



# Volts and Jolts

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*and a portion of the lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa*

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As a result of the excessive winds on August 12 a well-established tree fell into the overhead power lines breaking a Red Lake Electric pole.

## Straight-line winds cause damage to power lines, homes and property

The August 12 wind storm that blew through Red Lake Electric's service territory created problems and power outages for many. Red Lake Electric had approximately 1,700 member accounts that experienced service interruption from this wind storm. The majority of damage occurred from West of Thief River Falls eastward to Goodridge and north towards Middle River.

As a result of the storm RLEC had 25 broken poles.

Red Lake Electric crews began service restoration shortly after the passing of the storm and suspended their efforts in the early morning. The crews returned to work at 7:00 a.m. the (1208001.16 Kevin & Patty Davidson) following morning with help from PKM Electric and Roseau Electric. Eight linemen came

to assist; PKM linemen Joe Marcotte, Ben Pahlen, Nolan Knott and Trevor Snare of Warren and Roseau Electric linemen Ralph Landman, Stan Westman, Chad Gregerson and Justin Olson of Roseau.

Red Lake Electric employees extend their gratitude to the many understanding and helpful cooperative members. Thank you!



PKM lineman Nolan Knott (left) and Joe Marcotte (right) use a track digger to assist RLEC crews string a line which was taken down as a result of the straight line winds on Aug. 12.

## A federal judge in North Dakota acted Aug. 27 to block the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial water rule

Just hours before it was to take effect, Judge Ralph Erickson of the District Court for the District of North Dakota found that the 13 states suing to block the rule met the conditions necessary for a preliminary injunction, including that they would likely be harmed if courts didn't act and that they are likely to succeed when their underlying lawsuit against the rule is decided.

The decision is a roadblock for the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers, who were planning to begin enforcing the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule in every state, dramatically expanding federal jurisdiction over small waterways like streams and wetlands. The judge faulted several facets of the rule, saying it suffers from a "fatal defect" of allowing regulation of ditches and streams that were remote from navigable waters where federal authorities have jurisdiction.

Minnkota and other electric cooperatives engage in activities that require obtaining permits under the Clean Water Act. The rule may result in the significantly increased regulation of numerous additional projects and facilities. This could include routine activities such as power line maintenance and other system

upgrades. The resulting burden of time and resources spent could be substantial for a very minimal or nonexistent environmental benefit.

Minnkota President & CEO Mac McLennan testified in March at a U.S. Senate committee hearing on the rule.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry heard testimony from key stakeholders, including state and local officials responsible for the administration and enforcement of the proposed Clean Water Act changes and key agricultural industry representatives impacted by the burdensome regulation. Sens. John Hoeven (R-ND), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) serve on the committee.

McLennan represented the perspective of the electric cooperative industry, which serves the majority of the nation's agricultural producers.

"In the effort to maintain the critical infrastructure upon which our member-owners rely, Minnkota does not believe the substantial expansion of the delays and the added cost this proposed rule would create are appropriate in its current form," McLennan said in his written testimony. "The increased

costs and lengthy permitting for constructing and maintaining power lines and new generation – including renewables – imposed by the proposed rule would result in little – if any – enhanced protection for the nation's waters."

The EPA says it is going forward with a new federal rule, despite the court ruling that blocked the measure in the 13 central and western states. The EPA says the rule took effect Aug. 28 in the remaining 37 states.

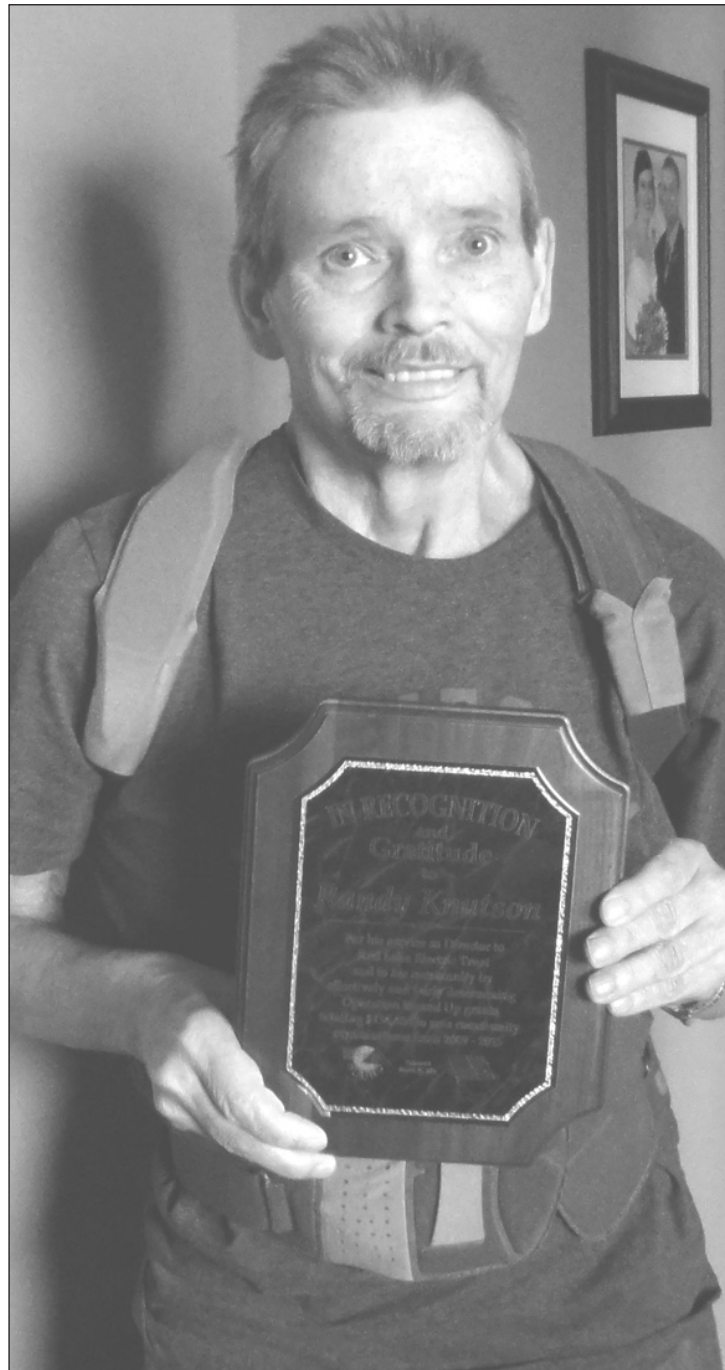
North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, who filed the injunction request, said his reading of the ruling was that it applied to all 50 states, not just the 13 that sued. But the EPA said in a statement it applied only to the 13 and it would be enforced in all other states.

"This is a victory in the first skirmish, but it is only the first," North Dakota's Stenehjem said in a statement. "There is much more to do to prevent this widely unpopular rule from ever taking effect."

The 13 states exempted for now are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

## Knutson's term ends as Trust Board of Director

Randy Knutson, Newfolden, has served on the Red Lake Electric Cooperative Trust Board of Directors since March 2009. Knutson received a plaque for his years of service, the plaque reads "In recognition and gratitude to Randy Knutson for his service as Director to Red Lake Electric Trust and to his community by effectively and fairly determining Operation Round Up grants totaling \$134,488 to area community organizations from 2009-2015."



Randy Knutson

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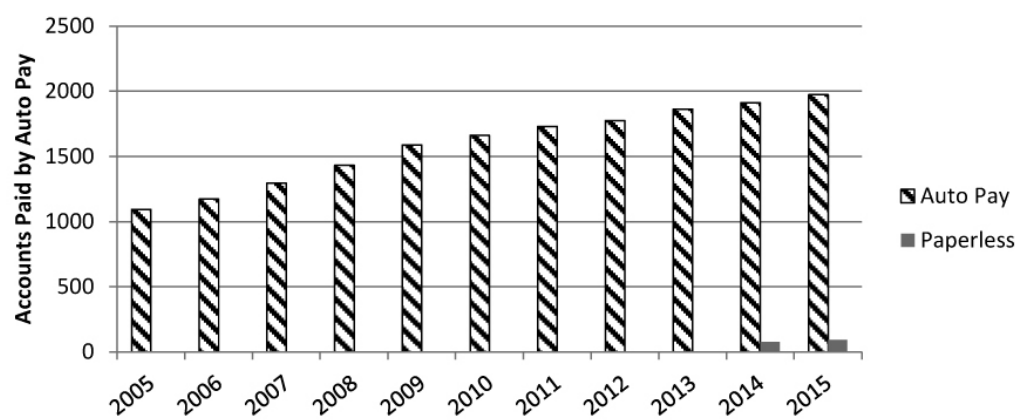
Pictured left to right, Jordon Gervais, Aaron Derosier and Sam Pahlen were presented their journeyman (3722001.07 Greg Hall) lineman's certificate by Red Lake Electric Cooperative's manager of operations Steve Conely. Derosier began employment with RLEC December 2009; Pahlen and Gervais began employment June 2011.

### QUICK TAKES

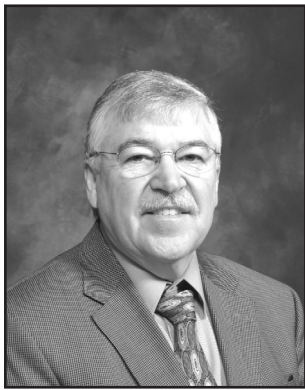
A look at some statistics from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

As the chart below shows, more and more Red Lake Electric Cooperative members enjoy the convenience of Auto-Pay. Another convenient and mobile way to pay your bill is through Bill4U. To show our appreciation - members who use Auto-pay to pay their monthly bill will automatically be entered into a \$100 drawing and members who have signed up for Bill4U and request to have paperless are eligible to win a Kindle HD6. The drawing will be on October 30. For your convenience, an Auto-pay sign up sheet is included your latest bill and in this issue of the Volts & Jolts. There are also instructions to sign up for paperless billing. Have a question about Auto-pay or going paperless? Give us a call at Red Lake Electric Cooperative today. 1-800-245-6068 or 218-253-2168.

### Auto Pay and Paperless members eligible for drawing







## Manager's Comments

by Roger Johanneck



### Sometimes you can see better when the lights are turned off; new lighting option available to members

Members that have security lighting service from Red Lake Electric Cooperative now have the option to have a manual on-off switch to go with the automatic on-off switch that has been the standard option for outdoor security lighting. Adding the manual switch option was the result of members saying they would like to have control of turning the light off to view the night sky or just have it dark whenever the occasion calls for it; like sitting around a crackling campfire at night. The fireside gathering seems to be a bit more enjoyable and inviting

when the whole experience is illuminated by just the fire itself. The recent increase in solar activity has people excited and talking; who doesn't enjoy seeing the Northern Lights, especially after such a long absence in our area. No doubt, the ability to turn off the security lighting adds to the enjoyment of watching the night sky. When the manual switch is left in the "on position", the automatic light control takes over and switches the light on at dusk and off at dawn. Because the switch is installed on the primary (Red

Lake Electric) side of the electric service, all wiring is done by RLEC personnel. The cost to have the manual switch installed is a one-time fee of \$150. The monthly rental fee includes all future maintenance on the lighting as well as any maintenance needed on the automatic and manual on-off switch. If adding a manual switch and having more control of your security lighting sounds like something you want to have, give us a call and we will schedule an upgrade for you. (2204002.09 Norman Meunier)



Damaged electrical pole after controlled burn went out of control.

## Controlled burns can be costly

If you plan a controlled burn of ditches or other areas, please check for utility poles in the area. Controlled burns can easily burn out of control and could result in damage to our electric poles.

Poles that burn through, as shown in the photo, need to be replaced. Even poles that are blackened may need to be replaced. During the intense heat of a grass fire, the preservatives in the pole may boil or seep out. This may cause the pole to be brittle and more prone to wind or ice damage that would lead to an eventual outage. If a pole is damaged to the point of replacement, the member would be charged the cost of the equipment plus labor. Please exercise caution when doing a controlled burn in the vicinity of utility poles.

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of Red Lake Electric Cooperative to enhance the quality of life for people of our service area by safely and 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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## NOTICE

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.



## Member Service Department

by Kelli Brateng

### Off-peak heating, a wise investment

Every household is doing what they can to save money. Friends and neighbors are sharing stories and tips on how they recently saved money and news stories and advertisements are reminding us it is now "chic" to be thrifty and environmentally friendly. Knowing we are all doing what we can to save money in this new economy, it is our goal to remind you there is a way for many homeowners to save money on home heating costs ... it's off-peak heating.

Utilizing off-peak electric rates is an ideal way for you to save money on your heating bills this winter. At Red Lake Electric Cooperative, we've talked about off-peak electrical rates in previous newsletters and if your goal is to save money this winter, here's how you can make it happen. With a Steffes Heating System (i.e. Electric Thermal Storage or ETS), you can take advantage of the discounted electrical rates we offer to cut your heating bills in half or even more.

An off-peak heating system stores low cost, off-peak electricity as heat and uses this heat to satisfy your comfort requirements all day long. Here are a few questions you might be thinking:

I have never heard of Steffes Heating Systems. Are they new? Steffes has been producing off-peak heating systems in North America for over 25 years. Steffes heating systems are designed to work with off-peak electric rates and renewable energy resources to give the most comfortable and economical heating available.

How can Steffes heating systems be applied in my home? There are three main Steffes heating systems options available for your home.

1. Individual room unit heaters can be used either alone or in conjunction with electric baseboards, cove heaters, etc. Room unit heaters are also used to replace wood or pellet stoves.

2. The Comfort Plus cen-

trally ducted system is generally used as a whole house heating system. It can be used as a stand-alone furnace or can be combined with a heat pump to offer even better efficiencies and lower operating cost.

3. The Comfort Plus Hydronic can be used for baseboard or radiant floor heating as well as provide forced air heating at the same time.

How much does it cost? The cost of a Steffes system will vary depending on the size of your home, local outdoor temperature and other factors. Many times, a Steffes heating system will cost more upfront; however, you will see savings very quickly. Remember, RLEC has rebates to offer.

An ETS room heater is a great way to start saving money immediately if replacing your entire heating system is not an option this year.

For more information on off-peak electric rates and Steffes heating systems, contact us at 1-800-245-6068.

## Electrical safety when using pressure washers

Many use pressure washers to clean off large surfaces of loose paint, mold, or dirt, but before you fire up the heavy stream of water, be sure to dive into electrical safety information. Water and electricity are a dangerous mix, but an electric powered pressure washer does not have to be as long as you are using it safely.

"When it comes to pressure washers and electrical safety, the most important issue is to have a properly working, tested ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacle," says Safe Electricity Advisory Board Member Mike Ashenfelter. "GFCIs are inexpensive electrical devices that can protect against electrical shock."

A GFCI monitors the flow of electricity in a circuit. If there is an irregularity of electrical flow, the power is cut off, preventing an electric shock. GFCIs are recommended anywhere water and electricity may meet — so every outdoor receptacle should be equipped with a GFCI.

GFCIs come in several varieties. One type is a circuit breaker with a built-in GFCI that a qualified electrician can install in a home's panel box. Others come in the form of a receptacle that fits into a standard outlet box.

If your outdoor receptacles do not have GFCI protection, purchase a portable one. A portable GFCI is a specialized extension cord with GFCI abilities that can be plugged into

an outlet and used to power your electrical equipment, such as an electric pressure washer.

Remember, if you have receptacle or portable GFCIs, you should test them after installation, after power failures, and on a monthly basis. They will have test and reset buttons for this purpose.

"Always check the conditions of the power cords before using a pressure washer," warns Ashenfelter. "Make sure you are using a grounded, approved for outdoor use cord in good condition without any nicks, cuts, or missing the ground prong."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) notes that electric shock can occur if the pressure washer is not used properly and if safety instructions are not followed, and it offers these pressure washer safety precautions:

- Never use a gasoline powered washer in an enclosed space.
- Always test the GFCI before using a pressure washer.
- Always plug a properly grounded pressure washer into a properly grounded receptacle.
- If an extension cord must be used, keep the pressure washer's power cord connection out of any standing water, and use a heavy duty extension cord with components rated for outdoor use.
- Keep both the power and

extension cords as far away as possible from the item being washed and away from any water runoff.

- Never cut or splice the pressure washer's power cord or extension cords.
- Never remove the grounding prong from the pressure washer's power cord plug or the extension cord.
- Always have a qualified electrician check the pressure washer for electrical problems after it has tripped a circuit breaker.

There are different kinds of pressure washers, some that are powered with electricity and others powered by gas. No matter what kind you plan to use, know how to use it safely. Remember to read and follow all safety instructions in the owner's manual that comes with the device.

For more information about safety around electricity and outdoor projects, visit SafeElectricity.org.

The Energy Education Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. Established in 1952, the Council serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to

collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety. Learn more at:

EnergyEdCouncil.org  
SafeElectricity.org  
EfficiencyResource.org

#### ELECTRIC HEAT EXEMPTION

This is to certify that the primary source of heat for my residence is electricity and I am eligible for the electric heating sales tax exemption as provided by Minnesota State Law. The primary source is the source that supplies more heat than any other source for the largest period of time during the heating season.

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Account number\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENTION

### Red Lake County Small Business and Potential Start-up Enterprises

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five-year loan for an amount up to \$15,000 at 4% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information contact Dave Ste. Marie 218-698-4279, Leo Olson 218-796-5656 / 218-280-9405 or Mike Spurgin 218-465-4648.



From the Mail Bag

Dear RLEC,  
Thank you to the wonderful crew that helped get us back online from the storm - you are wonderful!  
David Thompson

Dear RLEC,  
Thank you so much for your donation to our St. Joseph's fund raiser raffle. We have been truly blessed by your kindness.  
St. Joseph's Church  
Brooks, MN



Recipe Corner

**Bread Loaf**  
Ingredients:  
•1/3 cup light brown sugar  
•1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
•2/3 cup white sugar  
•1/2 cup butter, softened  
•2 eggs  
•1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
•1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
•1 3/4 tsp. baking powder  
•1/2 cup milk or almond milk  
•2 apples, peeled and chopped (any kind), mixed with 2 tbsp. granulated sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon

**Old-Fashioned Creme Glaze**  
Ingredients:  
•1/2 cup of powdered sugar  
•1-3 tbsp of milk or cream (depending on thickness of glaze wanted)  
Directions:  
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Use a 9x5 inch loaf pan and spray with non-stick or line with foil and spray with non-stick spray to get out easily for slicing.  
2. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl. Set aside.

3. In another medium-sized bowl, beat white sugar and butter together using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.  
4. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, until blended in; add in vanilla extract.  
5. Combine and whisk flour and baking powder together in another bowl and add into creamed butter mixture and stir until blended.  
6. Mix milk into batter until smooth.  
7. Pour half the batter into the prepared loaf pan; add half the apple mixture, then half the brown sugar/cinnamon mixture.  
8. Lightly pat apple mixture into batter.  
9. Pour the remaining batter over apple layer and top with remaining apple mixture, then the remaining brown sugar/cinnamon mixture.  
10. Lightly pat apples into the batter; swirl brown sugar mixture through apples using knife or spoon.  
11. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, approximately 50-60 minutes.  
12. To mix glaze, mix powdered sugar and milk or cream together until well mixed.  
13. Let cool for about 15

minutes before drizzling with glaze.

**Slow Cooker Caramel Apple Crumble**  
Ingredients:  
**For the apples:**  
•1 cup brown sugar  
•1/2 cup granulated sugar  
•5 large apples, cut into chunks  
•1/4 tsp. salt  
•1 tsp. cinnamon  
**For the topping:**  
•2/3 cup oats  
•2/3 cup loosely packed brown sugar  
•1/4 cup flour  
•1/2 tsp cinnamon  
•3-4 tbsp softened butter  
•1 tsp. vanilla extract  
Directions:  
1. In a mixing bowl, combine brown sugar, granulated sugar, apples, salt and cinnamon. Spread onto bottom of slow cooker.  
2. Mix your crumble topping ingredients until it comes together. Sprinkle it over top of the apples. Cook on low for 4 hours, or high for 2 hours.  
3. Turn off heat and let sit, covered, for one hour to let the caramel thicken.


**Frito and Corn Salad**  
Ingredients:  
•2 (15 ounce) cans whole kernel corn, drained  
•2 cups grated cheddar cheese (I used marble cheddar)  
•1 cup mayonnaise  
•1 cup green pepper, chopped (I used an orange bell pepper instead that I got for .25 on this week's shopping trip)  
•1/2 cup red onion, chopped  
•1 (10 1/2 ounce) bag coarsely crushed Fritos chili cheese corn chips  
Directions: Mix first 5 ingredients and chill. Stir in corn chips just before serving.

**Pizza Casserole**  
Ingredients:  
•1/2 a box of bow tie pasta, cooked until al dente and drained  
•1, 26 oz. jar spaghetti sauce (use homemade sauce if you have it)  
•1/2 of a large onion, chopped  
•2 tsp. chopped garlic  
•1 tsp. oregano  
•1/2 lb. sweet italian sausage  
•1/2 lb. cooked ham, cut into cubes  
•1 container of sliced mushrooms, whatever kind you prefer (I use baby portabella)  
•2, 8 oz. bags shredded mozzarella  
•sliced pepperoni-amount to use is up to you  
•grated parmesan cheese-amount to use is up to you  
Directions:  
1. Crumble up the sausage in a medium sized pan  
2. Add the onion, garlic and

oregano  
3. Cook until juices run clear.  
4. Spray an 8x11 pan with cooking spray and preheat the oven to 375 degrees.  
5. Coat the bottom of the pan with a thin layer of sauce.  
6. On top of the sauce add 1/3 of the pasta, 1/3 of the sauce, 1/3 of the shredded mozerella, sprinkle a little of the parmesan cheese on top of the mozzarella, add the sausage mixture and then add 1/2 the package of mushrooms.  
7. For the next layer add 1/2 of the remaining pasta, 1/2 of the remaining sauce, 1/2 of the remaining mozzarella, sprinkle on the parmesan cheese and add the ham and rest of the mushrooms.  
8. For the final layer add the rest of the pasta, all of the remaining sauce, the rest of the mozzarella cheese, sprinkle on some parmesan cheese and cover the top completely with a layer of pepperoni.  
8. Place in oven and bake for 45 minutes.  
9. Remove from oven and let set for 5-10 minutes before serving.

**15 Minute Breakfast Pizza**  
Ingredients:  
•1 precooked pizza crust (like Boboli)  
•4 large eggs  
•10 slices of fully cooked bacon  
•1 cup of cheddar cheese  
Directions:  
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.  
2. Place pizza crust on a pizza stone or baking sheet.  
3. Scramble 4 eggs in a frying pan on medium heat.  
4. Sprinkle eggs over pizza crust.  
5. Microwave bacon according to package directions (usually about 25 seconds for 5 slices)  
6. Crumble bacon.  
7. Sprinkle bacon over eggs.  
8. Sprinkle cheese over pizza.  
9. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

**Broccoli Cheese Soup**  
Ingredients:  
•4 cups chicken stock  
•2 cups chopped broccoli florets, fresh or frozen  
•1/2 small onion, diced  
•15 oz. can evaporated milk  
•2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
•Salt and pepper to taste  
Directions:  
1. In a large stockpot - place chicken stock, onion and healthy amount of salt and pepper over medium heat. Add broccoli and cook for 15 minutes.  
2. Stir in cheese and milk and cook at lower heat for 15 minutes.  
3. Serve and enjoy.



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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 10th of each month. Payment of your monthly energy bill is due on the 10th 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, by mail or by Bill4U on [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com).

Payment must be in our office or in the mail as evidenced by the postmark on or by the 25th day of the 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 end of the month a notice of disconnection statement will be included in the message area on your following energy bill. The disconnection statement will give a final notice of when your electric service will be disconnected if the delinquent amount remains unpaid. If an employee is sent to disconnect your electric service a \$80 collection fee will be charged to your account, even if you pay the collector.

To have a disconnected service reconnected, all amounts owing including the \$80 reconnection fee and a security deposit must be paid. If the service must be reconnected after normal working hours a \$250 reconnection fee must be paid.

### BAD CHECKS

A \$25 charge will be levied each time a check is returned because of nonsufficient funds, account being closed or payment stopped along with any applicable bank charges.

### 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.

### 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 of \$80 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, that 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. Please keep in mind that the reading on your bill is from the end of the month.

### GENERAL SERVICE RATES

Facilities charge variable \$27 to \$35 month

April-December	9.5¢ Kwh
January-March	9.9¢ Kwh
Long term off peak	5.5¢
Short term off peak	7.5¢


Off-peak equipment charge, \$5.50/month per heat meter.  
Multiphase users add \$22/month cost of service charge.  
Standby, \$12/month (meter disconnected but the power line remains; standby is not available on services larger than 15 KVA transformer capacity).  
Security light: LED, \$8/month; High pressure sodium, \$8/month; mercury vapor, \$9/month; water heater flat credit, \$7/month (January-April billing).



## Look for the logo

The ENERGY STAR logo is on all qualified products that meet specific standards for energy efficiency. ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality—sometimes significantly.

Look for the label on appliances, electronics, water heaters, windows, and other products that consume energy in your home.

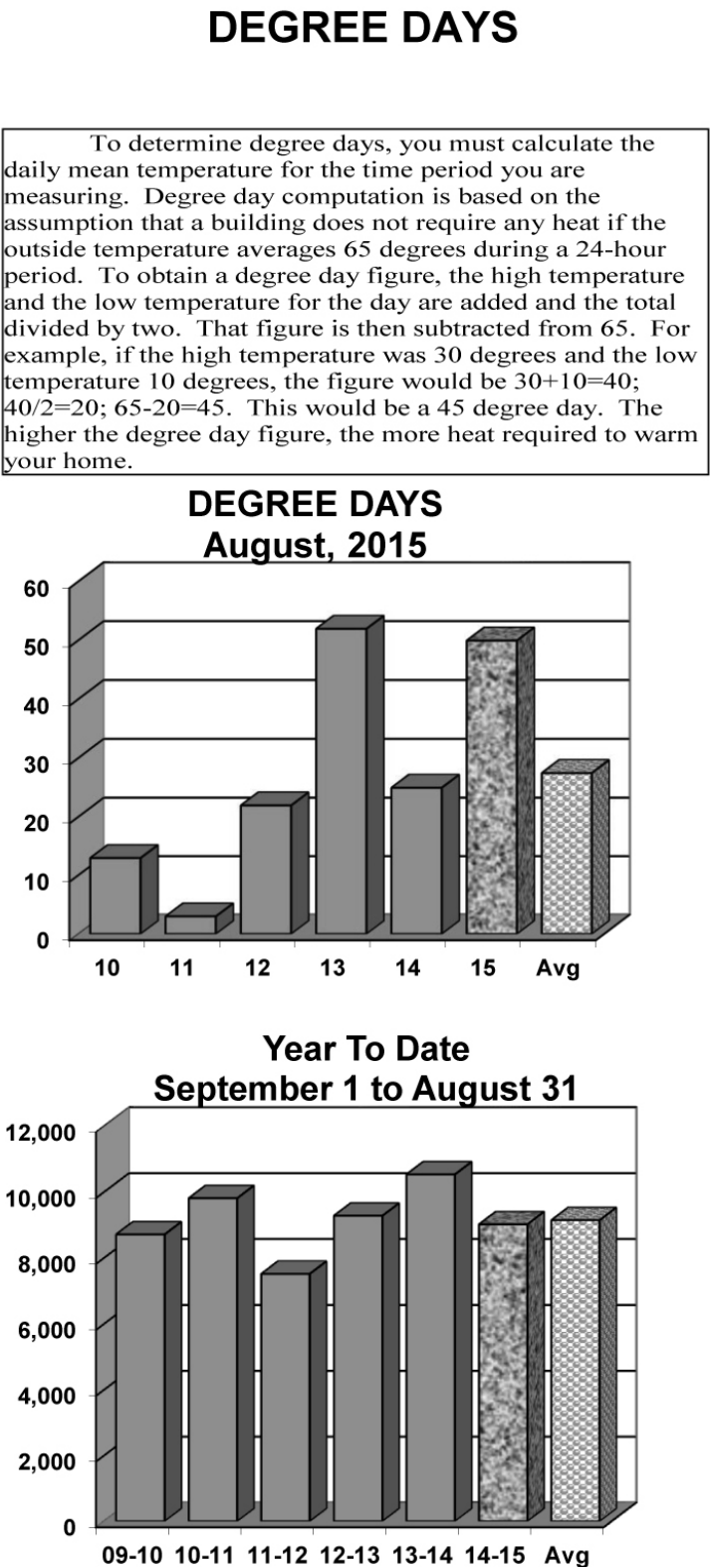


## Back to School Combo Special

Pizza, Breadsticks and Can of Pop  
Mon. - Fri. from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

405 Bridge St NE, Red Lake Falls  
OPEN: Everyday 5:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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### RED LAKE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. OPERATING REPORT

MONTHLY COMPARISON		
	July 2014	July 2015
Total Revenue	585,943	\$970,639
Total Margins	(374,150)	(\$40,422)
Cost of Power	715,942	\$733,916
KWH's Purchased	8,186,473	8,336,579
Capital Credits Paid to Estates	14,167	\$12,359
Average outage time in minutes per member	125	49.0

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON		
	July 2014	July 2015
Total Revenue	\$8,583,248	\$8,143,147
Total Margins	\$756,017	\$395,572
Cost of Power	\$6,089,959	\$5,945,780
KWH's Purchased	87,846,276	79,170,095
New Service Connections	22	15
Customers Served	5,282	5,335
Capital Credits Paid to Estates	\$44,620	\$43,915
Average outage time in minutes per member	162	77.6
Miles of Line - Over Head	2,323	2,327
Miles of Line - Underground	264	270

### For all your Aerial Spraying Needs



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## VOLTS AND JOLTS FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Janette and Pete Mosbeck of Polk Centre Township have been named Pennington County's Rural Beautification winners for 2015. The Mosbeck's will be honored at the SWCD spring banquet. *Courtesy of Thief River Falls Times*



The Mosbeck's has made their yard look its best a priority from day one. This apple tree is one of many things that make their yard of beautiful sight. *Courtesy of Thief River Falls Times*



Mosbeck's yard features many hanging flower baskets. Pictured is one containing a Swiss chard. *Courtesy of Thief River Falls Times*

## Mosbeck's chosen as Rural Beautification winners

By Scott DCamp  
Reporter, Thief River Falls  
Times

Pete and Janet Mosbeck of Polk Centre Township have been chosen as Pennington County's 2015 Rural Beautification Winners by the Pennington SWCD.

Among the first things a visitor to the Mosbeck property would notice are colorful hanging flower baskets at the front of the house and multiple hosta gardens in the side yards.

Birch trees located in the yard are not native to this part of Minnesota but were instead transplanted from the Roseau area. The yard is also adorned with apple trees that produce a variety of apples.

One prominent feature is a bear carving that came from a wood carving store in Motley. Another wood carving was created by family friend Joe Wavra and it was fittingly given the name "Trapper Joe."

An abundance of wagon wheels, an old scalding kettle, a tack shed that was once a grainery, and a plow that originally belonged (3530001.01 Howard G. Henrickson) to Janet's grandfather have all been incorporated into the landscape of the property to help keep the western look.

This October, the Mosbeck's will have lived at their home in Polk Centre Township for 36 years. The Mosbeck's maintain about five acres of property and making the yard look its best became a priority from day one.

"She" always planted flowers and when we first moved in, we started planting trees," Pete said.

The couple's first home at the property was trailer house, but they soon had a house moved in and later added on. Pete said it was about 15 years ago that the biggest beautification projects began.

"Once the kids were gone, we had more time," Janet said.

Peter and Janet raised two children at the Polk Centre property. Dustin, 34, lives in Fargo, N.D., and Brittney, 28, lives in East Grand Forks with her husband Tom and two boys, Isaak, 3, and Ty, 8 months.

"We like to mix antiques and vintage along with the gardens to make it look more country," Janet said.

All together, it takes about 20 hours of work each week to keep the yard in tiptop shape. That includes about a half hour of watering every night and mowing a couple times a week, which takes about three

Falls veterinary clinic for more than 20 years.

Outside of farming Pete is a member of the Red Lake Electric Board and a part-time auctioneer.

Janet has been involved



A woodcarving created by Joe Wavra is one of the beautiful sights in Mosbeck's yard. *Courtesy of Thief River Falls Times*

hours each time.

The Mosbeck's fit maintaining the property into an already busy work schedule. Pete has been a farmer since the age of 9, and currently farms about 3,500 acres with his brother and cousin. Janet has worked at the Red Lake

with the Skating Club and Saddle Club in Red Lake Falls. The Mosbeck's own four horses and Janet used to participate in riding competitions – team penning, barrels and poles, but now limits her riding to trail rides.



A large vegetable garden is another beautiful sight shown in the Mosbeck's yard. *Courtesy of Thief River Falls Times*

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# Falls and older adults: the facts

How serious is the problem of falls?

Falls are a serious health risk for older adults in Minnesota and nationwide. Minnesota's death rate from falls for adults 65 and older is among the highest in the nation, according to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control. Nationwide, more than one out of three adults over the age of 65 fall each year. For people in this age group, falls are the leading cause of injury death. Non-fatal falls also have serious results: 20% to 30% result in moderate to severe injuries that reduce mobility and independence, and increase the risk of premature death.

What are the common risk factors for falling?

- Lower body weakness
- Problems with walking and balance
- Taking four or more medications or any psychoactive medications (medicines that

have a significant effect on mood or mental state)

Other important risk factors are Parkinson's Disease, history of stroke, arthritis, impaired cognitive processes (memory, perception, reasoning, judgment), and problems with vision.

How can we reduce the risk of falling?

Exercise regularly to increase lower body strength and balance. Exercise will build strength and increase a sense of well-being. It's one of the best ways to reduce the risk of falling. Exercises that improve balance and coordination are most helpful.

Review medications with a doctor or pharmacist. A regular review of all medicines (both prescription and over-the-counter) with a person's regular doctor or pharmacist can help reduce side effects and interactions. It may be possible to reduce the number of medications used, and those

that could make a person drowsy or light-headed.

Keep on top of chronic health conditions and vision. Older adults should see a health care provider regularly for chronic conditions and have an eye doctor check their vision at least once a year.

Make the home safer. Most fall injuries happen when people fall from a standing height for example when they trip while walking on the same level (not from falling down stairs). Certain risk factors in the home environment may contribute to about half of all home falls. To make living areas safer:

- Remove tripping hazards such as throw rugs and clutter in walkways
- Use non slip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors; install grab bars next to the toilet and in the tub or shower
- Install handrails on both sides of stairways
- Improve lighting through-

out the home.

Also, older adults should wear shoes that give good support and have non-slip soles. They should avoid wearing slippers and athletic shoes with deep treads.

Where can I find more information?

Minnesota Safety Council (interactive fall prevention checklist) at <http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/senior-safe/falls/>

Centers for Disease Control at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/spotlite/falls.htm>

The Practical Guide to Universal Home Design at <http://www.wilder.org/download.o.html?report=949>

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (info on home accessibility remodeling design and funding) at <http://www.mnhousing.gov>

Minnesota Falls Prevention Initiative, <http://www.mnfall-prevention.org>

Acknowledgments: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control  
Centers for Disease Control  
National Safety Council




PKM lineman Ben Pahlen works to attach the overhead wires to the new pole that was installed.

### Great new incentives are available for upgrading your fluorescent lighting system

**What type of lighting system are you using?**

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ENERGY STAR CFL Lamps		\$2/bulb <i>Max. 12 per customer</i>
ENERGY STAR LED Screw-In Bulb	In place of 40-60W incandescent.	\$4/bulb
ENERGY STAR LED Screw-In Bulb	In place of 65W or greater incandescent.	\$8/bulb
<i>Maximum of 12 per customer for LED screw-in bulbs.</i>		
ENERGY STAR LED Recessed Downlights	Complete fixtures or replacements kits.	\$8/unit
LED Outdoor Fixtures	LED fixture Wattage of <40 Watts. Must operate on a photocell and be DesignLights Consortium approved.	\$40/fixture
LED Outdoor Fixtures	LED fixture Wattage of >40 Watts. Must operate on a photocell and be DesignLights Consortium approved.	\$80/fixture
Appliances <i>(Must be ENERGY STAR approved.)</i>		
ENERGY STAR Refrigerator		\$25/unit
ENERGY STAR Refrigerator <i>(with recycling of old refrigerator)</i>		\$50/unit
ENERGY STAR Freezer		\$25/unit
ENERGY STAR Freezer <i>(with recycling of old freezer)</i>		\$50/unit
ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer		\$50/unit
ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer		\$50/unit
Electric Water Heater	Minimum 80-gallon total capacity, EF ≥0.91. Must be controlled under the utility's load management program.	\$150/unit
Engine Block Heater Timer		\$10/unit
Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) Measures		
Tune-Up for Residential Central A/C	Not valid on window units	\$25/unit
Tune-Up for Residential Air-Source Heat Pumps (ASHP)	Excludes mini-split ductless ASHPs	\$25/unit
ASHP	ENERGY STAR or 14.0 SEER / 8.2 HSPF	\$400/unit
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## RESIDENTIAL Rebates

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Replacement Geothermal		
Ground-Source Heat Pump Open Loop <135,000 BTUH @ 59°F	16.2 EER /3.6 COP	\$100/ton <i>Max. incentive \$1,250/home</i>
Ground-Source Heat Pump Closed Loop <135,000 BTUH @ 77°F	14.1 EER /3.3 COP	\$200/ton <i>Max. incentive \$2,500/home</i>
<i>Incentive available for failed geothermal equipment only. Entire indoor unit replacement is required to receive incentive. Replacing only the compressor will not qualify for the incentive. Equipment being replaced must fall outside of any warranty period to receive incentive. Invoice showing proof of purchase must be attached.</i>		



Red Lake Electric lineman Sam Pahlen trims an evergreen tree that has grown into Red Lake Electric's overhead power lines



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## How to splurge sensibly

By Alexandria Shetler

The Consumer Federation of America reported that the average American spends \$2,000 a year on unexpected expenditures. In other words (when unexpected spending is not used for emergency situations) Americans like to splurge. Luckily, splurging may not be as impulsive or as harmful as it sounds, as long as it is done in a thoughtful way. By building responsible splurging tactics into your discretionary income budget, you can reward yourself today while staying focused on your medium and long-term financial goals.

To change the negative connotation of splurging, practice “sensible” versus “mindless” splurging. When you find yourself tempted to splurge, stop and ask yourself, “Why do I want or need this?” and “What positive purpose is this going to serve?” By asking these questions, you’re actively thinking about possible triggers that may act as a catalyst for the splurge. Finding a healthy balance between saving and splurging happens only when you make informed decisions and weigh your happiness today against that of your future self. After all, in most cases, savings are nothing more than delayed consumption.

### Splurging tips

If an opportunity to splurge arises, use the following tips to avoid buyer’s remorse:

1. Splurge for free. Indulge in free splurges whenever you can to treat yourself. Time with loved ones is often the best gift you can give yourself. Whether it’s going to a free

museum, a park to play with your kids or pets or enjoying the sunset from a friend’s backyard while laughing the hours away, learn to master

the art of savoring the little things in life.

2. Splurge towards others, within reason. Spending on others can make us happier than spending on ourselves. Consider using part of your splurging budget towards a charity or for family and friends. Remember, do this moderately.

3. Splurge small and frequently. Social psychologists say that small and frequent splurges actually help people achieve financial happiness. The pleasure it provides quenches your thirst for splurging while simultaneously helping you promote a better relationship with your money. Do this by factoring splurging into your budget. Set aside a certain amount of money each month for these small splurges.

4. Splurge from your savings and never use a credit card. To stay on a reasonable budget, use the cash you set aside from your discretionary spending. Remember, the point is to only spend money you have, not money you don’t have.

As long as you’re saving money, responsible splurging can be a positive experience. Just remember that healthy splurging habits are created by making smart decisions that positively affect your current well being while maintaining progress towards your long-term goals.

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After a new pole was installed, RLEC crews work to connect new equipment on the pole that was needed to replace equipment damaged from the storm.

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## Informational Web Sites

The following is a list of Web sites that can provide information and education in reference to electrical safety and energy conservation. These Web sites are listed as links on Red Lake Electric Cooperative's Web site at [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com).

- Electrical Safety Foundation International: [www.esfi.org](http://www.esfi.org)
- Alliance to Save Energy: [www.ase.org](http://www.ase.org)
- US Environmental Protection Agency: [www.epa.gov/greenhomes](http://www.epa.gov/greenhomes)
- Energy Star: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- Minnesota Safety Council: [www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org](http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org)
- Safe Electricity: [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org)
- Lighting Controls Association: [www.aboutlightingcontrols.org](http://www.aboutlightingcontrols.org)
- US Consumer Product Safety Commission: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)







# Need help to pay your electric bill? Help is only a phone call away!

Red Lake Electric is prepared to work with members who are in need of assistance paying their electric bills. For more information about the Cold Weather Rule call Red Lake Electric Cooperative or see MN Statutes, Chapter 216B which governs disconnection policies of residential heating sources from October 15 through April 15. Here are some common questions:

**Can my heat be shut off in the winter?**

**YES**, unless you take steps under the Cold Weather Rule (CWR) to protect yourself. You must contact Red Lake Electric Cooperative to apply for protection from having your heat shut off. This is true for all residential customers, including senior citizens and families with young children.

**Will you disconnect me without my knowledge?**

**No.** RLEC will give you a "Final Disconnection Notice" on your electric bill. This will state the amount you need to pay as well as the date you must contact RLEC to avoid disconnection. If you do not contact us by the disconnect date we will make an attempt to collect your bill at which time we will leave you a door hanger with a packet of information on how to avoid being disconnected.

**How can I keep my heat on or get reconnected if I**

**am already shut off?**

You must make and keep a payment plan with Red Lake Electric Cooperative. The payments don't have to be the same amount each month. RLEC will work with you to make suitable arrangements to help you keep your electricity. Once arrangements are made, you must contact Red Lake Electric Cooperative if you are unable to make a payment or your service may be shut off.

**When I contact RLEC to apply for the Cold Weather Rule what happens?**

- You will make a Cold Weather Rule payment plan, which you must keep to be protected.

- If you and the utility cannot agree on a payment plan, you have ten days to appeal to the Public Utilities Commission.

- The Commission will help you set up a payment plan.

- Your service will stay on during the appeal process.

**What happens if I can't make my payments as planned?**

If you can't make your payments, call RLEC immediately to make a new CWR payment plan. If you do not make your payments, your service may be shut off.

**What if I need help reading or understanding notices from my utility?**

- The CWR has a "Third Party Notice" option.

- If you would like help applying for the CWR, you may arrange for another person to get a copy of any disconnection notices or other important information, at the same time you receive it.

- This may be a friend, family member, or anyone who is willing to help you understand the notices or set up a CWR payment plan. This person is not responsible for paying your bill. They are only agreeing to help you understand notices from Red Lake Electric Cooperative.

**How do I sign up for Third Party Notices?**

1. Call Red Lake Electric for a sign-up form.

2. The form must be filed out and signed by both you and the person you want to be notified and mailed back to the utility.

**Are Military personnel subject to shut off?**

Minnesota law protects a residential customer if a member of the household has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment or a change in duty station if they are unable to pay their electric bill. You must call Red Lake Electric to set up a payment plan. For more information see MN Statutes, Chapter 325E.028 Utility Payment Arrangements for Military Personnel.

## FEDERAL/STATE ENERGY ASSISTANCE

If you need help paying your electric utility bill, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete, qualification and application information, contact your local county welfare or community/citizen's action council listed below. These organizations may also provide budget Counseling.

<b>Inter-County Community Council</b>	<b>Oklee, MN .218-796-5144 Toll-free 1-888-778-4008 Fax 218-796-5175</b>
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<b>Northwest Community Action</b>	<b>Badger, MN 218-528-3258 Toll-free 1-800-568-5329 Fax 218-528-3259</b>
Serves East Marshall County	
<b>Tri-Valley Opportunity Council</b>	<b>Crookston, MN 218-281-9080 Toll-free 1-866-264-3729 Fax 218-281-0705</b>
Serves West Polk, West Marshall Counties	
<b>Red Lake Community Action Agency</b>	<b>Red Lake, MN 218-679-1880</b>
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<b>Beltrami Social Services</b>	<b>Bemidji, MN 218-333-8300</b>
<b>Clearwater County Social Services</b>	<b>Bagley, MN 218-694-6164</b>
<b>Marshall County Social Services</b>	<b>Warren, MN 218-745-5124</b>
<b>Pennington County Social Services</b>	<b>Thief River Falls, MN 218-681-2880</b>
<b>Polk County Social Services</b>	<b>Crookston, MN 218-281-3127</b>
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## Contact Gopher State One, call at least 48 hours before digging begins

Many of us still have our sights set on completing outdoor projects this fall. Whether you plan to dig posts for a deck or plant a tree or trench in electric lines for an outbuilding, it is important to understand and utilize Gopher State One Call (GSOC).

The GSOC system is designed to notify utilities that might have underground facilities in the area where digging is planned. That call needs to be made at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you plan to dig. If a homeowner hires a contractor to do the

work, then by law the contractor must obtain the ticket that allows digging to proceed.

When you contact GSOC, you may call 811 or 1-800-252-1166. You may also visit [www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org) to submit your ticket application online. Be prepared with the following information: your name, home phone number and work/cell phone number, when you plan to begin work, how many days the digging will take, type of work you will be doing, county and city/township where work will be done, address and nearest cross streets or township range/section where work will be done, where you will be digging on the property (also mark the area with white paint) and whether any digging will be done in the road right-of-way.

Since most private facilities are not listed on GSOC, it is the homeowner's responsibility to hire someone to locate their private underground facilities.

What are private electric underground facilities?

Private underground facilities, or member-owned facilities, are those facilities that were installed behind or after the meter. Whether you have overhead or underground distribution lines coming into your property the underground wires installed from your electric meter to your house, shop, garage, etc. belong to the member/property owner.

Where are private facilities found?

Private facilities are found everywhere, including single-family homes, multi-family housing units, industrial areas, trailer parks, shopping centers and sometimes in the road right-of-way. Other private facilities can include: natural gas farm taps, natural gas or propane gas underground piping to buildings, gas grills and pool heaters, private water systems, data communication lines, underground sprinkler systems, invisible fences and many others. If you have a question on whether a facility in your excavation area is considered private or not, please contact that local utility office.

Whose responsibility is it to locate private facilities? When a property owner or tenant has any type of private underground facility, they are responsible to locate those facilities, or hire someone to locate them. If you need help finding electrical contractors in your area please call our office at 1-800-245-6068.

(2705005.01 David & Brenda Larson) No one should ever remove flags before work is completed as they are there to mark lines for the safety of all digging in the area.

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