



# Volts & Jolts

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SERVING THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA OF MARSHALL, PENNINGTON, RED LAKE AND POLK  
and a portion of the lands of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa

MAY/JUNE 2016

## Round Up® grants total \$11,250

The Red Lake Electric Trust board met recently and awarded 14 grants to area nonprofit and community organizations totaling \$11,250. Since its inception in 1993, 778 Operation Round Up grants totaling \$476,000 have been gifted to area community organizations. The Red Lake Electric Trust receives money for grants from the Operation Round Up program administered by Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Today, 94 percent of Red Lake Electric's members voluntarily "round up" their monthly bill for the Operation Round Up program.

The RLE Trust Board of Directors



determines grants two times per year, in March and September. Serving on the board are Patty Mickelson - President, Oklee; Van Swanson - Secretary/Treasurer, Thief River Falls; Tishara

Melcher - Director, Middle River; and ex-officio directors Bonnie Christians of Crookston and Roger Johanneck of Red Lake Falls, representing Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Grant applications are available at the Red Lake Electric Cooperative office or by visiting its website at [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com).

Next deadline for Operation Round Up grant applications is Sept. 7, 2016.



Gula Stromgren, treasurer of Strandquist Area Food Shelf, was pleased to receive a \$500 grant from Red Lake Electric's Operation Round Up program. The Strandquist Area Food Shelf provides food to low income, senior citizens, unemployed and the disabled in the areas of Newfolden, Middle River, Viking, Strandquist and Holt.

## May is Electrical Safety Month

At Red Lake Electric Cooperative, we understand your child's health and well-being are your top priority. With more than 140,000 electrical fires occurring each year, knowledge of electrical safety is necessary to ensure your loved ones stay safe. Here are a few tips you can share with your little ones:

- Electrical fires are caused when a wire or electrical device overheats. Make sure your children understand that water cannot extinguish this type of fire. Only fire extinguishers can be used to remedy this situation.
- Never mix water with electricity. Keep blow dryers, radios and any other electrical devices away from all water, especially those used in a bathroom.
- Keep metal objects out of appliances and outlets. If a piece of toast gets stuck in the toaster, never use a metal knife to retrieve it. Unplug the toaster and use a different tool or utensil to remove the toast. Remember, only plugs should go in outlets. Sticking fingers or other objects in outlets may result in an electrical shock.
- Turn lights off when they are not in use to save money on your electric bill and prevent electrical fires from overheated bulbs.
- Remind kids to avoid overhead power lines. Whether they are climbing trees or flying kites or remote-controlled toys, they should always be mindful of what is above.
- Talk to your children about the importance of electrical safety. More importantly, lead by example - because you never know who's watching.

Source: NRECA Straight Talk

### Operation Round Up Recipients

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Violence Intervention Project of Thief River Falls</b>                             | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <i>Umbrella Tree Program</i>  |                |
| <b>Strandquist Area Food Shelf</b>  | <b>\$500</b>   |
| <i>Purchase of food for those in need</i>   |                |
| <b>TRF Area Food Shelf</b>  | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <i>Purchase of food for those in need</i>   |                |
| <b>Red Lake Falls Volunteer Ambulance Service</b>                                     | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <i>AED training system, printer and instructor packets</i>                            |                |
| <b>St. Hilaire Fire &amp; Rescue Department</b>                                       | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <i>LED light bar for response vehicle</i>   |                |
| <b>Viking Fire and Rescue</b>   | <b>\$1,500</b> |
| <i>Thermal imaging camera</i>   |                |
| <b>Northland Community &amp; Technical College - Pioneer 90.1 FM (KSRQ)</b>           | <b>\$500</b>   |
| <i>AC system for transmitter building</i>   |                |
| <b>Polk County Historical Society</b>   | <b>\$500</b>   |
| <i>Installation of period and emergency lighting in the historic Carnegie Library</i> |                |
| <b>Inter-County Nursing Service of TRF</b>  | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <i>Home health care maintenance costs</i>   |                |
| <b>North Valley Public Health</b>   | <b>\$250</b>   |
| <i>To help fund public health meetings</i>  |                |
| <b>Middle River Senior Club</b>   | <b>\$250</b>   |
| <i>To help older adults stay healthy and active</i>                                   |                |
| <b>St. Hilaire Senior Center</b>  | <b>\$500</b>   |
| <i>Floor repair to make it ADA-approved</i>   |                |
| <b>Safety Camp (Pennington County &amp; TRF)</b>                                      | <b>\$500</b>   |
| <i>Purchase of safety items for each child</i>  |                |
| <b>Thief River Falls Area Community Theater</b>                                       | <b>\$750</b>   |
| <i>Summer youth theatrical programs</i>   |                |

Red Lake Electric Cooperative's headquarter facilities will be closed Monday, May 30, in observation of Memorial Day and Monday, July 4, for Independence Day.

In case of an electrical outage or emergency, dial the after-hour phone number 218-253-2200.



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## OUR 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.



# Manager's Comments

by Roger Johannek



## It's that time of year

The summer thunderstorm season is soon upon us; it's also the time when those nuisance "blinks" increase in number on our electrical system. Of course when we are talking about blinks, I am referring to the short interruptions of power flow (about a second in length) that cause us to reset clocks on various appliances and electrical equipment.

While these blinks can be annoying, they are normally an indication our electrical system protection equipment is working properly. These blinks occur when an overcurrent condition is present on the line. These high-current conditions can be caused by lightning, a tree touching the line, a bird or animal shorting the line or any other conditions that provide a "short circuit" path for electricity to ground.

The blink occurs when the cooperative's protection equipment called an oil circuit reclosure (OCR) detects a high current condition. The OCR will automatically open the line for a second and then will reclose it. If the high current condition is gone, the OCR remains closed and members served by that line will notice one blink. If the high current condition is still present after the first reclose, the OCR will open again for a second. After closing three times in rapid succession, the OCR will stay open and a power interruption or line outage will occur. Once Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) learns of the outage problem and crews are dispatched, they will do a search along the line to locate the cause of the short circuit, repair it and reclose the OCR manually.

RLEC has 2,310 miles of overhead distribution lines throughout its system, exposed to nature's elements, as well as the elements created by human activity. Even with the ongoing line maintenance program, including tree trimming, pole testing and replacement, and other preventative measures we conduct, our electrical system will always be exposed to hazards that cause blinks and outage

events. We again ask for your patience and understanding as these blinks and outages occur and pledge our continued efforts to keep them to a minimum.

## Who you gonna call?

Two questions we frequently hear from the membership deal with power outages and underground cable locating.

**Service interruptions:** Occasionally our crews are dispatched to respond to a service interruption at a member's home only to find out the cause of the problem is on the "member" side of the meter. RLEC provides power to the meter and our obligation to restore power ends at the meter. When RLEC crews arrive and determine that there is power to the meter, a member will be asked to contact an electrician to assist them in finding and repairing their electrical problem. A member can determine if they have power to the meter by verifying if the red LED light on the meter is lit; if that light is on, there is power to the meter. At that point, the member should try to reset the breaker at the yard pole or the breakers in your home's service panel. Doing a check of these items prior to having RLEC crews dispatched will help you avoid an unnecessary service call charge from RLEC.

**Underground wire locates:** When members call in to Gopher One Call to notify of a dig you have planned, it is important to remember that locating utility underground facilities is the responsibility of the utility – in this case, Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Member-owned or private facilities (in this case, wires from the meter to your home or shop) are the homeowner's responsibility. If you need help in finding electrical contractors in your area to assist you in locating your wires, please call our office and we can provide you with a list of contractors that provide locating services.



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## Member Service Department

by Kelli Brateng

### Air-source heat pump ... a wise investment

An air-source heat pump (ASHP) will cool and dehumidify your home and will provide approximately 50 percent of your home's heating needs. It's a piece of equipment that will be used about nine months per year.

The initial investment for an ASHP is greater than a central AC, but the pay-back on the additional investment will be just a few years. This is possible because of the efficiency of the heat pump; an ASHP operates at 200 percent efficiency.

By adding a warm-flo plenum heater, the heat pump will provide a much greater percentage of your home's heating needs. Couple this with a fossil fuel furnace to take advantage of Red Lake Electric's off-peak electric heating rates and you'll have a very economical heating system.

Remember, Red Lake Electric is offering rebates on qualified HVAC systems:

- ASHP qualifies for \$400 energy credit
- Warm-flo plenum heater qualifies for \$500 energy credit

Let's not forget about our homes that don't have ductwork installed. A mini-split heat pump (MSHP) might be just the thing for you. The rebate on a qualified MSHP is a \$500 energy credit.

In addition to the rebates I stated above, RLEC also offers \$20 per kilowatt for electric heat (must be on an off-peak system) and \$100 per ton for an ASHP or mini-split heat pump.

### Electric water heaters ... reliable and affordable

Water heating is one of the largest energy expenses in most households, which makes it a smart area to improve efficiency. "Are there rebates for electric water heaters?" The answer is yes. We offer two types of rebate incentives on water heaters:

**PowerSavers rebate:** As part of Red Lake Electric's Conservation Improvement Program, also known as PowerSav-

ers, a member can receive a \$150 rebate if they install a water heater with a capacity of 80 gallons or greater and an energy factor of .91 or greater. The water heater must be controlled under RLEC's load management system.

In some cases a water heater purchase is not going to be made to get the PowerSavers rebate of \$150. Some households don't require a stored supply of 80 gallons or more of hot water. The cooperative is now offering a new kind of rebate incentive for electric water heaters.

#### RLEC electric water heater rebate:

This program has water heaters broken down into three different size categories. For those households that don't require an 80 gallon or greater water heater and have a 55 or less installed, you are eligible for a \$100 rebate. Water heaters that are 56-99 gallons are eligible for \$150 per unit and 100 gallons or larger can qualify for a \$200 incentive. Any water heater 80 gallons or larger is eligible to also receive the PowerSavers rebate stated above, follow-



## Cards of Thanks

Thank you so much for the \$75 electric bill credit you awarded me at the annual meeting. I appreciate it very much.

*David L. Peterson, Thief River Falls*

Thank you so much for the outdoor extension cord I won at the annual meeting. The meeting was educational and the noon meal delicious.

*Margaret Rupprecht, Thief River Falls*

I would like to thank you for the Presto Pizzazz Plus Pizza Oven. We will make good use of it.

*Jeannette Stoltman, Thief River Falls*

Thank you for the electric grill I won at the annual meeting. Thank you for the great service you give to us.

*Allen Remick, Red Lake Falls*

Thank you for all the information at the 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at the Ralph Engelstad Arena and the nice dinner. Also, thanks for the tie-down straps I won.

*Richard Kostrzewski, Rosewood*

We enjoyed the annual meeting and appreciated the main speaker - very informational. Food was great, as always.

*Lee & Lorena Nielson, Erskine*



Submit your recipes to be published in *Volts & Jolts*. Email to [redlake@minnkota.com](mailto:redlake@minnkota.com) or mail to: Red Lake Electric Cooperative, PO Box 430, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

### Rhubarb Dump Cake

4 cups chopped rhubarb (about 1 pound)  
 ½ cup sugar  
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 1 (3-oz.) pkg. strawberry JELL-O  
 1 pkg. yellow cake mix  
 1 cup cold water  
 5 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 9x13 pan, place rhubarb evenly over bottom of pan. Mix sugar and cinnamon together and sprinkle over rhubarb. Spread dry JELL-O mix over rhubarb and sugar layers. Add dry cake mix as the next layer, then cold water and finally the melted butter. Don't mix together.

Bake at 350° for 30-40 minutes or until golden brown.

ing the rebate requirements. There is an additional rebate of \$250 if you convert from natural gas or propane to an electric water heater. If you are building a new shop or house and install an electric water heater, you can qualify for an additional \$100. The water heater must be controlled under RLEC's load management system. Please refer to the back page of this issue to see all the water heater rebate requirements.

Thank you for sponsoring our 2016 Easter Egg Hunt and helping us to provide family-friendly activities in our community. We appreciate all your support.

*Red Lake Falls Women of Today*

I would like to thank RLEC for the jigsaw I won at the annual meeting. A special thank you to Vernon Rogalla for his wonderful accordion music and to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the delicious noon meal. Thank you to the board of directors and the RLEC employees for serving the meal and working together to make the very informative annual meeting an enjoyable and successful occasion.

*Gordy Henrickson, Goodridge*

Thank you so much for the electric skillet and Cabela's gift card we won at the RLEC annual meeting.

*Marian & Arnold Peterson, Thief River Falls*

Thank you for the electrical cord and knife set we were fortunate to win at the district meeting.

*Gary & Arlene Novak, St. Hilaire*





Sharptail Ridge Kennel owners Elisa and Eric Anderson are pictured with golden retrievers Tanner, left, and Misty.



# Sharptail Ridge

*By Evelyn Glass*

**W**elcoming barks greeted us as we entered Sharptail Ridge Kennel owned and operated by Eric and Elisa Anderson of St. Hilaire.

Their golden retrievers were excited to hear the voices and accompanying noise that signaled our arrival. Handsome Tanner was the first dog who met us with a happy wagging tail and a warm nuzzle to our outstretched hands. We were able to hold and cuddle the puppies from the litter of six who were just beginning to open their eyes. Only one word is needed to describe them, "adorable."

The Anderson family began their business of boarding, breeding and training dogs 14 years ago. Through the years they have received many trophies and

grand champion ribbons that display their purebreds' winning qualities. Customers who have bought their puppies have frequently driven great distances to have the Andersons board their dogs when they need that service because they value the good care they receive.

Golden retrievers are not all golden in color. Some are lighter colored and some are a deeper red color. All are beautiful and dog lovers are anxious to own them. Elisa told us that when puppies are born, their eyes and ears are both closed. Their ears open about the same time as their eyes.

Some of the dogs are more adept at hunting and seem to have more interest in hunting than others. Eric, who trains

the hunting dogs, uses wings and feathers. By letting them smell and play with the wings and feathers, he can determine their interest in the hunting aspect of their training and which dogs will like hunting.

Elisa is in charge of the obedience training part of the business. She spends lots of time playing with the dogs and taking them for walks, making sure they are minding their manners. While there, we observed how well they listened and did what they were asked to do. It was a joy to become acquainted with the mothers and Tanner.

Elisa also has trained the dogs to be therapy dogs and takes them to nursing homes and schools. The dogs have a calming effect and bring smiles of delight to the people as they interact with nursing home residents and the children at schools.

When clients bring their dogs to "puppy camp," the visiting dogs must have their shots and be healthy. The boarding dogs are kept in a separate kennel where they are fed and watered and taken for walks several times a day. Some of the boarders stay a week or more than a weekend while families are on vacation or away for the weekend.

All the dogs are fed well with "Life's Abundance" brand of special vet-formulated food. This is also available for sale at the kennel. The Andersons are willing to brush and bathe the dogs as an optional service.

Each of their five children have played an important part in the care and training of the dogs. Joshua is graduating this year from the University of Minnesota in Crookston with a degree in agronomy. Gianna, a writer, has finished college and Christa is the photographer of the family. Kiara is taking online college courses. Josiah is in eighth grade, doing home schooling. All of the children have taken part in various extra-curricular activities while being home-schooled through high school.

Their work with the dogs has given them the finances to be able to pay for their own activities. Joshua started a business of training dogs with a goal of helping to finance his college education. He began the business with a comprehensive business plan that included the financing of his business, cost per hour for training



and the food and other expenses involved. It worked so well that the younger children also followed the plan and continued to do likewise.

4-H was an important part of their lives as they grew and developed their business acumen and their skills in meeting people and working with their clients. They have received several trophies when showing their dogs at the local fairs. A friendly competition was entered into by the children as they competed against each other.

Along with training, breeding and boarding dogs, the Andersons board horses. People who live in town and have a horse bring them to their acreage. The owners come out to ride and visit their horses whenever they want. The Andersons are in the process of creating an outdoor arena where they will have a safe area to ride.

They also have a room where the owners are able to store their tack. The horses have pasture to graze in during the summer months and are sheltered in the barn during inclement weather.

The Andersons appreciate the reliability of Red Lake Electric's electric services. This service helps to keep their dogs and boarding guests warm and content through our Minnesota winters.

To learn more about Sharptail Ridge Kennel, check their web page at [www.sharptailridge.com](http://www.sharptailridge.com) or [www.sharptailridgepantry.com](http://www.sharptailridgepantry.com) or call them at 218-964-5397.



When Joshua was younger, he started a business of training dogs to help finance his college education.



The five children of Eric and Elisa Anderson all play an important part in the care and training of the dogs. Eric and Elisa's children: back row from left, Gianna, Joshua and Christa; front row from left, Kiara and Josiah.



Sadie and Tanner enjoy time outside with their six puppies. The puppies' eyes and ears are just starting to open.



Sharptail Ridge offers a dog boarding service. The Andersons have recently remodeled the indoor kennels for the dogs being boarded along with their own golden retrievers. Dogs must be up-to-date on their vaccinations. Please visit the website for more information on their boarding service, [www.sharptailridge.com](http://www.sharptailridge.com).

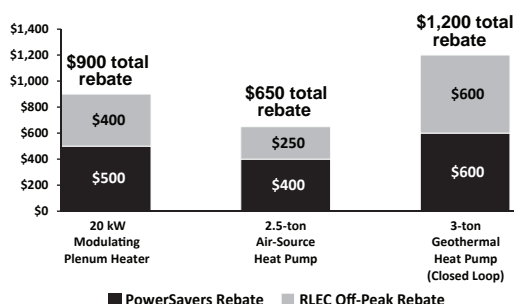


## QUICK TAKES

A look at some statistics  
from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

Red Lake Electric Cooperative promotes the use of electric heat by offering rebates to customers who install new equipment that are qualifying products. PowerSavers HVAC rebates are based per unit with the exception of the ground-source heat pump rebate, which is based per ton. Red Lake Electric's off-peak incentive will receive \$20 per kW on electric heating equipment, \$100 per ton on air-source heat pumps and \$200 per ton on ground-source heat pumps. Call us today at 1-800-245-6068 or 218-253-2168 if you have any questions on how to qualify for rebates from Red Lake Electric Cooperative.

### Red Lake Electric Cooperative Rebates!



## NOTICE OF NAMES

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

## Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. OPERATING REPORT

### MONTHLY COMPARISON

|   | March 2015  | March 2016  |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total revenue                             | \$1,310,215 | \$1,211,654 |
| Total margins                             | \$153,884   | \$108,036   |
| Cost of power                             | \$911,591   | \$863,676   |
| kWhs purchased                            | 12,694,554  | 11,320,520  |
| Capital credits paid to estates           | \$2,923     | \$4,016     |
| Average outage time in minutes per member | 4.8         | 10.2        |

### YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

|   | March 2015  | March 2016  |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total revenue                             | \$4,347,638 | \$4,041,773 |
| Total margins                             | \$529,139   | \$323,514   |
| Cost of power                             | \$3,021,259 | \$2,902,130 |
| kWhs purchased                            | 45,075,272  | 40,596,179  |
| New service connections                   | 1           | 3           |
| Customers served                          | 5,322       | 5,368       |
| Capital credits paid to estates           | \$9,802     | \$17,607    |
| Average outage time in minutes per member | 6.3         | 17.8        |
| Miles of line – Overhead                  | 2,327       | 2,317       |
| Miles of line – Underground               | 270         | 279         |

# Power Plant Tour

Wednesday-Thursday  
June 29-30, 2016

Red Lake Electric Cooperative and Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative plan to co-sponsor a tour of the Milton R. Young power plant June 29-30.

The first day of the trip will include a stop at Minnkota Power Cooperative's headquarters in Grand Forks. An afternoon stop will be taken at Garrison Dam and a relaxing evening will be spent at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan, N.D., which will include a banquet sponsored by Minnkota Power Cooperative.

The second day of the tour includes visiting the Milton R. Young generation station near Center, N.D. It will also include a drive through the open pit lignite mines (weather permitting) to see the mining operation. You are guaranteed to have a better understanding (6309001.10 Jeremiah Johnson) of the process involved with generating the electricity that serves you.

The cost to participate in the tour is \$80 per person double occupancy, \$100 single occupancy. This includes transportation, meals and lodging. The tour is open to all Red Lake Electric Cooperative members and/or spouses.

The tour group will depart from Red Lake Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Red Lake Falls at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 29. Approximate time of return is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

Registrations and payment are due by June 15. If you have not taken this tour, sign up today for a learning experience.



BNI Coal mine

## Power Plant Tour Registration June 29 and 30, 2016

Sign up deadline is June 15, 2016

NAME OF PARTICIPANTS

ADDRESS(ES)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**\$80 Per Participant Double Occupancy – \$100 Per Participant Single Occupancy**

Return to RLEC, P.O. Box 430, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, along with your check. RLEC will contact you later with details. Your check or deposit will be returned if the tour should be canceled for some reason. If it becomes necessary for you to cancel on the trip, it is required that you notify RLEC at least 48 hours before departure to be eligible for a refund. Registration for the trip is on a first-come, first-serve basis with a limited number of openings. If you have previously taken the trip, you will be put on a space availability standby.



## TOP 10 DAIRY COW FACTS

1. Did you know only females should be called cows? Males are called bulls. A cow begins giving milk once she delivers her first calf at about 2 years of age.
2. In the U.S., there are seven different dairy cow breeds, including Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn and Red and White Holstein.
3. A cow's weight can vary between 1,000 to 1,800 pounds depending on the breed. The average dairy cow weighs between 1,300 and 1,500 pounds.
4. Depending on the part of the country and the weather conditions, dairy cows live in "freestall" barns, open lots with shady areas or in a pasture. In freestall barns cows eat, drink, sleep and move around as they like.
5. Have you ever noticed that a cow always seems to be chewing something? Dairy cattle are ruminant animals with one stomach that has four compartments. This means a cow can swallow its food and then bring it back up again to continue chewing it.
6. A dairy cow will eat about 100 pounds of nutritious feed and drink about between 30 and 50 gallons of water each day.
7. A cow's diet consists of feed that is a special recipe and usually includes a combination of hay, grain, silage and proteins (such as soybean meal), plus vitamins and minerals specifically formulated just for them.
8. Dairy cows get regular visits from veterinarians and nutritionists.
9. Cows are milked two to three times a day.
10. A single dairy cow will produce 6 to 8 gallons of milk per day. That is about 90 glasses of milk a day!

Source: Midwest Dairy Association



## Cards of Thanks

Thank you so much for the Presto electric skillet we received as a door prize at the 2016 annual meeting. We enjoy coming to the meetings to see and hear everyone. Also, the meal was really delicious and well served. Thanks again.

Don & Shirley Grochow  
Thief River Falls

I was thrilled to win one of the handmade bur oak bowls at the annual meeting. Thanks for another tasty, well-run meeting and for my bowl.

Sue Dupree  
Thief River Falls

A BIG thanks for the milk and ice cream you donated to our site. These "treats" are greatly appreciated and enjoyed by our seniors.

Gail Healy, Dining Site Manager  
Sunview Dining Center

**RLEC Trust:** A sincere thank you to the members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative for your generous grant to Pioneer 90.1.

Mark Johnson, Pioneer 90.1 Station Manager  
Northland Community & Technical College

**RLEC Trust:** On behalf of the St. Hilaire Senior Center, we would like to give a sincere "thank you" to the Red Lake Electric Trust. With the \$500 grant given, we are able to complete the improvements needed to make the building more handicap accessible.

Bernard Huot, Treasurer  
St. Hilaire Senior Center

## Can you help us locate any of the following?

The following people have capital credit refunds due them. Checks mailed to their last-known address have been returned by the Postal Service. If you can provide a current address for someone who is listed or the name and address of an heir if they are deceased, call or write Red Lake Electric Cooperative, PO Box 430, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750; 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

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# *New electric water heater rebates available!*

Enjoy reliable hot water and save money at the same time with help from Red Lake Electric Cooperative's electric water heater rebate program.

Water heating is one of the largest energy expenses in most households, which makes it a smart area to improve efficiency. New electric water heaters are among the most efficient, dependable and durable products on the market today. And with great new incentives from Red Lake Electric, it has never been more affordable to upgrade.

All rebate-qualifying water heaters must be on the off-peak program, which allows your water heater to draw electricity during times of low energy demand, such as late at night, when it's less expensive. The water heater is temporarily turned off during high energy demand periods, helping you save money on your monthly bill. Participants in the off-peak program receive a lower monthly rate for the electricity their water heater uses.

| <b>Electric Water Heaters<br/>(must be on off-peak)</b>  | <b>Incentive<br/>Per Unit</b> |
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| 55 gallon or less  | <b>\$100</b>                  |
| 56-99 gallon   | <b>\$150</b>                  |
| 100 gallon or greater  | <b>\$200</b>                  |
| Additional rebate for new building construction  | <b>\$100</b>                  |
| Additional rebate for conversion from existing natural gas or propane  | <b>\$250</b>                  |
| Additional PowerSavers rebate for 80-gallon or greater (with Energy Factor (EF) equal to or greater than 0.91) | <b>\$150</b>                  |

## **Rebate requirements:**

- Must be a new purchased electric water heater installed on Red Lake Electric's system.
- Must be on off-peak/load control.
- Must be at least 240 volts and hard-wired.
- Tankless water heaters do not qualify for rebate.
- Hybrid heat pump water heaters do not qualify for rebate.
- Multifamily dwellings do not qualify for rebate; however, exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Rebate limit of \$500 per member/customer account.
- Maximum \$300 rebate for the coupling of two water heaters in parallel or series.
- Other restrictions may apply.



***Please contact Red Lake Electric Cooperative today to find out more about the water heater rebate program or the many other great programs available to you!***