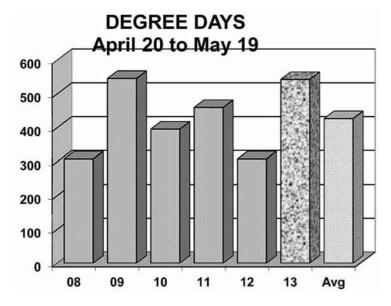
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Total Margins	.\$	38,190	\$	179,626
Cost of Power	.\$	743,321	\$	847,892
KWH's Purchased	9	,721,040	1	2,364,436
Capital Credits Paid to Estates .				

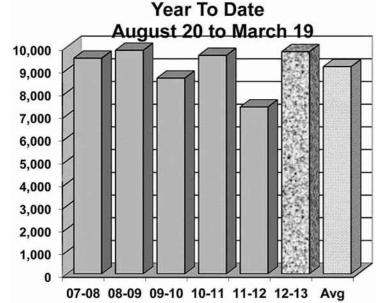
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

APRIL 2012	APRIL 2013
Total Revenue\$5,222,468	\$5,662,452
Total Margins\$ 662,739	\$1,008,285
Cost of Power\$3,603,885	\$3,739,634
KWH's Purchased52,534,745	58,219,404
New Service Connections5	8
Customers Served5,209	5224
Capital Credits Paid to Estates\$ 40,712	\$ 41,970
Miles of Line	
Overhead2,324	2,324
Underground 245	256

DEGREE DAYS

To determine degree days, you must calculate the daily mean temperature for the time period you are measuring. Degree day computation is based on the assumption that a building does not require any heat if the outside temperature averages 65 degrees during a 24-hour period. To obtain a degree day figure, the high temperature and the low temperature for the day are added and the total divided by two. That figure is then subtracted from 65. For example, if the high temperature was 30 degrees and the low temperature 10 degrees, the figure would be 30+10=40; 40/2=20; 65-20=45. This would be a 45-degree day. The higher the degree day figure, the more heat required to warm your home.





Fresh Berry Crumb Pie

- Crumb Crust/Topping 1 cup hazelnuts or almonds (4 ounces)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) chilled butter, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. cornstarch 2 pints fresh berries (such as blueberries,

raspberries, and/or strawberries)

Preheat the oven to 350° F. To prepare crumb crust/topping, spread nuts in a medium baking pan. Roast the nuts, stirring occasionally, until toasted, about 10 minutes.

Remove nuts from the oven and turn out onto a cloth towel. Rub off and discard the papery skins. Increase the oven temperature to

In a food processor fitted with the metal blade, process the nuts until finely ground, about 10 seconds. In a large bowl, mix together the nuts, flour, and sugar. Using a pastry blender or 2 knives, cut the butter into the flour mixture until coarse crumbs form.

Using fingers, evenly press half of the crumb crust/topping mixture into the bottom and sides of an 8- or 9-inch tart pan.

To prepare the filling, in a medium bowl, mix together the sugar and the cornstarch. Gently fold in the berries. Spoon the berry mixture evenly with the remaining crumb crust/topping. Bake until topping is golden and filling is bubbly, 30 minutes.

Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool for 10 minutes. Serve warm. Baking tips: Watch nuts very carefully when you are grinding them in the food processor. If you grind them too long, the result will be nut butter. Yield: 6 servings.

Creamed Sweet Peas

- 1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour 1/4 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 cups fresh sweet peas or
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas, thawed
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

In a medium saucepan, combine flour, sugar and milk; mix well. Add peas and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer for 10-12 minutes or until peas are heated through and sauce has thickened. **Yield:** 4 servings.

From the **Mail Bag**

Dear RLEC, Thank you so much for

supporting me as I further my education at Southwest Minnesota State University this

Alexandra Krohn **Marshall County Central High School** Newfolden

Dear RLEC, Thank you so much for the

scholarship. I really appreciate

Zach Finger Lincoln High School Thief River Falls

Dear RLEC, Thank you so much for

awarding me with one of your scholarships! It truly means a lot, and will help me further my education. My plan is to obtain degrees in both Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Kylie Lehrer Lincoln High School Thief River Falls

Dear RLEC,

Thank you very much for the scholarship of \$500. This will help contribute to my tuition as I attend the University of Minnesota Moorhead. Thank you again! **Alexis Hanson**

Lafayette High School **Red Lake Falls**

Dear RLEC,

Thank you for your donation to our RLCC Post Prom Party. We had a great time. Thanks for helping make it all

> **Red Lake County Central High School**

To RLEC,

I would like to thank you so much for the donation of \$120.00 that you have given to the 4-H Youth Development Program here in Red Lake County. This means so much to the 4-H members. It is a great incentive for them to work hard on their fair exhibits. I would like to invite you to

come to the Red Lake County Fair in Oklee on June 28-30, 2013. We will be having the 4-H awards presentation Saturday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oklee school.

Thanks again for your donation!

Sincerely, Sharon Weiss

4-H Program Coordinator Red Lake County

Dear RLEC,

Thanks for the donation for the Goodridge School Post Prom party. It was greatly

Goodridge High School

BE OVERHEAD

Red Potato Salad

- 3/4 cup sour cream 1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 2 Tbsp. vinegar
- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 6 medium red potatoes
- (about 2 pounds), peeled, cooked and cubed
- 3/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1/3 cup radish slices 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 3 to 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

In a small bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise, vinegar, salt and celery seed; set aside. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, green onions, radishes, celery and eggs. Add the dressing and toss lightly. Cover and chill. **Yield:** 6-8 servings.

Peach-Apricot Cobbler

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 can (1 pound 13 ounces) sliced peaches, drained, juice reserved
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) apricot halves, drained, juice reserved 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg Topping
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 granulated sugar 3/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp.s butter, softened
- 1 large egg Garnish
- 1 cup heavy cream 2 Tbsp. honey, at room temperature
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- Preheat oven to 400° F.

In a medium saucepan, mix together sugar and cornstarch. Stir in 1/2 cup each of reserved peach and apricot juices. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils and thickens, 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

Stir in butter, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add peaches and apricots. Spoon fruit mixture into 11/2-quart casserole.

To prepare topping, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, butter, and egg. Spoon topping over fruit mixture. Bake cobbler until topping is lightly golden, 30 minutes.

Transfer casserole to a wire rack to cool slightly. To prepare garnish, beat together cream, honey, and cinnamon at

medium speed until soft peaks form. Serve cobbler warm, topped with spiced whipped cream.

Baking Tips: Try this dish with other canned fruit already on your pantry shelf. Use any combination of plums, pears, pineapple, or mandarin oranges. Yield: 8 servings.

Can you help us locate any of the following?

Haugen, Floyd Mrs.

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A greater appreciation for electricity learned from move to rural home

Glenyce Harrington remembers well the days before electricity was installed, mainly because she knew what she was missing out on.

Harrington grew up in Duluth before moving with her family, including her mother, Segrid, her father, Paul, and her brother, Kern, to rural Plummer in 1941, at the age of 13. In Duluth, the family enjoyed electricity in their home. They moved to the Plummer area because Paul owned land there, previously purchased by his swedish immigrant parents Victor and Hulda Anderson in 1887. Paul also had many siblings still living in

The couple built a small home. Harrington remembers the foundation being dug by a neighbor using mules and pull behind equipment. Harrington even used a hand pump on a well for water to mix the concrete in order to pour the slab the house was built upon. Boards that were used to make the forms for the concrete were evidently reused upstairs as some cement still clings to the wood. She explains that half of the house was built at that time and they lived in it that first winter. The next summer, in 1942, a second half was added to make the home complete.

Electricity was not yet in the area so the family made adjustments. An electric washing machine made the move with the family, only to have the electric engine replaced by a gas motor. She remembers a bright kerosene lamp on the dining table was the main source of light. Small kerosene lamps were portable and brought from room to room, although their light was not as bright as the large dining room lamp. "You had to fill those kerosene lamps about every night, and they smelled," she says. "We just adjusted to it, that's the way it was," she says.

A wood stove was installed for both heat and cooking. That stove is still the main source of heat for the home today. They also possessed a radio that ran on batteries. As batteries were expensive, not long lasting, and had to be ordered by catalog, the radio was only used to hear the news. They also didn't have a phone in those early years.

Harrington graduated from Pershing High School in Plummer in 1946. She then went to Red Lake Falls for teacher training. Upon graduation in 1947, she returned home to help her mother and ailing father. In the fall of 1948, she began teaching at Wildwood School, which was located near the intersection of Red Lake County Roads 1 and 12, just a few miles west of the home. In October



The original wood-fired kitchen stove still serves as the main source of heat in the Harrington home turned cabin getaway. A conventional electric range replaced the wood stove for preparing food and has been in service more than 65 years.

of that year, she was attending an educational meeting in Bemidji, Minn. for area teachers, when electricity was turned on in the home. "Upon returning home late that afternoon, it was a great surprise and thrill as I arrived in sight of my mother's house to see that there was light in all of the windows," Harrington remembers, "For the rest of that year it made it a lot easier to plan lessons and correct students work at home." She also remembers that a neighbor, Mrs H.H. Fredrickson wondered what she was going to do in the morning because she didn't have any kerosene lamps to wash! Her father never witnessed the electricity as he passed away shortly before the home was elec-

The initial wiring totaled \$265.00 and was installed by Ted Mills and brothers Arnie and Lloyd Arlt in the summer of 1948. The first appliances purchased were a kitchen stove and a refrigerator. The stove, purchased from Red Lake Electric Cooperative in 1948, still works and looks like new, according to Harrington. "Even the oven timer operates as intended," she explains, "GE made good products 65 years ago!" The Maytag washing machine that had been converted from electric to gas, was reverted back to electric. Though it is not used today, the agitator and other parts are still in working order.

The year after electricity was installed, Harrington moved to St. Cloud to attend St. Cloud State University. She later married Don Harrington. The couple has lived in Mendota Heights, near the twin cities, since 1956. They have two sons, David and Curtis, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Segrid, Glenyce's mother continued to live in the home for many years until she moved into a nearby nursing home. The property was then split between Glenyce and her brother Kern, each receiving 20 acres. They have rented out the acreage to farmers and the property was named a century farm in 1997.

The original home, which sits at the end of a long, grassy drive, is still used on the property by Harrington and her husband, Don, as a summer cabin. The couple likes to get away from the city life and spends several weeks in the home during the late spring, summer and early fall. They sometimes garden, and often enjoy seeing the wildlife out their front door. Deer and gophers are very common in the fields next to the home while hawks and other birds make appearances throughout the summer.





Glenyce and Don Harrington

June is Dairy Month

Drink three servings of low-fat or fat-free

milk or milk equivalent every day. One serving equals one cup of milk, one container (eight ounces) of yogurt, one and one-half ounce of cheese.

Here's what milk, cheese and yogurt have to

offer Calcium builds strong bones and teeth. Vitamin A helps your vision and skin, helps regulate cell growth and the immune system. Vitamin D (in fortified milk) promotes the absorption of calcium and helps strengthen bones. Protein builds and repairs muscle tissue, and riboflavin helps turn food into energy. Niacin is important for the normal function of many enzymes in the body and helps metabolize sugars and fatty acids. Vitamin B12 helps build red blood cells, while phosphorus strengthens bones and generates energy in your

Include milk as a beverage at meals. Use fat-free or low-fat milk instead of water

to prepare oatmeal and hot cereals. Make a dip for fruits or vegetables with shredded reduced fat cheese.

Top hot dishes, soups, stews or veggies with shredded reduced fat cheese.

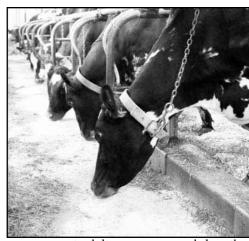
Make fruit and yogurt smoothies in the

If you are lactose intolerant, choose lactosereduced or low-lactose alternatives such as cheese, yogurt or lactose-reduced milk.

Milk's Benefit for Bones and Beyond

Are you getting your fair share of calcium for good health?

Many people know that calcium is food for building strong bones, but did you know it also helps your muscles contract and relax, helps your (5117002.02) Leona Konickson) blood clot, and helps your nerves send messages? On



average, most adults consume much less than the 1,000 to 1,300 mg recommended daily. Below are some dairy options, followed by

the calcium content in each: Plain nonfat yogurt, 8 oz. 452 mg Plain low fat yogurt, 8 oz. 415 mg Swiss cheese, 1 1/2 oz. Chocolate milk shake, 10 fl. oz. 374 mg American processed cheese, 2 oz. 344 mg Fruit-flavored low-fat yogurt, 8 oz. 345 mg Mozzarella cheese (part skim), 1 1/2 oz. 311

Cheddar cheese, 1 1/2 oz. 306 mg Skim milk, 1 cup 302 mg 1% milk, 1 cup 300 mg 2% milk, 1 cup 297 mg Whole milk, 1 cup 291 mg Chocolate milk, 1 cup 280 mg

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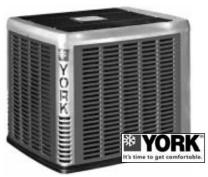
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Surge protection: critical for sensitive electronics

Computers and other electronic equipment found in nearly every home and business today are quite susceptible to sags and surges in voltage and current. They may show up as minor voltage spikes, short power interruptions or current distortions that are difficult to find, even if you know where to look. Dealing with power quality concerns requires an understanding of surge protection equipment and a plan to protect sensitive electronic devices.

Lightning strikes to homes or nearby locations are one primary cause of damage to delicate electronic equipment. Other causes like voltage spikes and multiple grounding paths can also create problems. Even minor surges can create a malfunction that requires the device

to reset or possibly even cause permanent damage.

The surge protection system outlined in this article could apply to nearly any residential or commercial setting, as well as agricultural buildings.

A properly installed transient surge suppression system includes multiple levels of protection. Beginning at the site of the utility service entrance, protection is provided through each of the building's service panels, subpanels and individual circuits that supply electricity to delicate equipment. Each level of protection is designed to remove a portion of the surge not eliminated by the preceding

The last level of protection is provided at the individual circuit. This is where the lowest

will be filtered out. An outlet strip with a quality surge suppressor provides this protection.

In practice, many buildings won't need all the levels of protection. But providing protection only at the circuit level is not sufficient to guard against high-energy transient surges.

Should the building contain critical electronics that are affected by any change in current or voltage levels, the best is to provide protection at all lev-

As a minimum level of protection, experts recommend the following components be included in any surge protection

• Lightning arrestor on the main service pole (this is already provided by RLEC).

• Adequate grounding for service entrance and main serv-

ice pole. • Surge suppressor for the building electrical service panel.

• Secondary arrestor for the individual circuit to which the electronic equipment attached.

To learn more contact Red Lake Electric Cooperative or electrician. local vour Remember, no amount of surge protection will guarantee absolute reliability. But by understanding the causes of power quality problems and the components needed in a welldesigned protection system, you will be able to avoid most costly losses in equipment and income.

Help a loved one get more active: quick tips

Lots of people struggle to fit physical activity into their busy lives. If someone you care about is having a hard time getting active, you can help. Here are

some tips to get you started. Suggest activities you can

Start small. Try taking a walk after dinner twice a week, or do sit-ups while you watch TV. Mix it up. Learn new stretches and warm-up exercises. Join a fitness class – choose an activity that's new for both of you.

Make it part of your regu-

lar routine. Meet up at the local gym or recreation center on your way home from work. Give up a TV show to make time for physical activity. Wake up a bit earlier so you can go for a brisk walk together before breakfast. Walk or ride your bike to the store or coffee shop.

Be understanding.

What are your loved one's reasons for not being more active? Maybe she feels overwhelmed or embarrassed. Ask what you can do to be support-

Recognize small efforts.

Be patient. Change takes time. Remember, some physical activity is better than none. Offer encouragement and praise. ("You did a great job with your sit-ups today!") Point out positive choices. ("I'm glad we're walking to the park instead of driving.")

Choose healthy gifts.

For birthdays or special rewards, choose gifts to encourage your loved one to be more active. Some ideas include:

New sneakers, workout clothes, a basketball, balance ball, hand weights, a pedometer (a tool that counts the number of steps you take), gift certificate to a gym or exercise class.

For more information about increasing physical activity,

http://www.health.gov/pagui

delines/adultguide/default.aspx

Surge protection equipment available at Red Lake Electric Cooperative

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To help commemorate Red Lake Electric Cooperative's 75th anniversary, clippings and pictures from past issues of the "Volts and Jolts" have been used at district meetings, the annual meeting and in the anniversary report and video. The Cooperative has had requests from members to re-publish and share some of these past publishings.

This testament to the benefits and pleasures of electricity appeared in the August 1953 issue of the Volts &



Electric Ironer Can Be Real Time And Money Saver

By: Mary Ella Porter

Truly happy ironing days can be yours with an electric ironer. You just sit comfortably, letting the ironer do the work. Besides the miles and miles of sheet, pillow cases, table linens and other flat pieces, you can iron shirts, dresses, children's clothing or any item in the family laundry on the electric ironer.

Ironing with an ironer is easy, but it takes a little skill to iron more complicated clothing. This skill may be acquired by repetition.

Remember the old saying, "practice makes perfect." The rules might help in the operation of the ironer:

- 1. Learn the controls.
- 2. Do simple pieces first.
- 3. More complicated things will then be

Children enjoy ironing and helping their mothers iron with electric ironers but caution them about touching the elements.

If you homemakers are wanting time and energy savers, consider the electric ironer.

Mrs. John E. Patenaude of Route No. 5, Red Lake Falls



We dropped in on Mrs. Patenaude last week and found her enjoying her ironing on her new Ironrite. She has had it just a short time and already is very skillful with it. She does the more complicated clothing with ease. We also noticed that the Patenaude farm has a complete water system, and just about every electrical appliance made for the house. The work shop has a welder and press drill and a milker is used for their fine herd. We congratulate the Patenaudes on their good judgment in putting electricity to work for them.

Do you have a story to share?

Cooperative's 75th year of service to its membership is an important event. It is a great tribute to those who have contributed to the conception, development, and continued operation of the Cooperative. If you have a story as to how the Cooperative has impacted your life we would appreciate it if you would share that story with our entire membership.

We know that some of our members have special memories of Cooperative related events. If you have a story about life before electricity, when the lights came on at your farm or in your home, or some other Cooperative related event we would like to hear from you.

Throughout the next few months Red Lake Electric will print these stories in the "Volts and Jolts" in order to share them (5510002.02 Mosbeck) our members. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to be a part of a feature story for the newsletter, please contact the Cooperative at; 253lake@minnkota.com, or P.O. Box 430 Red Lake Falls, MN

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- Alliance to Save Energy: www.ase.org
- US Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov/greenhomes
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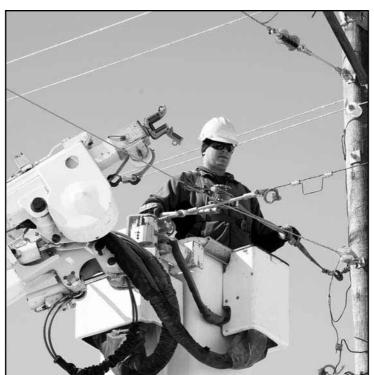
In recent years, Red Lake Electric Cooperative has installed new services or upgraded existing services for several grain handling and/or grain storage facilities. In April, one and one half miles of single phase line was upgraded to a three phase line for a grain bin site east of Gentilly. As you can see by the pictures, only two months ago, we had plenty of snow on the ground.



Red Lake Electric line crew personnel set the old single phase poles at an angle so the new three phase poles could be set in line



Sam Pahlen (left), apprentice lineman and Steve Kruse, lead lineman work to attach the wires for the new three phase line to an existing three phase take-off pole.



Jordon Gervais, apprentice lineman, works to reconnect a single phase tap into an existing farm yard, onto a new pole.



Sam Pahlen (left) and Steve Kruse check the wires on the new

Cooperative crews work to put the finishing touches on the new three phase line.



the insulators of the new three phase line.





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This issue is also tracking in the court system.

A hearing on the issue was held May 14 in front of a threejudge panel in St. Paul. Minnkota General Counsel David Sogard attended and reported that the arguments had gone well, and that he is hopeful about the court's decision, which will come in three to five months. If Minnkota prevails, the (7617003.01 Chester and Rita Hallof) ruling will supersede the administrative process.



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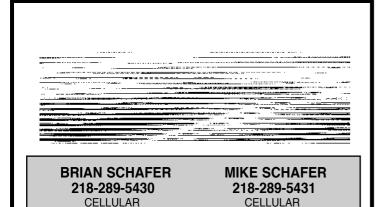
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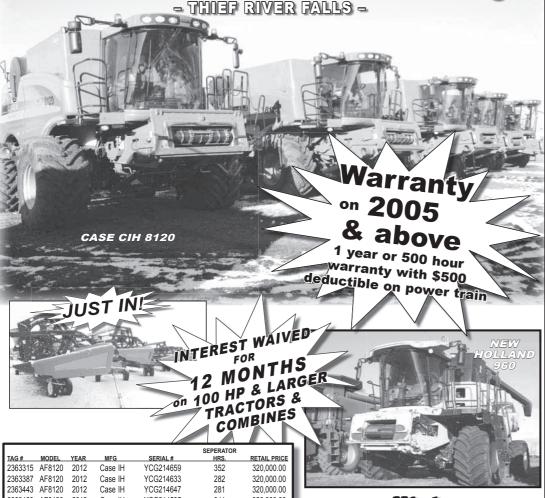


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2363315	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214659	352	320,000.00
2363387	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214633	282	320,000.00
2363443	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214647	281	320,000.00
2363489	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214595	341	320,000.00
2363542	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214576	343	320,000.00
1267167	AF8120	2011	Case IH	YAG210876	400	320,000.00
2363324	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214657	680	295,000.00
2363452	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214675	640	295,000.00
2363517	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214621	631	295,000.00
2363575	AF8120	2012	Case IH	YCG214619	631	295,000.00
1297332	AF8120	2010	Case IH	Y9G208100	963	265,000.00
2958593	595R	2007	Caterpillar	57900362	1363	200,000.00
1523445	2388	2001	Case IH	JJC0273327	1920	100,000.00
1784851	CR960	2005	New Holland	HAJ101831	3807	100,000.00
1784876	CR960	2005	New Holland	HAJ101635	4403	100,000.00
1523472	2388	2001	Case IH	JJC0270835	2873	90,000.00
2966908	1680	1992	Case IH	JJC0117792	3280 Eng. Hours	17,500.00







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Summerfest 2013 Red Lake Falls



July 26 & 27, 2013

Friday, July 26th

Walleye Supper @ American Legion Club 5:00 pm Little Miss & Junior Miss Summerfest Pageant @ City Hall Auditorium 6:00 pm Scavenger Hunt - Front Steps of St. Joseph Church 6:30 - 8:00 pm (2 age groups: 8-12 & 13-18, \$300 in prizes) Teen Dance @ Band Shell - \$5 Admission 9:00 pm - 12:00 am

Saturday, July 27th

7:00 am - 12:00 pm City Wide Rummage Sale Lion's 5K - 10K Run/Walk – Registration 7:00 am at Voyageur's View 8:00 am 8:00 am 3rd Annual Simon Schmitz Softball Slam – Softball Fields 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lion's French Toast Breakfast @ American Legion Club 10:30 am - 5:00 pm 1st Annual American Legion Motorcycle Run - \$10 Registration @ Legion 11:00 am Kid's Games - sponsored by Women of Today @ Riverside Park 12:00 - 6:00 pm Classic Car Show - downtown 1:00 pm Community Band Concert - downtown 1:00 - 5:00 pm Fun & Games at the RLF Swimming Pool Bean Bag Toss and Washoo Tournament - downtown 2:00 pm 12:00 - 2:00 pm Bingo @ American Legion Club Box Maze Adventure @ LHS Gymnasium Stage (\$3 unlimited) 2:00 - 6:00 pm 5:00 pm - 1:00 am Beer Garden - sponsored by TnJ's Bar & Supper Club 5:00 - 8:00 pm Turkey Supper by TnJ's @ Community Hall Basement Miss Tootsie Contest @ City Hall Auditorium (\$3 Admission) 7:00 pm Dance to "Work Release" - sponsored by Thibert Chevrolet & Buick

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9:00 pm - 1:00 am

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ADDRESS

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CHECKING ACCOUNT #

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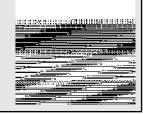
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