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Operation Round Up® Grants Total \$9,750

The Red Lake Electric Trust board met recently and awarded 14 grants to area non-profit and community organizations that totaled \$9,750. Since its inception in 1993, Operation Round-Up grants totaling \$355 thousand have been gifted to area community organizations.

The Red Lake Electric Trust receives money for grants from the Operation Round Up program administered by the Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Today, 90% of Red Lake Electric's members voluntarily "round-up" their monthly bill for the Operation Round Up program.

Four area emergency services providers received grants. The Thief River Falls Volunteer Fire Department received \$1,500 towards the purchase of pagers for department volunteers as did the Plummer Volunteer Fire Department who also received \$1,500 towards the purchase of new pagers for their department fire fighters. The Newfolden Fire Department was awarded \$1,500 to help fund an Infrared Thermal Imager. The Red Lake (2713001.03 Mark L. Winger) Falls Volunteer Ambulance Service is raising funds that will be used towards the purchase of new pagers and a power lift cot;

they were gifted \$1,000 from Operation Round-Up to help fund their equipment purchase.

Area youth will benefit from Operation Round Up grants made to the following organizations: Pennington County and Thief River Falls Safety Camp received \$500 that will be used to purchase bicycle helmets, inline skating protective equipment and other safety accessories given to the youth during their annual safety camp. Christmas for Pennington County received \$500 to be used for Christmas gifts for needy children.

Little Brother/Little Sister Program of Marshall County received \$250 for their youth program activities which involves pairing positive adult role models with children in need of their support. The Early Childhood Family Education in Plummer and Red Lake Falls received \$250 each for youth safety camp prizes and expenses incurred for their annual youth safety camp. The Silverton 4-H club received \$200 which will be used to purchase materials for benches they will build and use at the Pennington County Fair.

The Violence Intervention Project in Thief River Falls received \$750 for their Umbrella Tree Pro-

gram that provides supervised child visitations. Pennington & Red Lake County Crime Victim Services was awarded \$500 for basic necessities of sexual assault victims and printed materials in the emergency room.

Prairie Community Services of Thief River Falls was granted \$300 which will help them purchase an exercise bike and games for disadvantaged adults. \$750 was awarded to the TRF Area Food Shelf to help them stock their shelves for the needy and low income families of all ages.

The RLE Trust Board of Directors determines grants two times per year, in March and September. Serving on the board are Randy Knutson, President, Newfolden; Van Swanson, Vice-President, TRF; and Bonnie Cote, Secretary/Treasurer, Trail; Ex-officio directors are Bonnie Christians of Crookston and Roger Johannek of Red Lake Falls, representing Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Grant applications are available at the Red Lake Electric Cooperative Office or by visiting their web site at www.redlakeelectric.com. The next deadline for Operation Round-up grant applications is March 2nd, 2011.



Newfolden Fire Department benefits from Operation RoundUp

The Newfolden Fire Department was recently awarded an Operation RoundUp grant in the amount of \$1500 from Red Lake Electric Trust. The grant will be used to help purchase an infrared thermal imager. Fire department volunteers accepted the check from Randy Knutson, Red Lake Electric Trust director. Pictured left to right are; Bryan Maurstad, assistant chief; Greg Hufnagle; Lori Lindholm; Jim Pederson, assistant chief; Knutson; Derick Converse; Kent Warne.

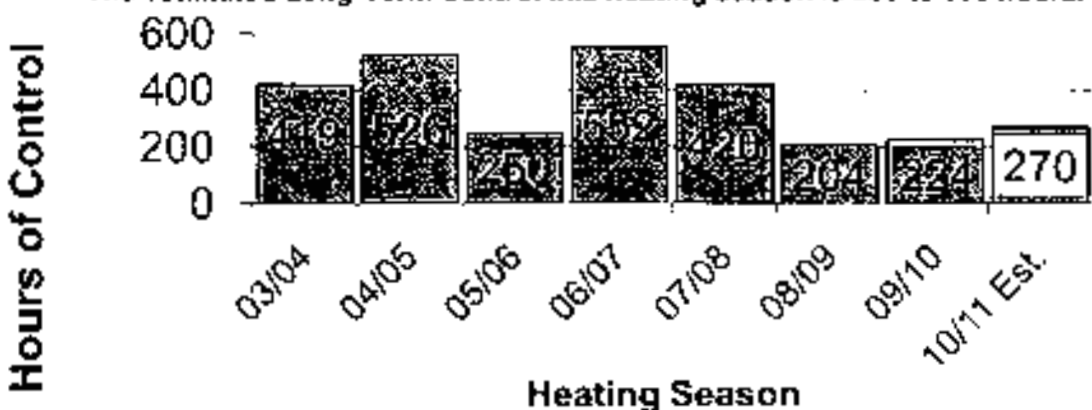
QUICK TAKES

A look at some statistics from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

The chart below shows the amount of Off-Peak control time for Red Lake Electric Cooperative's customers over the past seven heating seasons, and the expected control time for this winter. Off-Peak loads are controlled when the demand for electricity exceeds generation capacity. This load control system has enabled the Minnkota Power Systems to better utilize its electric generation facilities and avoid costly generation to cover peak loads. In turn, Red Lake Electric Cooperative has passed these savings on to its members. The reduced amount of load control the past two winters and what is expected this year is, in part, a result of additional wind generation capacity added to Minnkota Power Systems generation resources.

Off-Peak Long-Term Control Hours

The estimated Long-Term Control this heating season is 250 to 300 hours.



In November, Red Lake Electric Cooperative's power supplier, Minnkota Power Cooperative, will be conducting a residential member survey. The goal of this survey is to reveal energy appliance and energy use information that is critical in helping to determine the future power needs of our electric system. A sample of residential members from our system will be selected to participate in the survey. If you are selected to participate and receive a survey in the mail, we ask that you take some time to complete and return it. We value your feedback!"

Local. Trusted. Serving You!

Co-op Month 2010 is a chance to celebrate our business model's contribution to economic recovery! Our 2010 theme — "Local. Trusted. Serving You." — underlines that co-ops are tied to their local communities in ways that other businesses are not.

Cooperatives fall into four categories: consumer, producer, worker and purchasing/shared services.

Cooperatives are businesses that:

- **are owned and democratically controlled by their members**—the people who use the co-op's services or buy its goods—not by investors.
- **return margins.** Surplus revenues (income over expenses and investment) are referred to as margins in an electric cooperative.

These margins are returned to members proportionate to their use of the cooperative, not proportionate to their ownership share. Unlike investor-owned utilities, margins are retained locally - not sent off to distant stockholders as dividend payments.

- **are motivated by service to their members, not by profit.** Electric cooperatives operate as not-for-profit entities through the retirement of margins as Capital Credits.

The cooperative business model has shown that it can lead economic and social change. Cooperatives cooperate in every industry including agriculture, childcare, energy, financial services, food retailing and distribution, health care, insurance, housing, purchasing and shared services, telecommunications, and others.

There are more than 72,000 cooperative establishments in the United States providing over 2 million jobs. Americans (5501002.15 Lori Orr) hold more than 350 million memberships in cooperatives, which generate nearly \$79 billion in total impact from patronage dividends and refunds.

The Co-op Advantage

There are seven principles that set Red Lake Electric Cooperative apart from other forms of utilities.

Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.

Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Red Lake Electric members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) in electing their director representatives. The board of directors is elected by and is accountable to the co-op membership.

Non-Profit and Return of Capital Credits

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. Cooperatives do not issue stock. Surpluses are margins, not profits, and they are returned to the members.

Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are not governmental organizations. They are privately owned, autonomous corporations controlled by their members.

Education, Training, and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. Cooperative organizations seek to inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders about the business model and benefits of cooperation.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures. For example, Red Lake Electric Cooperative is part of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Concern for Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their local communities through policies accepted by their members. The Operation Round Up® program is an example of how Red Lake Electric Cooperative is able to leverage the generosity of its members to assist local efforts that support educational activities and increase the quality of life in our region.



Extension cord safety Make smart connections

During the holiday season, families often string together extension cords without a second thought. Unfortunately, not all cords are created equal.

Just because an extension cord can reach an outlet across a room doesn't mean it's the right one for the task at hand. If a tool, appliance, or holiday display draws more current than an extension cord can carry, it may cause the cord (and whatever is connected to it) to overheat and start a fire.



Cords come in many lengths and are marked with a size or gauge. The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the smaller the AWG number.

For example, a 12-gauge wire would be larger and power larger wattage appliances than a 14-gauge wire. A cord, based on its gauge, can power appliances of a certain wattage only at specific distances. As the cord gets longer, the current-carrying capacity of the cord drops.

Using the right cord for the job is only the first step

in using extension cords safely. Follow these tips to ensure safe use and make smart connection decisions:

- Look for the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) symbol. The UL mark means that samples of the cord have been tested for safety hazards.

- Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors, as it could result in electric shock or trigger a fire. Extension cords that can be used outdoors will be clearly marked "Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances."

- Extension cords should not be placed underneath rugs or other heavy furniture; tacked in place to a wall or taped down; or used while coiled or bent. Match the length of the cord to your needs.

- Store all cords indoors when not in use. Outdoor conditions can deteriorate a cord over time.

- Unplug extension cords when not in use. The cord will continue conducting electricity until unplugged.

- On cords with more than one outlet, use the covers provided for unused openings. Children and pets face serious injury if they chew on unused outlets or stick sharp metal objects into the openings.

- Do not use extension cords that are cut or damaged. Touching even a single exposed strand of wire can result in an electric shock or burn.

- Never file or cut the plug blades or grounding pin of an extension cord or appliance to plug it into an old outlet.

- As a safety feature, extension cords and most appliances boast polarized plugs (one blade wider than the other). These special plugs are designed to prevent electric shock by properly aligning circuit conductors. If a plug does not fit, have a qualified electrician install a new outlet.



Manager's Comments

by Roger Johanneck

The outlook on wholesale power costs

A frequent message to members in this column, newsletter and at our Membership meetings the past few years has been about the rising cost of wholesale power. Our power supplier, Minnkota Power Cooperative has seen it's cost of doing business increase significantly the past few years and in turn, our cost to purchase energy from Minnkota and sell to our members has gone up too. Because wholesale power costs make up such a large portion of our cost to provide you with electric service, it is difficult to absorb Minnkota's price increases and not pass them on to our members.

In 1980, just over 62% of our cost of providing service to our members was wholesale power (generation, transmission & substation) cost; the balance of cost is made up of what we refer to as distribution expenses. The distribution portion is made of our cost to deliver energy from Minnkota Power's substation to your meter. By the end of 2010, the generation, transmission and substation or wholesale power cost portion of our total cost of service, will increase to just over 72%. The shift in those portions between wholesale power costs and distribution expenses tells us that the cost to generate electricity and deliver that energy over the transmission system is rising faster than our distribution system expenses.

I have included a chart this month to illustrate the Wholesale

Power cost trends for Minnkota Power Cooperative and Distribution cost trends for Red Lake Electric Cooperative from 1980 to 2010. A third line added to the graph is the Consumer Price Index line for the same 30 year period.

One other part to the rising wholesale power cost message that we have shared with you has been the projections of how much Minnkota expects their increases to be. Last winter during our member meetings; wholesale power cost rates were expected to increase 7.5% in March of 2010 and 9% in 2011. The good news bad news part of that projection was that Minnkota's rate increase to RLEC and Minnkota's member systems was 5% in March (6103002.03 Duane L. Nelson) of this year but projections for 2011 look to be significantly higher than their original 9% estimate.

The increases to Minnkota's ris-

ing cost of power can be linked to the following reasons:

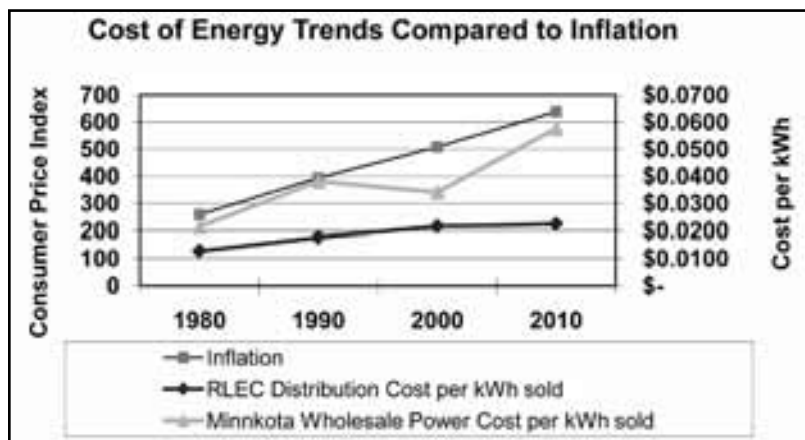
1) Environmental upgrades mandated to Minnkota Power by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Minnkota's cost to meet the EPA mandates will total \$400 million over a five year construction period.

2) Minnesota's renewable energy standard that became law in 2007 and required that by 2025, 25% of the energy sold in Minnesota be from renewable sources.

3) Investments in transmission lines to bring renewable energy into the grid.

4) The Minnesota Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) to reduce energy consumption by 1.5% annually.

The cost of compliance with these regulations is not cheap to Minnkota and is reflected in the increase costs to this Cooperative and it's members monthly energy



The laws of good intentions

by Mark Glaess, Manager
Minnesota Rural Electric Association

This probably wasn't a good month for Japan and by extension our country. Angry that the Japanese detained a Chinese fishing boat captain, China threatened to end the sale of "rare earth" to Japan.

Rare earth elements are a key mineral in wind turbines, hybrid cars, solar panels and batteries. Since China controls a majority of the world supply of "rare earth", and about 90 percent of the world's lithium used in batteries, this embargo is more severe than imposed by OPEC, which includes 12 Middle East Countries. Not surprisingly, Japan sprung the trawler

captain from captivity.

Think about this: One country has a monopoly on the minerals needed for the so-called green economy. Minnesota has a mandate that by 2025, 25% of all electricity generated comes from wind. Today we are tithing at 10% and Minnesota trades places with California in the nation's wind production behind Iowa and Texas.

Legislators support the development of home-grown energy like wind turbines. It is the law of good intentions which ignored that Minnesota and the United States renewable energy efforts are captive to China.

China is investing heavily into

"clean" technology using their dominance of rare metals to do so. At the same time, China surpassed the U.S. in carbon emissions because that country has major coal reserves, the same as the United States. Electrification is the reason why China surpassed Japan as the world's second largest economy behind the United States. Electrification is the reason why China is intent on new generating technology.

Electric cooperatives by and large have met the state's renewable mandates. We're eager adopters. However, this co-op also receives a goodly portion of their electricity from coal. Different groups and some legislators are intent on either making coal-generated electrons more expensive than that generated by renewable (but intermittent) sources.

Their thinking is by driving coal out of the equation, green jobs will appear in abundance. Spain and Germany thought likewise. Those countries have since discovered for every so-called green job created, over two manufacturing jobs disappeared. More (7222002.06 John G. Baird) mandates for clean energy coupled with efforts to drive up



bill.

By next month at this time, we will know more about the rates Minnkota will be charging us in 2011. One thing almost certain is that Minnkota's renewable energy surcharge that we had hoped would end this year will not, and most likely will continue throughout 2011. Market energy rates continue to remain low because of the economic conditions we are in and Minnkota expects that will not change much in the coming year. As you know from the bill you receive each month; Minnkota's renewable energy surcharge amounts to a half-cent per kWh.

As you ponder the news I have shared with you here, I hope you find some consolation in knowing that we have been, as illustrated in the energy trend graph, comparing favorably with inflation trends and with our cost of operations here at RLEC. You can be assured that the directors you have elected and the employees we have staffed; pledge their continued effort to do a good job for you. If you would like to have more of a say on the rising cost of wholesale power cost; please share your message, your concerns, with elected officials and those that are running for office this next election. Ask them what they plan to do to ensure that future legislation will not have a negative impact on your monthly energy bill and all the goods and services that are dependent on reasonably priced electric energy.

coal-generated electricity will-and you can make book on this -drive jobs out of the state and disadvantage every Minnesotan's efforts to pay their electric bill. Prosperity comes from cheap electricity -a proverb reverberating in China -but sadly, not in this state.

The law of good intentions frequently lead us on a path we are sadly acquainted. This is the time to ask your legislators if their path of good intentions on energy will lead to higher rates.

Veterans' Day Closing

In observance of Veterans' Day,
Red Lake Electric Cooperative's
headquarters will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 11.

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

Thank you to all military personnel,
past and present, who have served
and are serving this great nation,
the United States of America.

Top dairy herds for August DHIA

Randy Rasmussen, supervisor of the Red Lake-Pennington DHIA, put the following herds at top 10 in the association for August.

Name	Cows	% in milk	lbs. milk	test	lbs. fat	protein	lbs. protein
Northstar Dairy LLC 3X	1098	91	74	3.7	2.7	3.1	2.3
Spring Prairie Colony	362	88	72	3.6	2.6	3.0	2.1
Wayra Dairy 3X	275	88	68	3.3	2.2	2.8	1.9
Beyer Bros. Farm	78	94	68	3.2	2.2	2.9	2.0
Walter Bros. Farm	355	84	65	3.6	2.3	2.9	1.9
Robert & Terri Dahlen	54	87	64	3.4	2.2	3.0	1.9
Amundson Dairy	71	83	62	3.2	2.0	3.0	1.9
BLY Dairy Farm Inc.	245	87	56	3.6	2.0	2.8	1.6
Neuschwander Dairy	41	100	56	3.2	1.8	2.8	1.6
CB Farms LLC	51	90	53	3.5	1.9	3.0	1.6

The herd averages are affected by the number of dry cows in the herd. The amount of milk or butterfat is averaged out over all the cows. This gives the farmer a record of the earning power of the herd for the month. If too many dry cows are included in the herd, then the average for the month may be low, even though the cow that is milking produces a lot of milk.

Top dairy herds for September DHIA

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Name	Cows	% in milk	lbs. milk	test	lbs. fat	protein	lbs. protein
Walter Bros. Farm	345	90	72	3.7	2.6	3.0	2.1
Wayra Dairy 3X	268	88	72	3.3	2.4	2.9	2.1
Northstar Dairy LLC 3X	1085	89	70	3.3	2.3	3.1	2.2
Spring Prairie Colony	372	89	70	3.9	2.7	3.1	2.2
Beyer Bros. Farm	74	89	67	3.3	2.2	3.1	2.2
Robert and Terri Dahlen	56	82	62	3.3	2.0	3.1	1.9
BLY Dairy Farm Inc.	247	90	55	3.8	2.1	3.0	1.6
Schafer Farm	80	98	55	3.8	2.1	3.2	1.8
Amundson Dairy	74	78	54	3.9	2.1	3.2	1.7
Tony Gerardy	44	100	54	3.6	1.9	3.1	1.7

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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 \$50 collection fee will be charged to your account, even if you pay the collector.

To have a disconnected service reconnected, all amounts owing, a \$50 reconnection fee, and a security deposit must be paid. If the service must be reconnected after normal working hours, a \$100 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 \$19 to \$25 month
First 500 KWH9.0¢ Kwh
Over 500 KWH (April-Dec.)7.2¢ Kwh
Over 500 KWH (Jan.-Mar.)8.0¢ Kwh
Multiphase users add \$18/month cost of service charge.

Standby, \$10/month (meter disconnected but the power line retained; standby is not available on services larger than 15 KVA transformer capacity).

Security light, \$7/month, high pressure sodium, \$8/month, mercury vapor; water heater flat credit, \$5/month (on January-April billing); off-peak equipment charge, \$4.50/month per heat meter; off-peak electric heat rate, 4.2¢/kWh long-term control, 6.2¢/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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WE PROUDLY PRESENT TO YOU

The Red Lake Electric Cooperative Customer Service Guarantee



It's short and simple! Red Lake Electric Cooperative employees will meet or exceed your expectations of friendly, courteous service and will meet any commitments they make to you. If your expectations of the service provided by our employees is not met, please contact me at the Red Lake Electric Cooperative office, 253-2168. You will receive \$5.00 for your inconvenience and our promise to serve you better in the future. Our employees' commitment to quality customer service makes this guarantee possible.



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NOTICE

Hidden within the text of the articles on the pages of this issue of the Volts & Jolts are the names and account numbers of five RLEC members. They will appear within the articles in parenthesis as such (99-99-99-999-99 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

Sugarless Apple Pie

6 cups sliced peeled tart apples (about 4 large)
1/3 cup apple juice concentrate 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 tsp ground cinnamon 1 unbaked pastry shell (9Inches)\
1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts

In a large bowl, combine the first four ingredients; let stand for 15 minutes. Stir and pour into pastry shell. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°; bake 40-50 minutes longer or until apples are tender. Cover edges with foil during the last 15 minutes if necessary. Yield: 8 servings. Diabetic Exchanges: One serving equals 11/2 fat, 1 starch, 1 fruit; also, 195 calories, 63 mg sodium, 5 mg cholesterol, 32 gm carbohydrate, 2 gm protein, 8 gm fat.

Chocolate Chip Cupcakes

1 pkg (18-1/2 ounces) yellow cake mix
1 pkg (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil 4 eggs
1 cup (6 oz) miniature semisweet chocolate chips
1 can (16 oz) chocolate or vanilla frosting
Additional miniature semisweet chocolate chips. optional

In a mixing bowl, combine cake and pudding mixes, water, oil and eggs; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 4 minutes. Stir in chocolate chips. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups with 1/4 cup batter. Bake at 375° for 18-22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Frost. Decorate with additional chips if desired. Yield: 2-1/2 dozen.

Chocolate Bottom Mini Cupcakes

Filling:
1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
1 egg
1/3 cup sugar
1/8 tsp salt
1 cup (6 oz) semisweet chocolate chips

Batter:
1 cup water
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 tbs vinegar
1 tsp vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup baking cocoa

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, egg, sugar and salt until smooth. Stir in chocolate chips; set aside. For batter, combine water, oil, vinegar and vanilla in another mixing bowl. Combine remaining ingredients; add to the liquid mixture and beat well (batter will be thin). Spoon about 2 teaspoons of batter into greased or paper-lined miniature muffin cups. Top with about 1 teaspoon of filling. Bake at 350° for 18-23 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in chocolate portion comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yield: 6 dozen.

Pear Cranberry Crisp

6 cups sliced peeled pears
1 cup 'cranberries
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbs all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/8 tsp ground cloves

Topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup cold butter or margarine
Whipped cream and fresh mint, optional

Combine the first eight ingredients; mix well. Pour into a greased 9-in. square baking pan. For topping, combine flour, brown sugar, oats and salt; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit. Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes or until pears are tender. Garnish with whipped cream and mint if desired. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Egg & Tomato Scramble

1 plum tomato, peeled and chopped
1 tsp chopped fresh basil or 1/4 tsp dried basil
1 egg or egg substitute equivalent
1 tsp water
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tsp olive or vegetable oil, optional
1 slice bread, toasted

Options: Additional fresh basil, alfalfa sprouts

In a small bowl, combine tomato and basil; set aside. In another bowl, beat egg, water and garlic. Heat oil if desired in a small nonstick skillet; add egg mixture. Cook and stir gently until egg is nearly set. Add tomato mixture and salt and pepper if desired. Cook and stir until egg is completely set and tomato is heated through. Serve with toast. Garnish with basil if desired. Yield: 1 serving. Diabetic Exchanges: One serving (prepared with egg substitute and without oil and salt) equals 1 starch, 1 meat; also, 152 calories, 289 mg sodium, 1 mg cholesterol, 20 gm carbohydrate, 11 gm protein, 4 gm fat.

Pear Crumb Pie

1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
2 to 3 tbs cold water

Filling:
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 tbs cornstarch
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1/8 tsp salt
Dash ground nutmeg
6 cups thinly sliced peeled pears
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Topping:
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup cold butter or margarine

In a bowl, combine flour and salt; cut in shortening until crumbly. Sprinkle with water; toss until mixture is moist enough to shape into a ball. On a floured surface, rollout pastry to fit a 9-in. pie pan. Flute edges. Combine filling ingredients; spoon into the crust. Bake at 400° for 25 minutes. For topping, combine flour and brown sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over filling. Bake 40 minutes longer. Cover edges with foil during the last 15 minutes to prevent overbrowning if necessary. Yield: 6-8 servings.

From the Mail Bag

Dear RLEC:
Today we received your generous gift of \$1,500 presented to the Newfolden Fire Department!
Thank you very much!
This gift from Operation RoundUp brings us one step closer to achieving our goal of purchasing a thermal imager.
We are very grateful and ask that you accept our most sincere appreciation!

Tammy Hansen
On behalf of the
Newfolden Fire Department

Dear RLEC:
On behalf of the Thief River Falls and Pennington County Safety Camp Committee, I would like to thank you and the Board of Directors for the financial support that you give to our Safety Camp through your Operation RoundUp program.
Your generosity will continue to be used towards safety education for 120 second and third graders in June of 2011. With financial support from organizations such as yours, it will be possible to once again conduct this camp to teach children the importance of safety that could one day save their lives.

Madelyn Vigen
Dir. of Parks and Recreation

Dear RLEC:
Dear RLEC Board of Directors and members of RLEC's Operation RoundUp who voluntarily round up their electric bill. On behalf of the Thief River Falls Fire Department I want to thank you for your grant of \$1,500.
This money will be used to replace 3 pagers carried by our volunteers. We realize you receive many requests for your grant money and feel very fortunate to be one of the recipients of this grant. Thank you again, and remember to keep checking your Smoke and CO detectors.

Barry Newton - Co Fire Chief
Thief River Falls Fire Dept

Dear RLEC:
Thank you so much for the recent Operation RoundUp grant you awarded us which will benefit our Little Brother, Little Sister Program of Marshall County.
Your gift is appreciated and will be used to help fund group events throughout the year. Last February, we enjoyed a bowling and pizza party in Thief River Falls. In August, we met at the Old Mill State Park for Grinding Days and also enjoyed swimming and a picnic. This upcoming winter, we hope to have a Water Park gathering.
At this time, there are approximately 15 pairings in Marshall County that enriches the lives of boys and girls with a positive role model and friend.
Thank you for your generosity.

Denise St. Germain
Case Aide for Volunteer
Services

Dear RLEC:
I just wanted to thank you for the grant from Operation RoundUp. We appreciate your support of the Pennington/Red Lake County Victim Services Program.
We will do what we can for the victims of sexual assault, and this grant will provide services for those victims. Thank you again.

Karen Stavnes
Pennington County Crime
Victim Services

Dear RLEC:
Thank you so much for your donation towards the Red Lake County Fair! We all greatly appreciate it!
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MONTHLY COMPARISON

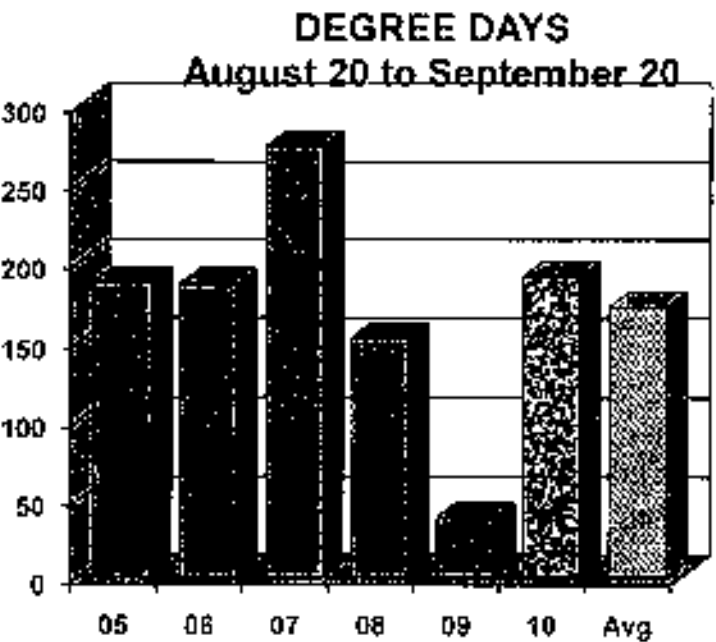
	AUGUST 2009	AUGUST 2010
Total Revenue	\$ 595,943	\$ 797,470
Total Margins	\$ (64,004)	\$ (24,274)
Cost of Power	\$ 444,655	\$ 563,135
KWH's Purchased	7,274,107	9,137,544
Capital Credits Paid to Estates ..	\$ 9,647	\$ 6012

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

	AUGUST 2009	AUGUST 2010
Total Revenue	\$6,796, 232	7,453,684
Total Margins	\$ 690,637	\$ 491,014
Cost of Power	\$ 4,270,563	\$ 5,025,836
KWH's Purchased	94,616,014	91,588,493
New Service Connections	21	30
Customers Served	5,161	5,206
Capital Credits Paid to Estates ..	\$ 48,876	\$ 58,115
Miles of Line		
Overhead	2,319	2,325
Underground	235	235

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.



Double circuit line rebuilt north of Thief River Falls

One of this past summer's line projects was to rebuild a section of a double circuit line north of Thief River Falls. The line is from the Dakota substation and crosses Highway 32 by Evans Scrap and Steel. Nearly 1/2 mile of the line was rebuilt by Evans due to the rebuild of county (2703004.04 Steve Broten) road 31. It is called a double circuit line as there are two sets of three phase wires from two different bays of the substation.



Once the poles were set for the new double circuit line Red Lake Electric linemen Alan Cota, left, and Casey Thronson work to untie the wires from an old structure and transfer them to a new structure.

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Line personnel Dick Gervais, left, and Brett Knott do work on one of the new double circuit structures. The structure also serves as the take off for the three-phase service for Evans Scrap and Steel.



Brett Knott makes the final connections on the service pole for Evans Scrap and Steel. Evans along with a few other members were without electrical service for a few hours while the transition work was being done. All other members continued to receive electric service during the transition as feeder lines were switched and back fed from other directions.



The two overhead circuits separate and terminate on two different riser poles where the overhead wires are connected to underground cable. The right structure is for service to members immediately NW of Thief River Falls in four sections of North Township. The left structure is for service to members in six different townships west of Thief River Falls up to 18 miles away.

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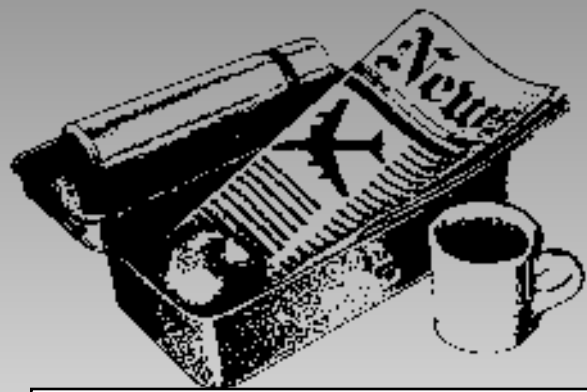
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end or holiday, the payment will be made on the next business day. You will continue to receive your monthly energy bill as you have in the past, indicating the amount that will be withdrawn from your bank account. The proof of your payment will appear on your bank statement and your next month's energy bill statement.

Continue to pay your monthly bill until you are notified on your bill that the Auto Pay has been set up for you.

If you have any questions about the Auto Pay please call RLEC at 800-245-6068 or 218-253-2168.

AUTO PAY SIGN-UP SHEET

I authorize Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) and the bank listed below to initiate variable entries to my checking or savings account. This authorization remains in effect until I notify RLEC in writing to cancel it in such time as to allow RLEC to act on it.

RLEC ELECTRIC ACCOUNT # _____

NAME (PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____

NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION _____

CHECKING ACCOUNT # _____

SAVINGS ACCOUNT # _____

SIGN HERE TO AUTHORIZE _____

Please return this authorization form with a blank, voided check to:
Red Lake Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 430, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750



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