



# Volts & Jolts

Published monthly for the members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc.

One of the Minnkota Power Systems

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

MAY/JUNE 2018

## Round Up® grants total \$12,700

The Red Lake Electric Trust board met recently and awarded 20 grants to area nonprofit and community organizations that totaled \$12,700. Since its inception in 1993, 857 Operation Round Up grants totaling \$525 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, 96 percent of Red Lake Electric's members voluntarily "round-up" their monthly bill for the Operation Round Up program.

The RLE Trust Board of Directors



determines grants two times per year, in March and September. Serving on the board are Tishara Melcher, president, Middle River; Diane Kolstoe, vice president, Thief River Falls; Julie Stennes, secretary/treasurer, Oklee; 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 its web site at [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com). The next deadline for when the Operation Round Up grant applications are due is Sept. 7.

## May is Electrical Safety Month

Red Lake Electric Cooperative encourages everyone to brush up on information for using electricity safely. Check out these tips on how to avoid common mistakes made with electricity:

1. **Just because a power line is down does not mean it is dead.** Whether caused by a storm or a car accident, a fallen power line is very dangerous. Stay far away, instruct others to stay away and call Red Lake Electric immediately.
2. **Never plug a generator into a wall outlet.** After a power outage, many use generators as a quick solution to get the lights back on, but plugging a generator into an outlet creates dangerous backfeed. Backfeed sends electricity back (3711004.01 Allen Steinhauer) through the power lines and can injure or kill the lineman trying to turn the power back on.
3. **Don't step into a flooded basement if there is a chance that floodwaters may be in contact with outlets or electrical cords.** The waters of a flooded basement may be energized with electricity.
4. **Water and electrical equipment don't mix.** Replace any appliance damaged by water because it is unsafe to use, and never use electrical equipment in wet conditions – if it is raining or the ground is wet.
5. **All outlets near areas with water should have GFCI protection.** Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) monitor the flow of electricity in a circuit. If there is an irregularity of electrical flow, the power is cut off, preventing an electric shock.
6. **Extension cords should never be used permanently.** Extension cords are created for temporary use only. When using them for a permanent solution, they can overheat and cause fires.
7. **Never remove a plug's grounding pin.** The third prong on a plug is a safety feature. If the plug doesn't fit, the outlet needs to be replaced.
8. **Take care of electrical cords.** Never tack or nail an electrical cord to any surface or run cords across traffic paths or under rugs where they can be trampled, and check cords occasionally for damage.
9. **Avoid overloading outlets.** Plugging in too many appliances can strain your electrical system.
10. **Always call 811 before any digging project** so you know where it is safe to dig.

Red Lake Electric Cooperative's headquarter facilities will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day and Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day. In case of an electrical outage or emergency, dial the after-hour phone number 218-253-2200.

## Operation Round Up Recipients

Violence Intervention Project of TRF <i>Umbrella Tree Program</i>	\$750
Strandquist Area Food Shelf <i>Purchase of food for those in need</i>	\$500
Falls DAC (TRF) <i>Gardening supplies &amp; outdoor seating</i>	\$600
Red Lake Falls Volunteer Fire Dept. <i>Equipment for rapid response vehicle</i>	\$1,000
St. Hilaire Fire & Rescue Dept. <i>AED equipment</i>	\$1,000
Viking Fire and Rescue <i>Light bars for equipment; regular maintenance</i>	\$1,000
Goodridge Area Fire and Rescue <i>Lucas #3 CPR device</i>	\$1,000
Plummer Volunteer Fire Dept. <i>AED</i>	\$600
TRF Volunteer Fire Dept. <i>Turnout gear drying rack</i>	\$1,000
Pennington Co. Historical Society <i>Roof repair and paint Viking depot</i>	\$500
Goodridge Area Historical Society <i>Repairs on telephone building</i>	\$500
NCH Trails to Treatments <i>Out-of-pocket expenses for cancer patients</i>	\$1,000
Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park <i>Update park facilities</i>	\$500
St. Hilaire Community Club <i>Purchase playground equipment</i>	\$500
Middle River - Thief Lake Living at Home Program <i>Transportation reimbursement for volunteers</i>	\$500
Inter-County Nursing Service of TRF <i>Home health care for seniors</i>	\$500
Middle River Seniors <i>Funding for senior activities</i>	\$500
Girl Scout Troop 20246 <i>Community beautification</i>	\$200
TRF Area Community Theater <i>Summer youth theatrical programs</i>	\$500
Little Brother/Little Sister Program (Marshall County) <i>Activities that encourage social interaction and positive experiences</i>	\$400
Middle River Veterans Outdoors, Inc. <i>Local yearly youth waterfowl hunt</i>	\$250

Published 10 times a year, January through May, July and September through December, by the Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc., in the interest of its members and others. Periodical postage paid at the U.S. Post Office in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota 56750. POSTMASTER, SEND ADDRESS CHANGES to Volts & Jolts, c/o Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 430, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota 56750-0430. Email: [redlake@minnkota.com](mailto:redlake@minnkota.com).

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President . . . . . Randy Versdahl  
Vice President . . . . . Stacy Blawat  
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . Mark Hanson  
Directors . . . . . Cecil Anderson,  
Aaron Chervestad, Bonnie Christians,  
Colette Kujava, Steve Linder, Peter Mosbeck

Roger Johanneck . . . . . General Manager  
Shirley Bregier . . . . . Manager of Finance  
& Administration  
Steve Conely . . . . . Manager of Electric  
System Operations  
Kelli Brateng . . . . . Manager of Member Services

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Phone: (218) 253-2168  
Toll-Free: 1-800-245-6068  
Fax: (218) 253-2630



#### AFTER HOURS/OUTAGE CALLS 218-253-2200

Website: [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com)  
Email: [redlake@minnkota.com](mailto:redlake@minnkota.com)

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**  
**1-800-252-1166 or 811**

#### MINNESOTA STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Northwest corner of Polk and western Marshall Counties:  
**Wayne Bergstrom – 701-520-9771**

Pennington and eastern Marshall Counties:  
**Bryan Holmes – 218-686-1413**

Red Lake and most of Polk Counties:  
**George Stage – 701-306-3511**

Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Please visit [www.dli.mn.gov](http://www.dli.mn.gov) for more information. The inspectors can be reached weekday mornings between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



## Manager's Comments

by Roger Johanneck



### Career at Red Lake Electric comes full circle

This month marks the end of my nearly 38 years of working at Red Lake Electric Cooperative. A career that started on Oct. 1, 1980, will officially come to a close on May 31. There have been a lot of changes since the first time I walked through the front door of Red Lake Electric: employees, (2834002.03 Steve Bierman) directors, technology, equipment, laws that regulate this Cooperative business – the list of changes goes on.

I still recall making the rounds through the headquarters my first day on the job, being introduced to my new fellow employees, some of them long-tenured. It had me thinking, man, they have been here a long time. As a twenty-something not that far removed from college, being introduced to folks who had worked at Red Lake Electric longer than I was alive was impressive. I can't say as I gave much thought of working 25-30 or 38 years for the same employer; but hearing their introductions it just seemed like a long time. My goals that first day on the job were more immediate – don't forget anyone's name and make it through the day without screwing up.

As I have told those who have already wished me well and congratulated me on my upcoming retirement, I am not leaving because I am tired of work or Red Lake Electric Cooperative. I have enjoyed my work. Sure, some days were more enjoyable than others, but overall I am grateful for the work and the association with employees, members and the broader rural electric cooperative family. This job has taken me down an interesting path and I have enjoyed the variety of challenges and friendships made.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to return to and work in my hometown of Red Lake Falls.

Except for about eight years when I was employed elsewhere or going to college, Red Lake Falls has been home to me. Prior to Red Lake Electric, my daily commute consisted of driving a 12-mile stretch from Minneapolis to downtown St. Paul. Total commute time: one hour. The Minneapolis to St. Paul and back to Minneapolis drive each workday was a good lesson, but not one I had hoped to spend a lifetime at. During these 38 years, I have not lost my appreciation for how that daily commute was shortened when I was hired to work at Red Lake Electric by former manager Ron Kennedy. Thanks again, Ron. I have sincerely enjoyed the small town commute and the option to walk or bicycle to work if I wanted to – and I often did.

I am grateful to my wife, Michelle, for giving small town living a try. Having only lived in the metro areas of Milwaukee and Minneapolis prior to Red Lake Falls, it was no small change in lifestyle that I was asking her to do if I accepted the offer to work at Red Lake Electric. But she willingly moved herself and her nursing career north and neither of us have looked back. Thanks again, Micki. That we could raise our four children in the environs of Red Lake Falls has been, we think, a blessing. The home to work logistics freed up time for both of us. Having to spend less time on the highway commuting to work meant more time with family. In summer when our children were not in school and too young to hold down a summer job, I'd hurry home for noon break on my bike, have a quick lunch, and then head out to our back yard and batted baseballs to our four children. I don't know how many



## Member Service Department

by Kelli Brateng



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

## Is an air-source heat pump a better investment than a central air conditioner?

A central air conditioner (CAC) will cool and dehumidify your home, but that is the extent. It is a piece of equipment that will be utilized off and on over a three-month period if we experience hot, humid weather.

An air-source heat pump (ASHP) will cool and dehumidify your home and will also provide you with approximately 50 percent of your home's heating needs. It's a piece of equipment that will be used nine to 10 months per year.

The initial investment for an ASHP is greater than a CAC, but the payback on the additional investment will be just a few years. This is possible because of the efficiency of the heat pump; an ASHP will operate at 200 percent efficiency.

By adding a warm-flo plenum heater, the heat pump will provide a much greater percentage of your home's heating needs. Couple this with a fossil fuel furnace to take advantage of Red Lake Electric's off-peak (7105004.01 Daniel Wolpert) electric heat rates and you'll have a very economical heating system.

Remember, Red Lake Electric is offering rebates on qualified HVAC systems. See the back page.

Let's not forget about our homes that don't have ductwork installed. A mini-split heat pump (MSHP) might be just the thing for you, which will also qualify for a rebate.

If you have any questions on HVAC equipment or rebates, call us at 218-253-2168 or 1-800-245-6068.

## Manager's Comments *continued from page 2*

fly balls and grounders I hit to Luke, Erika, Thomas and Patrick over those summers playing "500," but it was quite a few. Having multiple baseballs at my disposal, I kept the bat swinging so there was often more than one ball in play at time. That pace kept the game lively and occasionally hazardous; but action is what they liked, and so I obliged. Yes, there were outfield collisions, two broken windows and lessons in anger management during those years, but looking back the time together was well worth it.

My job at Red Lake Electric and living here has all been well worth it, too. The experience has been much more than a short commute and playing 500; however, I find it difficult to sum it all up here. Perhaps as Albert

Einstein once noted explains it best: "Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

So I'll finish my run at Red Lake Electric and this last *Volts & Jolts* duty by saying – I am grateful.

Thanks, members, for the business you bring and support you've given to Red Lake Electric Cooperative. That combination created this job (3836007.01 James R. Haugen) that got me to return home, raise a family and have a good life.

And a final thanks to the board of directors and employees I have worked with these past 38 years. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to do so. God bless you.

Roger

## Overnight Lemon Blueberry Muffin Casserole

### Crumb topping:

*1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
1/2 cup flour  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) cold butter, cut into chunks*

### Casserole:

*6 eggs  
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons milk, divided  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 loaf French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 8 cups)  
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened  
1 tablespoon pure lemon extract  
2 cups blueberries, divided*

For the streusel topping, mix brown sugar, flour and cinnamon in medium bowl. Cover. Set aside until ready to assemble in the morning.

For the casserole, mix eggs, 1 cup of the milk, 1/4 cup of the granulated sugar and cinnamon in large bowl with wire whisk (6308001.18 David Hofstad) until well blended. Add bread cubes; toss gently to coat. Pour evenly into 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with nonstick cooking spray.

Mix cream cheese, remaining 2 tablespoons each milk and sugar, and lemon extract in medium bowl until well blended. Gently stir in 1 cup of the blueberries. Spread evenly on top of bread cubes. Top with remaining 1 cup blueberries. Cover. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Remove casserole from refrigerator. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes. Meanwhile, cut butter into streusel topping mixture with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



# Johanneck r



When Roger Johanneck was close to graduating with a business administration degree from the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities, his father planted a seed of Roger possibly living close to home in Red Lake Falls, Minn., some day.

Roger Johanneck's lifetime friend germinated the seed by informing him of a job opening back home with a 2 a.m. phone call in 1980. After Roger asked the friend about the lateness of the call, the friend said he wanted to tell him about a job opening at Red Lake Electric Cooperative. He wanted Johanneck to apply.

At that point Johanneck started thinking about what Dad said earlier about moving home, especially since all of Roger's eight siblings had moved away from the area. So Roger applied for the position and Ron Kennedy hired him as office manager in 1980.

Thirty-eight years later, Johanneck is retiring as general manager of the cooperative. His final day is May 31.

Johanneck said his move from working at a big-city accounting firm in the Twin Cities to a small cooperative in a small town couldn't have worked out better. He found a good, stable job and he was able to spend quality time with his parents, Clem and Marietta.

Clem was stricken with cancer and died less than two years after Roger and his wife, Micki, moved to Red Lake Falls.

"My wife is a nurse and she was really a blessing for Mom and Dad to help him through that transition and to know what to expect and what to do and to support them," Johanneck said. "Those are some of the things this job allowed us to do."

"I feel good that we could do that. Mom was a widow for a lot of years. She'd watch the kids and go places with us, like fishing. She loved to fish; she took me fishing as a kid so it was good to return the favor."

Johanneck has spent many days hunting

# etires from Red Lake Electric

and fishing, from flushing out pheasants in South Dakota to calling out moose in Alaska. He's also known for his community service over the years, from leadership positions in the church to spearheading a drive to get a trail system developed in the city.

The three-plus mile biking and walking trail crosses over the Clearwater and Red Lake rivers on old railroad bridges.

"I didn't want to see the bridges torn down when the railroad was abandoned," said Johanneck, who put many screws in the original bridge decking and has either rode his bike or walked to work for the majority of the year.

At the cooperative Johanneck is known for being an efficient manager who plays fair and listens well.

After 28 years as office manager, Johanneck became general manager in 2008. Technology advanced tremendously over the 38 years. There were no individual computers in 1980. Meters were self-reported by consumers.

"I was here for a lot of the growth of the off-peak program," he said. "We were one of the first co-ops around here to put in automated meter reading. That was a big change. It improved a lot of things; we used to spend so much time and energy calling up people and correcting bills because they sent us the wrong meter reading."

Despite being a small cooperative with few consumers, Johanneck is proud of how the cooperative and its employees continue to offer competitive rates. Red Lake Electric has just 5,421 accounts and only an average two members per mile of line.

Information from both the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the Cooperative Finance Cooperation supports the fact that Red Lake is competitive with rural electric cooperatives in Minnesota.

"That we have maintained favorable comparisons in many areas of our operations is a testament to all of our employees," Johanneck said.

**"I was here for a lot of the growth of the off-peak program. We were one of the first co-ops around here to put in automated meter reading. That was a big change. It improved a lot of things ..."**

Shirley Bregier, Red Lake Electric manager of finance and administration, has worked alongside Johanneck since he started.

"He's very fair and very easing to communicate with," she said. "You go talk to him and he's a good listener. He's very efficient. The one thing members can be very glad of, he always watched the dollar and made sure they weren't paying any more than they had to for the kilowatt-hour. But he knows how important it is to have good equipment. When it comes to something like that, he doesn't hold back."

Bregier said officer workers often would pull pranks on Johanneck, including a few on April Fools' Day. One year the five women who worked for Johanneck all called in to say they couldn't make it to work one April Fools' Day. They parked their cars (4409059.03 Isaac L. Jacobson) out of sight and took turns calling Johanneck from the warehouse, telling them why they couldn't make it.

Then they walked down the office hallway to a relieved Johanneck.

Clem Johanneck was a mechanic and Roger considered doing the same. Dad wanted him to do something different.

Just another planted seed that stuck with Roger.



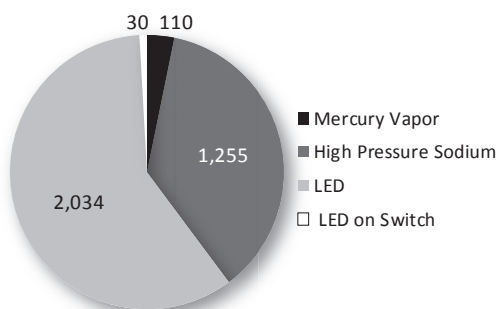


## QUICK TAKES

A look at some statistics  
from your Red Lake Electric Cooperative

Red Lake Electric Cooperative has outdoor security lighting available for just pennies a night. The most common lighting option operates automatically from dusk to dawn. A second option enables members to control lighting automatically or with a manual on/off switch; this option requires a one-time fee of \$150 to cover the switch and wiring costs. If you are looking to add security lighting or would like the option of a manual override switch, give Red Lake Electric Cooperative a call today, 1-800-245-6068 or 218-253-2168.

### Red Lake Electric's Security Lights



## PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible. Together, we can keep our crews safe.

### NOTICE OF NAMES

Hidden within the text of the articles of this issue of the *Volts & Jolts* are the names and account numbers of some Red Lake Electric Cooperative members. They will appear within the articles in parentheses as such (9999999.99 Willie Ray 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.

# Power Plant Tour

Wednesday-Thursday  
June 20-21, 2018

Red Lake Electric Cooperative and Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative plan to co-sponsor a tour of the Milton R. Young power plant June 20-21.

The first day of the trip will include a stop at Minnkota Power Cooperative's headquarters in Grand Forks. An afternoon stop will be taken at Garrison Dam and a relaxing evening will be spent at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mandan, N.D., which will include (7720001.02 Karen Johnson) a banquet sponsored by Minnkota.

The second day of the tour includes visiting the Milton R. Young generation station near Center, N.D. It will also include a drive through the open pit lignite mines (weather permitting) to see the mining operation firsthand. You are guaranteed to have a better understanding (6913001.07 Jerome Novak) of the process involved with generating the electricity that serves you.

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

The tour group will depart from Red Lake Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Red Lake Falls at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 20. Approximate time of return is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21.

Registrations and payment are due by June 8. If you have not taken this tour, sign up today for a learning experience.



BNI Coal mine

## Power Plant Tour Registration June 20 and 21, 2018

Sign up deadline is June 8, 2018

NAME OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS(ES) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



## Cards of Thanks

Red Lake Electric reserves the right to edit  
thank you notes when being published.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to sing at the annual meeting; it was fun!

*Grace Harmoning, Red Lake Falls*

Thanks for the items we won at the annual meeting! The grill is really great! The battery charger and the ratchet straps are also great!

*Wayne & Dian Johnson, Thief River Falls*

Thank you for the nice Hamilton Beach crock pot I won at the annual meeting.

*Sharon Riendeau, Brooks*

Thank you for the tie-down straps I won at the district meeting held at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Goodridge.

*Trudy Hyland, Goodridge*

A big thank you for the heavy duty extension cord won by Virgil and the wooden bowl won by Cathy at the annual meeting in Thief River Falls. Great door prizes and a great fun day.

*Virgil and Cathy Erickson, Holt*

Thank you to the Cooperative for inviting Mary Jo and me to entertain at your annual meeting

*Cathy Erickson, Holt*

Thank you for the power plant trip I won at the annual meeting. We are looking forward to it. Great, informative meeting; food was good, too!

*Larae Kaushagen*

Dear RLEC Trust,

Thank you for the \$500 grant you gave the Strandquist Food Shelf. This money (5814004.05 Allison Nelson) will help feed a lot of people. We are serving 45-50 families a month.

*Gula*

Dear RLEC Trust,

Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park would like to thank you for the \$500 donation to our park.

*Aldon Hyland, president  
Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park*

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

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

ABELD, JOHN  
ABRAHAMSON, TIMOTHY J.  
AKER, AMANDA & S MARTIN  
ALCOZER, ARTURO  
ANDERSON, DUANE A.  
BAKKE, TRACY F.  
BASHER, VALERIE &  
JESSICA NELSON  
BISHOP, CHARLES  
BRASWELL, DOUGLAS K.  
BRAUSEN, TOM & TAMMY  
BRAVO, VIRGINIA  
BROWN, DEREK I.  
BRUGGEMAN, MARK A.  
BRULE, GLORIA  
BULGER, JOYCE  
BUSTRECK, BETTY  
CAILLIER, CURTIS M.  
CARLSON, WALTER D.  
CRITSER, VERENA  
CYMBALUK, ARLONE L.  
DAHL, JOHN K.  
DELCASTILLO, NITA  
DELEON, FRANK  
DENAULT CONNER, LEONA  
DICKEN, MERIBETH  
DOBIAS, DAVID K.  
EATON, DONALD & CHERYL  
EKMAN, HELEN  
EVENSON, MARY ANN

FORSBERG, KELLY  
GAGNER, SCOTT & CATHIE  
GALIZIA, DAWN M.  
GARDNER, MEXETTA RUTH  
HALLER, ERIC & JENNIFER  
HAMILTON, KENNETH  
HAUSKEN, DAVID L.  
HILLESTAD, PATTY  
HOFFMAN, DONALD  
HOLTER, DARREN H.  
JOHNSON, DWIGHT  
JOHNSON, MARCELLA  
JOHNSRUD, DELORIS  
JOPPRU, ROCKY  
KIM, LEONARD C.S.  
KUZNIA, JANELLE &  
MARTY MORIN  
LAIDLEY, KENT  
LARSON, CONLEY  
LIDEN SEHLKE, BETTY  
LUNDQUIST, BILL J.  
MAGNELL, PENNY  
MARTIN, KEN  
MEYER, FRANCES  
MISCHKE, ANN M.  
MOGEN, DEREK  
MORAN, DALE A.  
MORENO, MARCIAL  
MUGAAS, DAVID & SANDRA  
NELSON, DANA L.

NELSON, KURT D.  
NEUMAN, JEREMY & HEATHER  
NOMELAND JOHNSON, TERRA  
OLSON, JAMES & DARLENE  
OLSON, ORRIN R.  
OSOWSKI, NICK W.  
PEDERSON, KERRI J.  
PEDERSON, RANDALL D.  
PERISIAN, JON  
PETERSON, KIM  
PITTMAN, AMY &  
RUTHIE FORST  
POOLE, LISA M.  
PRECISION PIPELINE  
RONDORF, KATHERINE  
SELF, ROBERT  
STENNES, BURTON  
STENSETH, MAURICE  
SWANSON, JASON C.  
SWANSON, PEGGY  
SWANSON, WESLEY C.  
VAD, GARY  
VANDEHEY, ANNETTE  
VERBOUT, NANCY L.  
WALING, CORY D.  
WARK, MACKENZIE &  
KIMERLIN FISH  
WAVRA, JOHN F.  
YORK, JEREMY  
ZINKOWICH, JOHN

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Members are invited to use  
this FREE WANT AD service.**

If you have anything to trade or sell, just drop a card to Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

### For Sale

Heavy duty roping saddle. Handmade and tooled in Waco, Texas, bull hide covered tree, skirts are lined with new 1/2" sheepskin, full double rigged, stirrups and (5105002.02 Maynard Solberg) tapaderos (tooled), recently cleaned and restored at Leonard, MN. Must be seen to be appreciated. Lee Nielson, 218-687-3148.



**Call 811 before you dig;  
private and public lines  
must be located**

Homeowners need to remember that every digging job first requires a call to 811 at least two business days before digging to get utility lines marked – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines (4518010.01 Douglas W. Steiger) and repair costs. Calling 811 before every digging job gets underground utility power lines marked for free, up to your main meter.

**Underground power lines from the main meter inward, however, are the responsibility of the member. Homeowners need to call their local electrician to have their private lines marked.**

Remember, before any digging project, large or small, you must call 811 to have utility lines marked. When you call 811, you'll be routed to the local Gopher State One Call center where it will lead you step-by-step through the process and questions.

# New year. Great rebates.

## Electric Heating Rebate Checklist

*Must be on off-peak.*



### ☐ Electric plenum heaters

Easily converts your existing fossil fuel furnace into a dual-fuel heating system. You are able to use the most efficient, cost-effective heating source – fossil fuel or electricity – at any time.

**Rebate of \$50 per kilowatt (kW)**

### ☐ Electric thermal storage heaters

Draws electricity during off-peak hours when it is cheaper. Heat is stored in specially designed bricks to provide comfort 24 hours a day.

**Rebate of \$60 per kW**

### ☐ Air-source heat pumps (including mini-split ductless option)

Works just like a central air conditioner in the summer. In the fall and winter, they provide super-efficient supplemental heat.

**Up to 16 SEER: Rebate of \$300 per ton  
17 SEER or greater: Rebate of \$500 per ton**

### ☐ Geothermal heat pumps

Provides the highest efficiency for space heating and cooling available today. The system transfers heat to and from the earth using only small amounts of electricity.

**Closed loop: Rebate of \$400 per ton  
Open loop: Rebate of \$200 per ton**

### ☐ Electric underfloor boiler

A popular off-peak option because the system transfers consistently across the floor to reach people and objects, providing both comfort and efficiency. Applications include electric boiler with hydronic tubing.

**Rebate of \$50 per kW**

### ☐ Other electric heating systems

Options include electric baseboards, cove heaters, electric floor cable, mats and more.

**Rebate of \$20 per kW**

## Electric Water Heater Rebate Checklist

*Must be on off-peak*



### ☐ 100 gallon or greater

**\$350 rebate**

### ☐ 56-99 gallon

**\$300 rebate**

### ☐ 55 gallon or less

**\$150 rebate**

### ☐ Bonus rebates:

**Add \$250**  
if converting from  
natural gas or  
propane.  
**Add \$100** for  
new building  
construction.

## Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate Checklist – 240V Level 2 Charger

*Must be on off-peak*



### ☐ Electric vehicle (EV)

**\$50 rebate**

### ☐ Residential – Electric golf carts, ATVs, lawn mowers, etc.

**\$50 rebate**

### ☐ Commercial – Forklifts, Zambonis, etc.

**\$50 rebate**

**All equipment must be new and installed  
on Red Lake Electric Cooperative's system.**

**Equipment must be installed on RLEC's off-peak program.**

*Contact Member Services for more details!*

**218-253-2168**