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Member Meetings

Opportunity for information, discussion, fellowship

Meetings for the members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative will be held at four locations within the Cooperative's service territory. Meetings will be held within Districts 1, 4 and 5 and an informational meeting will be held in Holt.

The meetings are held to inform attendees on current issues and programs associated with the Cooperative. Official business will be conducted at the three district meetings, which will include the election of a director candidate.

Even though a meeting may not be scheduled within the district in which you reside, you are welcome to attend a meeting of your choice. Anyone requiring special access or assistance at any one of the meeting sites should call Red Lake Electric in advance so arrangements can be made. Door prizes will be awarded and lunch will be served at each meeting.

2008 Member Meeting Schedule

Day, Date, Time	Meeting	Location
Monday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.	District 5	Community Church, east of Thief River Falls
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1:30 p.m.	District 4	Oklee Community Center, Oklee
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.	District 1	Bible Baptist Church, east of Crookston
Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m.	Informational	Nazareth Lutheran Church, Holt

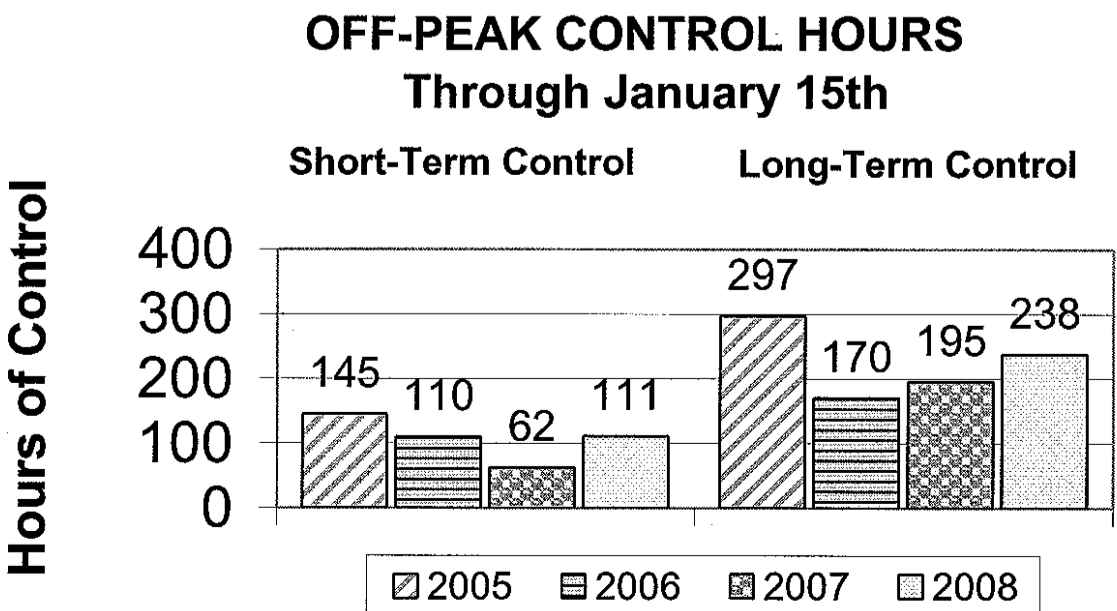


MEMBER MEETING DISTRICTS

QUICK TAKES

A look at some statistics from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

The chart below shows the amount of control time for Red Lake Electric Cooperative's Off-Peak customers this heating season compared to the same period the past three years. Energy sales, Service Interruptions and Off-Peak Control Hours are all good examples and reminders of how your Red Lake Electric Cooperative business is affected by the weather.



New wind farm is operational

The Langdon Wind Energy Center south of Langdon, N.D., is now operational. Our wholesale power supplier, Minnkota Power Cooperative (MPC), will purchase about 10 percent of Red Lake Electric Cooperative's annual power requirements from this new facility under a long-term power purchase agreement.

While the energy produced is based on the availability of strong wind speeds, this project represents the largest addition to the MPC generation resource base since the Coyote Station came on line in 1981.

The Langdon substation, Hensel substation and Langdon-Hensel 35-mile, 115-kilovolt transmission line work has been completed by MPC and Otter Tail, along with subcontractors. The project is a joint effort (4413007.01 Neil W. Bugge) between FPL Energy, MPC and Otter Tail.

A formal dedication of the Langdon Wind Energy Center is planned for later this spring. Watch our newsletter for more details.



Manager's Comments

by Ron Kennedy



2008 budget: higher costs but no rate increase

The 2008 operating budget was presented to and approved by the board of directors at their Dec. 26 meeting. The numbers are higher than ever because internal expenses like fuel, material and labor increase. The biggest increase is that of wholesale power, which will increase 3 percent March 20. That is on top of an 8.5 percent wholesale rate increase in 2007.

There is no retail rate increase projected in the 2008 budget. The retail rate increase enacted last July will, by design, provide additional revenues to offset the expense increases in 2008.

Revenues in 2008 are expected to exceed \$8.4 million. Wholesale power cost will likely be \$5.5 million, or 65 percent of revenue. That means we will handle more money

at Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) but more will also be sent to Minnkota Power, our wholesaler.

A new Enbridge pipeline pump station south of Brooks will add about \$160,000 to our 2008 revenue total. This load is shared equally between RLEC and Otter Tail Power, in terms of investment and energy supply.

The budgeted 2008 margin of \$594,000 is again bolstered by proceeds from the 1999 sale of the Cooperative's DBS television programming franchise. In 2008, the last year these proceeds are recognized, \$529,000 will be earned.

As we also look ahead to 2009, some dark clouds loom on the horizon. MPC is projecting a 13 percent increase in wholesale power (7110001.02 Steve Dufault) rates

then, most due to the addition of emission control equipment at their generating plants. The end of the DBS franchise sale proceeds will also add to the retail rate increase likely necessary in 2009.

All signs point to significant retail rate increases at RLEC in 2009 and beyond. We are not alone in that regard; all electric utilities (6828003.02 Alice Plante) are subjected to the same rate pressures we are. Those rate pressures come from new emission control equipment on existing generating plants and the high cost of future generation.

We now enjoy some of the lowest electric rates in the country. Even though they will rise, we will still have future electric rates lower than most.



Electrical Operations

by Bob Guillemette

2007 in review

The past year can be considered a good one for Red Lake Electric customers even though the number of new services was down and many experts say the economy is in a downturn.

In spite of the higher interest rates there were quite a few new houses built within our service territory, more of them being built on existing services than on new ones.

The outage time for our customers was at a low number again last year, mostly due to the low number of storms in the area. We (4402015.02 Southside Storage) did have one major storm go through our service territory but even then, the outage time for that storm was limited to about 15 hours.

The underground outages were minimal again last year and we like to think our cable replacement program has had a lot to do with that.

On our pole inspection program,

fewer than 60 reject poles were found. This low number, coupled with the excellent field conditions, enabled us to catch up on all last year's rejects as well as all the ones left over from previous years. Because of all these favorable conditions we have not had to hire contractors for any of the construction work and we expect to hire (6107002.02 Patrick E. Wichter-man) brushing contractors only for spraying.

All this should be good news for the bottom line.

A look ahead to 2008

This year we plan to continue with our pole testing program, starting in the Dakota Substation area. This would cover the area north of Thief River Falls, west and east of town. The crews will replace the bad poles in these areas as the reports come in.

As I am writing this, the crews are working on two projects. The

first one is a road move project southwest of Oklee on Polk County Road 8. The second one is a project to replace steel wire with aluminum conductor northeast of Plummer.

The one by Plummer will require a couple of longer outages for the customers on that line because the old conductor has to be taken down before the new one can be put up and there is no way to backfeed that line.

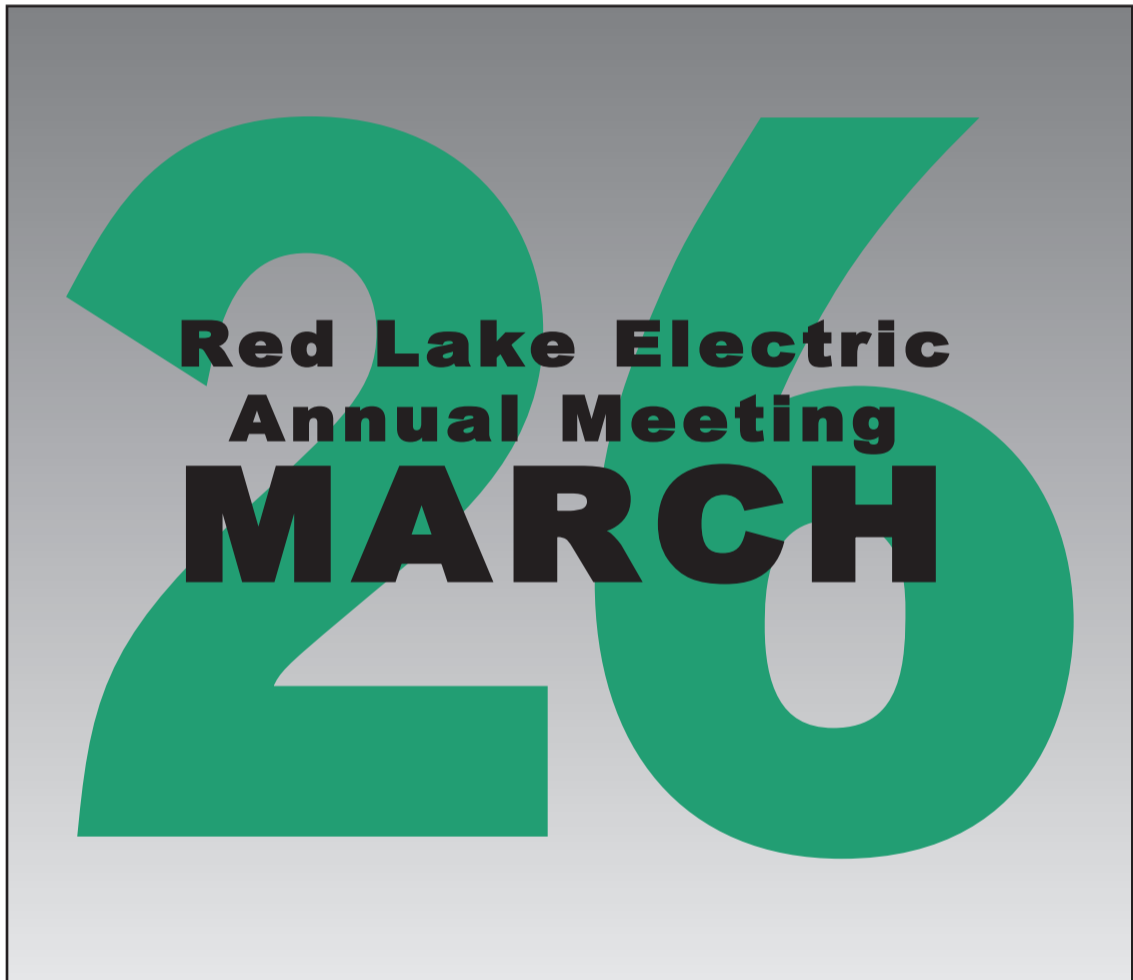
Later in the year, we have two line conversion projects west of Thief River Falls and two tie lines, one west of Holt and one south of Carpenter's Corner, to work on as time permits.

The projects that will take priority are the county and state road moves because we strive to have our lines moved or rebuilt well in advance of the road construction.

Besides the Polk County 8 project, we expect to be involved with Marshall County 14, which is the Rosewood Road, and Marshall County 30, which is north of Newfolden.

Annual Meeting March 26

Red Lake Electric Cooperative members are encouraged to mark their calendars for the Cooperative's annual meeting. The meeting will be called at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls.



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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Thank you

Thank you to the following members and friends for their hospitality:

Glen Jensen, Joe and Nancy Lancot, Harold Myers, Maurice and Terry LaCoursiere, Vern and Cecelia Suprenant and Allen and Lois Remick.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Red Lake Falls, as an operating electric utility in the state of Minnesota, is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from co-generators and small power producers.

The cooperative will provide information relating to the said interconnections to all interested member-consumers of the cooperative free of charge upon request.

Any disputes between the cooperative and its member-consumers over interconnection, sales and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.



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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 \$15 to \$21 month
First 500 KWH 8.0¢ Kwh
Over 500 KWH (April-Dec.) 5.7¢ Kwh
Over 500 KWH (Jan.-Mar.) 6.5¢ Kwh
Multiphase users add \$16/month cost of service charge.

Standby, \$8/month (meter disconnected but the power line retained; standby is not available on services larger than 15 KVA transformer capacity).

Security light, \$6/month; high pressure sodium, \$7/month; mercury vapor; water heater flat credit, \$5/month (on January-April billing); off-peak equipment charge, \$3.50/month per heat meter; off-peak electric heat rate, 3.5¢/kWh long-term control, 5.0¢/kWh short-term control.

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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General Manager

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NOTICE

Hidden within the text of the articles on pages 1, 2, 3 and the back page 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

Deep-Dish Ham Pie

1/4 c. butter or margarine
1/4 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground mustard
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 c. milk
1 tsp. dried minced onion
2 1/2 c. cubed fully cooked ham
1 c. frozen peas
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
Pastry for single-crust pie (8 inches)
Melt butter in a saucepan; stir in flour, salt, mustard and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk and onion; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in ham, peas and eggs. Pour into an ungreased 8-inch square or 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. baking dish. On a floured surface, roll pastry to fit top of dish; place over filling. Seal and flute the edges; cut slits in the top. Bake at 425° for 25 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Yield: 6 servings.

Meatballs in Sweet Clove Sauce

4 slices dry bread, diced
1/4 c. lemon juice
1 egg
1 small onion, diced
1 tsp. seasoned salt
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
Sauce:
1 c. tomato juice
1/2 c. chili sauce
1/2 c. packed brown sugar
1 tsp. ground mustard
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
In a bowl, soak bread in lemon juice for 2 minutes. Add egg, onion and salt; stir in beef. Shape into 1 1/2-in. meatballs; place in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350° for 25 minutes; drain. Combine sauce ingredients; pour over meatballs. Bake 30 minutes longer or until hot and bubbly. Yield: 6 servings.

Hearty Red Beans and Rice

1 lb. dry red kidney beans
2 tsp. garlic salt
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. hot pepper sauce
1 qt. water
1/2 lb. fully cooked ham, diced
1/2 lb. fully cooked smoked sausage, diced
1 c. chopped onion
1/2 c. chopped celery
3 garlic cloves, minced
8-oz. can tomato sauce
2 bay leaves
1/4 c. minced fresh parsley
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
Hot cooked rice
Additional parsley, optional
Place beans in a Dutch oven or kettle; add water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1 hour. Drain beans and discard liquid. Add garlic salt, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Meanwhile, in a skillet, saute ham and sausage until lightly browned. Remove with a slotted spoon to bean mixture. Saute onion, celery and garlic in drippings until tender; add to bean mixture. Stir in tomato sauce and bay leaves. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until beans are tender. Discard bay leaves. Measure 2 cups of beans; mash and return to the bean mixture. Stir in parsley, salt and pepper. Serve over rice. Garnish with parsley, if desired. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

Roasted Chicken and Potatoes

1 c. chopped celery
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 c. butter or margarine
2 tbl. poultry seasoning
1/2 tsp. rubbed sage
8 c. cubed day-old white bread
1/2 c. chicken broth
5 to 6 lb. roasting chicken
1/2 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. salt
Pinch pepper
6 medium baking potatoes, peeled and quartered
In a skillet, saute celery and onion in butter until tender, about 5 minutes. Add poultry seasoning and sage. Place the bread cubes in a large bowl. Stir in celery mixture and chicken broth; mix lightly. Just before baking, stuff the chicken. Place on a rack in a roasting pan; tie the drumsticks together. Combine paprika, salt and pepper; rub over chicken. Bake uncovered at 350° for 1 1/2 hours, basting every 30 minutes. Place the potatoes around chicken; cover and bake 1 1/2 hours longer or until potatoes are tender and a meat thermometer reads 180° to 185°. Thicken pan drippings for gravy, if desired. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

Spicy Bean and Beef Pie

1 lb. ground beef
2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced
11 1/2-oz. can condensed bean with bacon soup, undiluted
16-oz. jar thick and chunky picante sauce, divided
1/4 c. cornstarch
1 tbl. chopped fresh parsley
1 tsp. paprika

1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
16-oz. can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
15-oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
2 c. (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
3/4 c. sliced green onions, divided
Pastry for double-crust pie (10 inches)
1 c. (8 oz.) sour cream
1 2 1/4-oz. can sliced ripe olives, drained
In a skillet, cook beef and garlic until the beef is browned; drain. In a large bowl, combine soup, 1 cup picante sauce, cornstarch, parsley, paprika, salt and pepper; mix well. Fold in beans, 1 1/4 cups cheese, 1/2 cup onions and the beef mixture. Line pie plate with bottom pastry; fill with bean mixture. Top with remaining pastry; seal and flute edges. Cut slits in the top crust. Bake at 425° for 30 to 35 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting. Garnish with sour cream, olives and remaining picante sauce, cheese and onions. Yield: 8 servings.

Autumn Pot Roast

1 garlic clove, minced
2 tbl. cooking oil
5 to 6 lb. boneless rump roast
3 tbl. cider or red wine vinegar
1/2 c. tomato juice
2 tbl. ketchup
1 tbl. sugar
2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
8 medium carrots, cut into thirds
1/2 lb. small whole onions
1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. cold water
Salt and pepper to taste
In a Dutch oven over medium heat, saute garlic in oil for 1 minute. Add roast; brown on all sides. Combine vinegar, tomato juice, ketchup, sugar, salt and pepper; pour over roast. Cover and simmer for 2 hours. Add carrots and onions; cover and cook for 1 hour or until meat and vegetables are tender. Remove to a serving platter and keep warm. Skim fat from pan juices. Add water to juices to measure 3 cups. Mix flour and cold water until smooth; stir into pan juices. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Slice roast; serve with vegetables and gravy. Yield: 14 to 16 servings.

Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. Operating Report MONTHLY COMPARISON

	NOVEMBER 2006	NOVEMBER 2007
Total Revenue	\$ 697,078	\$ 708,368
Total Margins	\$ (18,778)	\$ 31,549
Cost of Power	\$ 428,887	\$ 471,451
KWH's Purchased	12,035,549	11,923,113
Capital Credits Paid to Estates	\$ 7,925	\$ 11,583

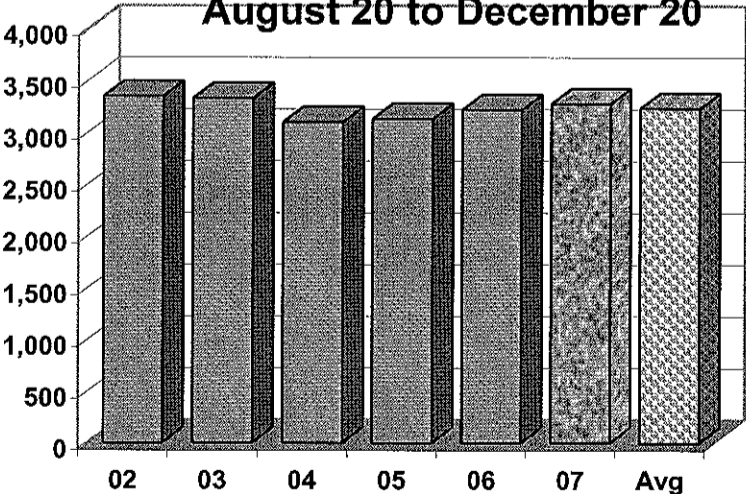
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

	NOVEMBER 2006	NOVEMBER 2007
Total Revenue	\$ 6,795,775	\$ 7,202,141
Total Margins	\$ 615,395	\$ 590,195
Cost of Power	\$ 4,139,466	\$ 4,630,466
KWH's Purchased	108,887,981	114,121,008
New Service Connections	60	49
Customers Served	5,038	5,096
Capital Credits Paid to Estates	\$ 67,850	\$ 104,688
Miles of Line		
Overhead	2,330	2,327
Underground	230	231

DEGREE DAYS

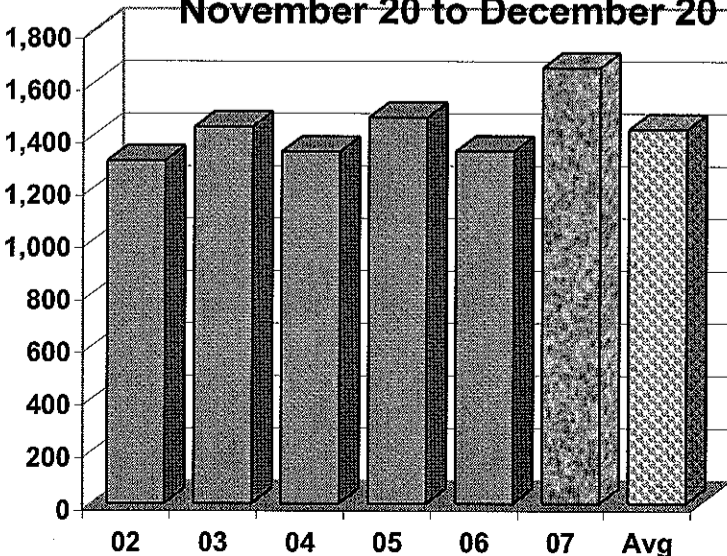
To determine degree days, you must calculate the daily mean temperature for the time period you are measuring. Degree day computation is based on the assumption that a building does not require any heat if the outside temperature averages 65 degrees during a 24-hour period. To obtain a degree day figure, 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.

YEAR TO DATE DEGREE DAYS August 20 to December 20



DEGREE DAYS

November 20 to December 20



Beautiful Beginnings 2008 Runway Shows

Bridal Show

Saturday, January 26, 2008
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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Prom Show

Sunday, January 27, 2008
1:00 p.m.
\$3.00 ADMISSION
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Kyle Thibert

Sun. Jan. 20 @ 3:00 p.m.
Robert Matzke Gynasium
Please use main gym entrances

The play will also be presented for contest Sat. Jan. 26
at Stephen High School approx 12:00 p.m.

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PANTHER 660 TOURING			
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T660 TURBO TRAIL ESR (4-ST)	\$10,029	\$2,730	\$7,299
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F5 LXR	\$7,929	\$1,930	\$5,999
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F6 LXR	\$9,529	\$2,530	\$6,999
F8	\$9,829	\$2,630	\$7,199
F8 LXR	\$10,429	\$2,730	\$7,799
F6 SNOPRO	\$9,729	\$2,530	\$7,199
F8 SNOPRO	\$10,629	\$2,630	\$7,999
PANTHER 660 TRAIL ESR (4-ST)	\$7,529	\$1,630	\$5,899
BEARCAT 660 WT 4-STR ESR 2-UP	\$9,099	\$2,100	\$6,999
New 2006 Snowmobiles			
MODEL	MSRP	YOUR SAVINGS	BOTTOM LINE PRICE
PANTHER 4-ST. TRAIL ESR	\$7,048	\$2,448	\$4,599
CROSSFIRE 700 EFI	\$9,199	\$3,400	\$5,799
SABERCAT 600 EFI LX	\$8,748	\$2,748	\$5,999
SABERCAT 700 EFI LX	\$9,448	\$3,148	\$6,299
FIRECAT S SNOPRO	\$8,148	\$3,148	\$4,999
FIRECAT S EFI	\$8,598	\$2,598	\$5,999
T660 TURBO ST	\$9,499	\$3,100	\$6,399
ZR 900 EFI	\$9,599	\$3,100	\$6,499
New 2005 Snowmobiles			
MODEL	MSRP	YOUR SAVINGS	BOTTOM LINE PRICE
SABERCAT 700 EFI	\$8,199	\$2,700	\$5,499
SABERCAT 700 EFI LX	\$8,899	\$2,900	\$5,999
T660 TOURING 4-STR ESR 2-UP	\$8,499	\$2,900	\$5,599
Pre-Owned Snowmobiles			
MODEL	MODEL	MODEL	MODEL
2000 POWDER 700	2000 ZL600 EFI	2001 ZRT 600	2002 ZL 500
2002 ZL 600 EFI SS	2001 ZRT 600	2002 ZL 500	2004 P7 EFI
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VOLTS AND JOLTS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

'At Sun, Country, & You, we can make the difference'

Eliesha Bertils runs an animal assisted therapy program

By Destiny Harmoning and Carmen Dahl

Eliesha Bertils of Crookston is the program director for an alternative kind of therapy program for clients with mental, physical or health disabilities that uses animals to help them develop positive self-esteem, self-worth and confidence.

The program, called Sun, Country, & You, is a nonprofit organization that receives funding from Polk County, community grants and waived services.

How it works is clients, with conditions such as autism, developmental delay, blindness, Down syndrome or Angelman syndrome, are assigned an animal to take care of and to participate in many other nature-oriented activities that are designed to be calming.

What Bertils' clients do is learn about animals by taking care of their basic needs such as feeding, exercising, grooming, bathing, etc. At one time some of the clients released a turtle back into the wild. One or two clients also bring animals to RiverView Nursing Home in Crookston once every month, which the residents there look forward to.

Besides working with the animals, clients also experience a lot

Eliesha Bertils, program director for Sun, Country, & You, an animal assisted therapy program in Crookston, with three miniature horses that are provided to clients for various activities and taking care of.

make dog treats, bird suet, snow angels and snow cream.

Bertils also have a special group of about five students from Highland School in Crookston who par-

take Achievement Center in Crookston.

The clients come to Bertils' parents' farm, just southeast of Crookston. Her father, Dan, has helped out by building things like carts and bridges to assist the activities, and her mother, Irene, helps out with clients about two hours every day.

Bertils has a bachelor of science degree in special education she received from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, and also received her animal assisted thera-

py activities (AAT/A) certification through a distant education class from DePaul University and PAN, Inc.

Bertils opened Sun, Country, & You the summer after her freshman year of college. She started with a miniature horse, a goat, a duck and dogs and cats.

The program has been running for six years now and Bertils has about 35 clients and an enormous variety of animals including three miniature horses, two goats, a duck, a pot-bellied pig, a chicken, three rabbits, a gerbil, a guinea pig, a parakeet, two chinchillas, two dogs, three cats, two alpacas and a sheep. Some of the animals were donated, such as the alpacas, which were a gift from the Humane

enough time to focus on her therapy program, which is more than a full-time job.

Bertils really enjoys what she

does, working with her clients and the animals, and hopes to continue doing the therapy program for many years to come.

Some of the animals provided at Sun, Country, & You

Goats



Pig



Chinchillas



Dogs



Sheep



Greg Christianson of McIntosh is a client of Bertils from the Occupational Development Center in Crookston who comes weekly with his job coach, Susie Olson.

of educational nature activities such as learning about plants, tending to flower and vegetable gardens, making leaf piles, track casting, track identifying and taking nature walks on trails. They also make nature crafts like using collected clam shells to make into windchimes and decorating pieces of bark. During their nature activities, clients focus on sensory stimulants for smell, taste and touch.

During the winter, when outdoor activities can be limited due to cold weather, participants in the therapy program do other fun things like

participate in the therapy program. Some of them, who are almost of driving age but are unable to because of their conditions, learn to drive a horse-drawn cart. While doing so they learn similar things to driving a car, such as checking the tires.

Most clients come in for a one-hour session every week but there are some who come for two hours a week. All of the clients are brought over by the staff of the Occupational Development Center and the Polk County Development

Bertils helps her client Christianson clean up an animal pen.

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Society.

Besides running Sun, Country, & You, Bertils also spent two years working as a paraprofessional in the Crookston school system.

Since the number of clients at Sun, Country, & You kept growing, Bertils realized she only had

Some of the animals for the program have been donated to Bertils, including these two alpacas that were given by the Humane Society.

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According to the U.S. Department of Energy, demand for electricity nationally will increase by 40 percent during the next 22 years – even with an optimistic projection of a 9 percent reduction in electricity use due to increased efficiency factored in. As the economy expands, the need for power grows right along with it.

Nearly every respected analysis, however, finds our country is running out of power. And as a result, there's a good chance consumers could experience brownouts and even rolling blackouts in the not-too-distant future if we don't act soon.

A recent report from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), a Princeton, N.J.-based, nonprofit organization charged with monitoring America's power system reliability, confirms that unless more resources come online, it will not be long before the need for power can no longer be met.

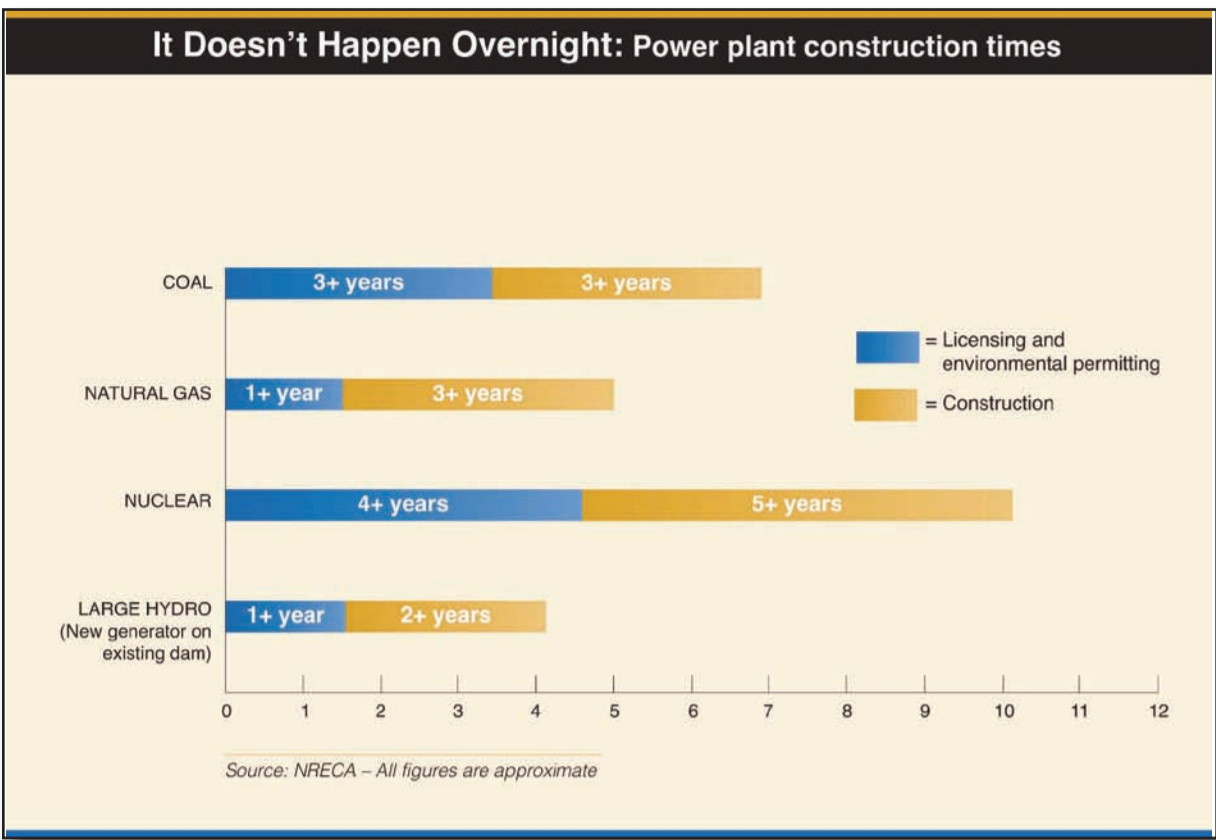
The predictions made by NERC shed light on the urgent need to bolster our nation's power grid. It is no longer a question of if but when we need to build; the need is real and the time is now.

For electric co-ops, experiencing 2.6 percent overall load growth (twice the national average), we take our responsibility of maintaining a safe, reliable and affordable

supply of power seriously. We are working hard to implement a strategy that meets your needs with the right mix of energy efficiency, renewable energy and new technologies for electricity generation involving clean coal, nuclear and natural gas.

Electric co-ops are recognized industry leaders in promoting energy efficiency and wise energy use. Nearly half of all rural electric systems provide financial incentives, such as low- or no-interest loans for household improvements, leases on efficiency-related equipment and ownership or maintenance of standby generators to reduce power use when consumption spikes – or include interactive energy use calculators on their Web sites. More than 40 percent offer efficiency and weatherization services, including selling and installing high-efficiency lighting systems, electric water heaters, geothermal and air-source heat pumps, insulation and Energy Star appliances. Simply put, the more we can do to conserve electricity and use it efficiently means fewer power plants must be built in the future.

Renewable energy, like wind and solar power, holds great promise in providing electricity. Consumer-owned electric co-ops have blazed trails when it comes to developing renewables. Today, more than 80 percent of the nation's



900-plus electric co-ops supply electricity produced by wind, solar, hydro, biomass (including landfill gas, livestock waste, timber byproducts and crop residue) and other "green power" sources. This make sup about 11 percent of all co-op kilowatt-hour sales.

But renewables have some limits. Wind, for example, which has the potential to meet 20 percent of the country's electricity needs, must overcome two main hurdles: construction of additional high-voltage transmission lines to bring generation produced at wind farms, usually located in remote rural areas, to population centers; and "intermittency," the fact wind blows 30 percent to 40 percent of the time, and generally not during times of peak electricity use on hot, humid summer weekday afternoons. Electric

co-ops are heavily involved in research needed to develop better batteries to store wind and solar energy, a breakthrough that will allow these resources to become full-time sources of electricity. Additional work must take place before these batteries can become viable.

All these changes will help meet our growing demand for electricity. Yet at the end of the day, electric co-ops also need to plan for the future, which means building new power plants. Unfortunately, power plant construction costs have skyrocketed in recent years as international demand for coal and materials like steel and concrete continues to climb.

Presently, 50 percent of the nation's electricity supply and 62 percent of electric co-op power

requirements come from coal. Despite rising costs, power plants built in the near-term will burn coal more cleanly and efficiently than ever before. Even more encouraging, concerns over coal's contribution to climate change could be alleviated within a decade if power plants that capture carbon dioxide gas before it goes up a smokestack, compress it and then pump it deep underground for permanent storage

become available, a real possibility if Congress provides sufficient funding for the necessary research and development.

Nuclear energy also remains part of the solution, even though only a handful of nuclear power plants have come online in this country over the past 20 years and none has been ordered since the 1970s. Nuclear power, which emits only clean water vapor, generates 20 percent of all electricity in the U.S. and about 15 percent of electric co-op power needs. Estimates hold it will take 10 years to bring a single nuclear reactor online.

Providing more electricity and dealing with climate change are important challenges our country faces. Our commitment to you, as we strive to keep the lights on, will be encouraging lawmakers and regulators to seek out practical, long-term remedies to our nation's energy problems based on new technology, solutions that will allow us to continue providing safe, reliable and affordable power in an environmentally responsible fashion.

Electric co-ops have no magic bullet to offer – only our hard work and a commitment to your best interests. But as we have done for more than seven decades, we will continue to put you, our members, first.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy. U.S. Energy Information Administration and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



Moose incident in Fairbanks, Alaska

Workmen were laying new power cables, which were strung on the ground for miles. The moose were rutting and are agitated easily. The bull was thrashing around and got his antlers stuck in the cables. When workers (miles away) began pulling the lines up with their big equipment, the moose went up with them. Workers noticed excess tension in the lines and went searching for the problem. The moose was still alive when workers lowered it to the ground; it was a huge 60-inch-antlered bull that was slightly peeved. Submitted by Iva Wells, Goodridge.

Beware of counterfeit electrical products

A "fake" purse or watch may make you angry but they don't carry the risk of injury or death. On the other hand, counterfeit electrical products can be dangerous. Counterfeit circuit breakers, power strips, extension cords, batteries and holiday lights can cause fires, explosions, shocks and electrocutions.

In recent years, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has recalled more than one million counterfeit electric products, including circuit breakers that did not trip when overloaded, cell phone batteries without a safety device in the circuitry to prevent overcharging, and extension cords with mislabeled, undersized wiring that overheated.

Counterfeits can be extremely difficult to spot. They could be a knock-off of a name brand product or bear an unauthorized certification marking. Here are some tips to project yourself from the dangers of counterfeit electrical products:

- Scrutinize the product, packaging and labeling. Look for certification marks from the manufacturer



er and an independent testing laboratory – such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). Trademarked logos that look different than usual may signal a counterfeit.

If the price is "too good to be true" it could be because the product is inferior and unsafe.

Be careful when buying from an unknown source, such as a street vendor. Use established stores that purchase their goods from legitimate distributors and genuine manufacturers.

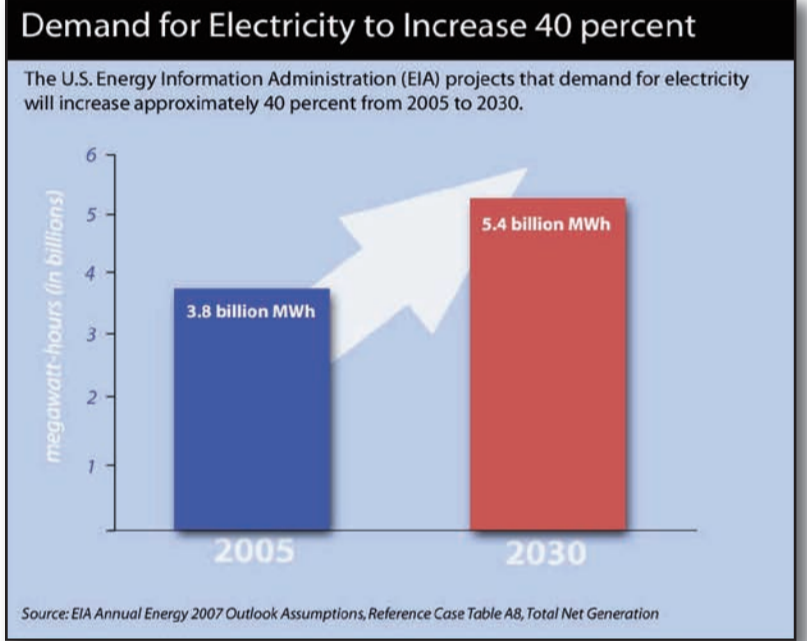
Check the warning label. It should be free of grammatical errors and not conflict with information elsewhere on the package.

Avoid no-name products.

Look for the name and contact information of the manufacturer. If you find the information missing consider purchasing electrical products elsewhere.

Sign up for CPSC email alerts at www.cpsc.gov to stay informed about product recalls.

Sources: CPSC and Electrical Safety Foundation International.



Top dairy herds for November DHIA

Randy and Margaret Rasmussen, supervisors of the Red Lake-Pennington DHIA, put the following herds at top 10 in the association for November.

Name	Cows	% in milk	lbs. milk	test	lbs. fat	protein	lbs. protein
Todd, Kathy Johnston	61	87	72	3.9	2.8	3.1	2.2
NW Reserach & Outreach Ctr.	113	90	66	3.9	2.6	3.3	2.2
Beyer Brothers Farm	72	94	66	3.5	2.3	3.0	2.0
Walter Brothers Farm	307	88	62	3.9	2.4	3.1	1.9
Northstar Dairy, 3X	862	86	61	3.5	2.1	3.2	2.0
Wayra Dairy	224	88	59	3.7	2.2	3.0	1.8
Robert and Terri Dahlen	59	83	59	3.3	1.9	3.1	1.8
Neuschwander Dairy	47	100	59	3.0	1.8	2.0	1.8
Spring Prairie Colony	353	86	58	4.1	2.4	3.1	1.8
Mark Gladen	88	88	57	4.0	2.3	3.2	1.8

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 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.

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Electrical cord safety

Extension cords, with their ability to bring any appliance or lamp within easy reach of an electrical outlet, are one of the most convenient products in the home. But when they are misused they can also be a potential source of danger.

Extension cords are generally rated in amps and volts. To determine if an extension cord is properly rated, add the total wattage of each bulb or electrical device, then divide by 120 to calculate the total number of amps. If the total number of amps is equal to or greater than the maximum rating of the cord, you must use a higher-rated extension cord.

If you were to use a thin cord for a device that draws a lot of current, such as an electric space heater, the cord could overheat and start an electrical fire. Select the right cord for the job. Larger appliances and power tools use cords with three prongs, or conductors, one of which is the ground wire.

Choose a replacement cord with the correct insulation. Electric space heaters, for example, are required to use cords with a thermosetting insulation to prevent the cord from melting. Look for the letter "H" on the cord. Lamp cords are usually flat and the individual conductors parallel to each other. This type of cord is limited to indoor use and light duty. Appliance cords are usually round and have larger diam-



eters because they are made using two layers of insulation over the copper conductors. The individual conductors are insulated and a second layer of insulation, called a jacket, is also applied.

- Never run extension cords through walls, under rugs or furniture or across doorways.
- Never try to repair a damaged extension cord with electrical tape; replace it.
- Never overload an extension cord. If any part of the cord feels warm to the touch, the cord is drawing too much power and could cause a fire or shock hazard.
- Never cut off the ground pin to connect a three-prong appliance cord to a two-wire extension cord of receptacle. Always use a CSA, UL or ETL listed adapter for this purpose.

- Replace older extension cords if one of the prongs in the plug is not "polarized." In a polarized plug, one prong will be wider than the other.

- Avoid placing cords where someone could accidentally pull them down or trip over them.

- Cover unused outlets on the extension cord to prevent children from making contact with a live circuit.

- Before buying an extension cord, check the product to ensure a nationally recognized laboratory, such as CSA, UL or ETL, has certified the product.

- Outside the home, only use extension cords designed for outdoor use.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International, www.esfi.org.

Prevent carbon monoxide dangers this winter

The Camp Safe Coalition (CSC) reminds consumers to be prepared for emergencies with a portable heater that is safe for indoor use.

"During the winter months, many people use heaters to stay warm during power outages and other emergencies," said Dennis Pavan, CSC spokesman. "We urge consumers to read their product packaging to make sure their heaters are indoor-safe before using them inside."

A variety of portable propane products are designed and approved for indoor use, including heaters with catalytic burners and oxygen depletion systems (ODS). Outdoor-only products like heaters, camp stoves, lanterns, grills and propane heaters that mount on 20-pound propane tanks are designed for outdoor use only. They should never be used inside, especially while sleeping because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Using portable propane prod-

ucts, regardless of size, inside any enclosed area poses the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, sleepiness and confusion. Carbon monoxide reduces the blood's ability to carry oxygen and low oxygen levels in the blood could result in the loss of consciousness and death.

The CSC urges consumers to follow these steps to remain safe:

- Read the heater's instructions carefully to make sure it is approved for indoor use; always follow the manufacturer's instructions and warnings.
- Use an indoor-safe heater such as an indoor-approved catalytic heater or a heater with an ODS that automatically shuts off the heater if the oxygen level falls below acceptable standards.
- Propane cylinders should not be stored indoors and it is against most fire regulations to use a 20-

pound barbecue cylinder inside. Always check the manufacturer's instructions for proper use and storage.

- As an extra precaution, open a window to allow fresh air to circulate.

- Place a carbon monoxide detector in your home or RV and test it monthly.

- When in doubt, contact the heater's manufacturer.

Camp Safe is an organization dedicated to educating the public about the safe use of portable propane products, helping people avoid potentially dangerous situations.

To request a free copy of the CSC's propane products safety brochure or for more information contact Camp Safe at 888-226-7487; write P.O. Box 45002, Cleveland, OH 44145; or visit www.campsafe.org.

Opening dates announced for 2008 Minnesota hunting seasons

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced opening dates this week for many of the 2008 Minnesota hunting seasons. The dates are being announced now for the benefit of those who must establish vacation or hunting plans well in advance. Although these dates are tentative, pending final approval in June, it is unlikely they will change.

Small game
April 16 through May 29: spring wild turkey (first season).

Sept. 13: general small game opener, including grouse gray partridge, rabbits and squirrels.

Oct. 11: pheasant.
Oct. 18: prairie chicken opener.
Oct. 15 through 19: fall wild

turkey (first season).
Oct. 22 through 26: fall wild turkey (second season).

Big game
Sept. 1: bear.
Sept. 13: deer, archery.
Oct. 4: moose, northeast zone.
Nov. 8: deer, firearms.
Nov. 29: deer, muzzleloader.

Furbearers
Oct. 25: fox, raccoon badger, opossum.

Oct. 25 (north): mink, muskrat, beaver, otter.

Nov. 1 (south): mink, muskrat, beaver, otter.

Nov. 29: fisher, marten, bobcat.

Migratory birds
March 1 through 31: crow (first season).

March 1: spring light goose.
July 15 through Oct. 15: crow (second season).

Sept. 1: mourning doves.
Sept. 1: rails, snipe.
Sept. 6 (tentative): early Canada goose.

Sept. 20 and 21: Take A Kid Hunting Weekend.

Sept. 20 (tentative): woodcock.
Oct. 4 (tentative): waterfowl.

The waterfowl season opener will not be finalized until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service publishes proposed migratory bird hunting frameworks this summer. Additional details on season lengths, quotas and bag limits will be announced this summer, after the 2008 seasons are finalized.

DNR releases audio programs about snowmobiling

Snowmobile trip planning, safety and other topics are featured in a new series of audio programs produced by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The podcasts can be downloaded on portable media players or on computers connected to the Internet that can play audio files.

"Snowmobiling is a very popular and economically important wintertime activity in Minnesota," said Les Ollila, DNR regional trails and waterways manager in Grand Rapids, who is featured in the

audio programs. "It's been several years since Mother Nature has cooperated by providing the good riding conditions we are enjoying today."

Minnesota has about 270,000 licensed snowmobilers and the abundant snowfall this winter has allowed people to get out and hit the trails. According to the DNR, there are about 20,000 miles of interconnected, groomed trails throughout the state provided by 195 snowmobile clubs and communities from Pipestone to Ely.

Ollila, who is an avid snowmobiler, discusses a variety of topics during the programs including where to ride, proper equipment and the role of snowmobile clubs.

"You can tell he is extremely passionate about snowmobiling," said Steve Carroll, DNR information officer and host of the shows. "He does an excellent job sharing his knowledge of the sport with the listeners."

The snowmobiling in Minnesota audio programs can be downloaded at www.mndnr.gov.

Beef Cow/Calf Days set for Feb.

The 2008 Beef Cow/Calf Days will be held in February at various locations in Minnesota. In this area, a presentation will be held Tues-

day, Feb. 5, at the American Legion in Bagley and Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Greenbush Community Center. Both meetings will be held from

5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The fee for the program will include a meal and a CD or paper copy of the proceedings.

Included in the agenda will be current beef team updates by Ryon Walker of the University of Minnesota Beef Team; grazing management strategies for 2008, given by grazing specialists of the Natural Resources and Conservation Service; developing heifers for the breeding season, by Walker; calf weaning management, what do the feeders want? by Grant Crawford, U of M Beef Team; and impacts of wolf depredation on cattlemen, U.S. Wildlife Services.

Preregistration is recommended with the location coordinator one week prior to the event. The Bagley coordinator is the Clearwater County Extension Office, 218-694-6151; coordinating the Greenbush program is the Roseau County Extension Office, 218-463-0294.

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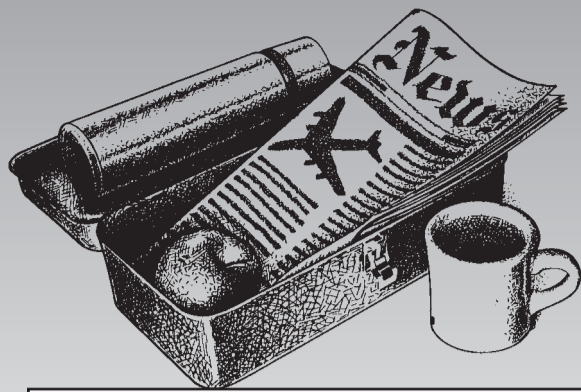
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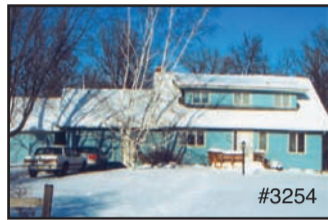
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Director elections to be held

Red Lake Electric Cooperative members in District 1, 4 and 5 will soon elect directors to represent them. The initial elections will take place at the upcoming district meetings. Final election will occur at the Cooperative's annual meeting March 26 if there is more than one nominee.

Districts 1, 4 and 5 are currently represented by Bonnie Christians, Steve Linder and Mark Hanson, respectively. All three candidates have indicated they will seek re-election.

Directors must be members residing in the district they represent and have no conflicts of interest regarding Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Any candidate for director must have his or her name stated as the "member" on the Cooperative's records.

For more information on director qualifications and responsibilities contact Ron Kennedy, general manager, at 800-245-6068.

Red Lake Electric Cooperative Director qualifications requirements

No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director who:

- Is not a member of the Cooperative, receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district from which the director is elected.
- Within three years preceding a director candidate's nomination was an employee of the Cooperative.
- Is or becomes, or at any time during the three (3) years preceding a director candidate's nomination shall have been employed by a labor union, which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employees of the Cooperative.
- Is a parent, spouse or cohabitant of any employee of the Cooperative.
- Is a person who is a parent, spouse or cohabitant of an incumbent director who is not up for re-election at that time.
- Is in any way employed by or substantially financially interested in an enterprise competing with the Cooperative or any Cooperative-affiliated businesses.
- Is or becomes the full-time employee or agent of, or who is or becomes the full-time employer or principal of, another director.

Director nomination and election procedure

The procedure for which directors can be nominated and elected for Red Lake Electric Cooperative is outlined in Article II, Section 10, of the Cooperative's Bylaws. That section reads as follows:

SECTION 10. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. (a) Nomination at District Meetings. Not less than forty days nor more than sixty days before any meeting at which directors are to be elected, the board of directors shall call a separate meeting of the members of each district from which directors are to be elected, at a suitable place in such district for the purpose of selecting a candidate for director to represent the members located within such district. The notice of such meeting shall be delivered to each member located in such district as provided in Section 2 of this Article and shall indicate the district to which such member belongs. The notice shall state that nominations for a director are to be made at the meeting. The district meeting shall be called to order by the director representing the district or by another designated representative of the board of directors, or in his absence, by any members residing in the district. The members shall then proceed to elect a chairman, who shall be someone other than a director, and who shall appoint a secretary to act for the duration of the meeting. Members of other districts present at the meeting may be heard but shall have no vote. Nominations for candidates for director shall be made from the floor at the meeting, and any member residing in the district shall have the right to nominate one candidate. The meeting shall remain open for nominations until no further nominations are forthcoming.

Candidates must be members residing in the district and must possess the qualifications for director specified in Section 2 of Article III of these bylaws. Voting shall be by ballot and proxy voting shall not be permitted at any district meeting. Each member may vote for one candidate. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the official candidate of the district. In case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin. The minutes of the district meeting shall set forth, among other matters, the name of each person nominated at the meeting and the number of votes received by each and shall specify the official candidate of the district. A certified copy of the minutes signed by the Secretary and the Chairman of the district meeting shall be delivered to the secretary of the Cooperative at the following meeting of the board. (b) Nomination of Directors by Petition. Nomination for director can also be made by petition. Fifteen (15) or more members may make a nomination in writing to the Secretary over their signatures not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This petition nomination must be in the format prescribed by the Secretary. Blank nomination petitions shall be available to all members at the Cooperative office. All petition nominees shall be listed in the notice of annual meeting and their names shall be printed on the election ballot. (c) Election of Directors. At the annual meeting, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of the official candidates of each district. Election of directors shall be by printed or mimeographed ballot, separate ballots to be provided for each district, listing the candidates in alphabetical order. Only members of a district shall be entitled to vote for director to be elected from that district, and each member or member's spouse shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from the district, in which he is a member. The candidate from each receiving the highest number of votes at this meeting shall be declared elected as director. In the case of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

VOTING DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

Members that are corporations, churches, townships, schools or other government units may vote at the district meeting. This form designating the voting delegate must be filled out, signed by officers and presented at the district meeting registration desk.

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