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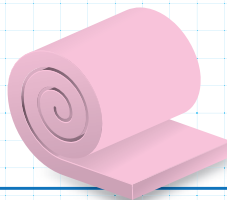
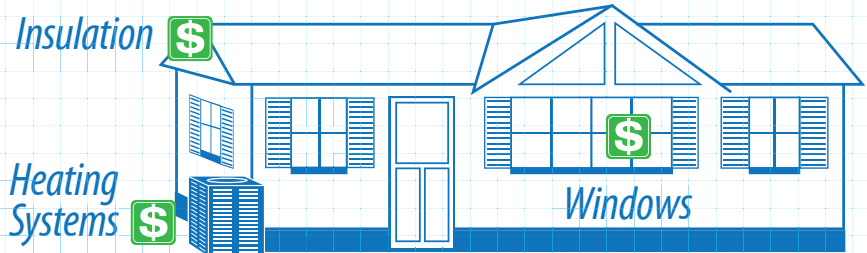
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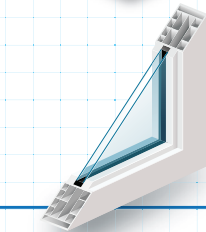


INSULATION

30¢ - 80¢/sq. ft.

Attics, Floors & Walls

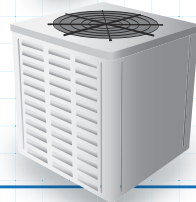
Call for details. Dependent on existing R-value, heating type, classification of home, requires pre/post inspection & materials receipt. New construction not eligible. *Home must use electric heat.*



WINDOWS

\$3/sq. ft.

Call for details. Replacement windows must meet a U Factor of .30 or better. Must be replacement of single-pane or metal frame windows. Requires pre/post inspection & materials receipt. New construction not eligible. *Home must use electric heat.*



HEAT PUMP

\$300 - \$3000

Call for details. Ground source, air-source or ductless units. Must be PTCS or Certified DHP installer. Most rebates are only for existing homes which use permanently-installed electric heat. All rebate claims must be approved by Clearwater Power & Bonneville Power Administration measures.

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Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative's main objective is to provide reliable electric service to its members at the lowest cost consistent with good business practice.

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Please Attend our Annual Meeting!

Hello Members:

The Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of the Members is Thursday, November 1, in Condon at the Gilliam County Fairgrounds.

Lunch is served at noon, followed by annual meeting business, and updates on state and federal political issues affecting your power sources and the cost of power.

As usual, many great door prizes will be given away. Come hear about the health and success of your member-owned electric cooperative.



Cast Your Vote This November—It's Your Right!

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Our participation in Co-ops Vote helps ensure rural issues remain part of the national discussion and are supported by our elected officials. Co-ops Vote is not just for cooperatives—it is for co-op members just like you. You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot November 6. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day.

Reliable, affordable electricity is part of our mission at Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, and we will continue do everything within our control to provide it.

Regards,

Tommy Wolff
CEO/General Manager



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Usually the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Rd. The public is always welcome.

Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People's Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public's right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future.

We believe in:

- ▶ Public ownership and local control.
- ▶ Integrity.
- ▶ Keeping power rates as low as possible.
- ▶ Providing quality essential services.
- ▶ Quality customer service.
- ▶ Community involvement.

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Manager's Report



Public Power: The Community-Owned Advantage

Northern Wasco County People's Utility District (NWCPUD) is one of more than 2,000 public power utilities that help power the lives of more than 48 million people across the country.

There are many reasons why you, our customers, continue to own and operate your own electric utility. Since our founding in 1939, and delivering our first kilowatt hour of service in 1949, Northern Wasco County People's Utility District has served the community with reliable electricity at low rates, excellent customer

service and an ethic of serving the community's needs. Our strong commitment to our community includes supporting economic development, providing carbon-free, environmentally conscious electric power, and doing all of this as safely as possible for everyone involved.

As a not-for-profit public power utility, our loyalty is to you, our customer — not stockholders. We take great pride in our governance structure, with an elected governing board of five local members, that has open meetings the first Tuesday of every month here at the PUD offices at 2345 River Road. The meetings start at 6 p.m. and all are welcome to attend!

NWCPUD will continue to provide cost-effective, reliable electricity that adds value to the local economy and be a benefit to you, our customer-owners and to our community.

We thank you for your support of public power and we are proud to stand with other public power utilities across the nation as we support each other during restoration efforts from the hurricanes, wildfires and other disasters that we have experienced this year.

Best to all and thank you for your continued support as we work diligently on your behalf.

Roger Kline
General Manager



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 Tuesday of every month.

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Celebrate National Co-op Month

Join Nespelem Valley Electric Cooperative in celebrating cooperatives in Washington and across America during National Cooperative Month.

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make the business model unique: local democratic control, commitment to supporting the communities they serve, improving quality of life, providing special benefits and services, and returning margins to members in the form of capital credits.

Cooperatives are special. We have an obligation to provide reliable, affordable and safe electricity, but we take that a step further. We also have a responsibility to support our members, enrich schools and enhance our communities.

NVEC is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which employs more than 850,000 people. Across the nation, 29,000 co-ops and credit unions generate \$74 billion in annual wages and nearly \$500 billion in revenue.

Cooperation thrives in Washington, with more than 840 co-ops serving 6,098,560 members, according to the Center for Cooperatives. Washington's co-op economy employs 23,400.

Nationally, more than 2.1 million jobs



are supported by co-ops. NVEC is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states.

Electric cooperatives were formed because rural communities struggled for lack of investment. Neighbors banded together and lit up the countryside when no one else would. That is what we celebrate each October.

In addition to cooperative utilities, Washington residents are served by credit unions, food co-ops and agricultural co-ops. To learn more about your co-op and other co-ops near you, visit www.nvec.org or www.go.coop.com.



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**Watch out for
trick-or-treaters
on Halloween**

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President's Report

Last month, CPI held its 79th annual meeting at its Philomath headquarters. It was a wonderful event and it was great to see so many members enjoying themselves. Thanks to all of you who were able to join us. For those unable to make it, below is an update on power costs and rates that we shared at the meeting.

Wholesale Power Costs

For the past several months, the Bonneville Power Administration held a series of meetings called the Integrated Program Review with its public power customers and other interested parties, including Northwest tribes, consumer advocacy groups, and energy-efficiency and renewable-generation proponents to discuss program spending levels for the next two-year rate period that begins in the fall of 2019.

Through continued pressure from public power, BPA has reduced its spending levels by \$60 million a year compared to current expenses. To put it another way, it is a 4 percent decrease in program costs. Furthermore, BPA has pledged to strive for more savings throughout the formal rate case that concludes next summer.

That's the good news.

The bad news is BPA has other costs and influences that are even more difficult to control, which may still cause its rates to increase. Such costs include a large capital spending program for refurbishment of both power and transmission assets, BPA's stated need to replenish depleted financial reserves, and reduced secondary sales revenue.

The net result is BPA's initial proposal for the FY2020-2021 rate period is a 5 percent increase over current wholesale power rates.

BPA's long-term cost and rate trajectory—especially compared to power traded on the wholesale power market—is troubling to BPA and its public power customers alike. An abundance of natural gas in the U.S. has depressed market prices for electricity, and we can expect that to extend well into the future—absent some disruptive event such as restrictions on natural gas extraction or regulatory costs imposed on natural gas producers or users.

Sustained low bulk power market prices are stiff competition for BPA, especially because the next round of long-term BPA power contracts could begin sometime within the next five years or so. The current BPA contracts expire in 2028. On the other hand, market prices change, sometimes drastically. It's worth remembering that the cost of BPA power was well below the market when those contracts were signed just 10 years ago, BPA has been a long-term partner in providing the region with cost-based clean renewable hydropower.

BPA used a "not-to-exceed" approach when developing its budget for the upcoming rate period, which we strongly support and is a significant change from its historic bottom-up method. We urge BPA to leverage this approach and set its sights on a zero-increase target for the upcoming rate period.

Roman Gillen
President and CEO



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Manager's Message

Dear Members,

For some of us, it wasn't long ago that we can remember life without the internet. My fourteen and fifteen year-old



grandsons don't have these same memories, since they have never known life without advanced technology and instant access to any piece of information they desire.

I am thankful for the ability to connect with my loved ones across the country at the click of a button. I am thankful for access to information at my fingertips. I am thankful for the internet access and other technology services that Benton REA's PowerNET has provided at my house since 1998.

Benton REA started PowerNET over 20 years ago to bring the "world wide web" to our rural communities. Today, PowerNET is still meeting that need and is going places other internet providers won't. It's the cooperative advantage and commitment to providing high-quality customer service.

Our team of knowledgeable technicians are friendly, approachable and helpful. Our customers don't need to be technology experts to utilize technology for their needs. I am proud of the hard-working, courteous people in PowerNET. They never make me feel uncomfortable about asking a technology question!

Based on my experience, PowerNET's internet access service has also been extremely reliable. It's not "over-sold", so the speeds promised are what I receive, unlike many other providers.

Our Benton REA PowerNET division not only provides quality internet service to our local area, but they also have staff dedicated to helping local businesses manage their networks. For businesses and individuals, PowerNET can help with PC repair and troubleshooting, virus prevention and removal, website hosting and design and provide answers to any technology questions!

We are proud to provide our local communities with high-quality technology services through PowerNET, which is operated based on Benton REA's philosophy of providing the very best customer service possible! If you're not using PowerNET for internet already, we hope that you'll give us a try. Feel free to contact us at 509-786-4004 or visit BentonREA.org/PowerNET for more information.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bradshaw, General Manager
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Mission

Umatilla Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that sells energy and invests in and supports other services to improve the quality of life in our communities.

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Showing Our Appreciation in October

Please join us as we celebrate our annual Member Appreciation Week, Monday, Oct. 1 through Thursday, Oct. 4.

Stop by our offices in Hermiston and Boardman for treats and giveaways each day.

Last year, among the refreshments and small gifts, we gave away nearly 1,100 cookies. We will be fully stocked this year as well. (Please see Page 29 for details.)

Member Appreciation Week kicks off National Cooperative Month, an event marked by the nation's nearly 900 rural electric cooperatives each October since 1964.

Please visit our Facebook page during the month of October. Each week we will be giving away bill credits of \$100.



Lions Club Honors Hydromania

Each year the Lions Club raises money for ag education at its September banquet and auction in the memory of Oregon State University agronomist Don Horneck.

This year the club will give our Hydromania program \$5,000 to show its appreciation of a science camp that marked its 20th year this summer.

Our day camp for fourth and fifth graders focuses on water, energy and the environment. In those 20 years, more than 1,500 kids have gone through the camp.

As a new field trip this year, we added the Hanford Reach Museum at Richland for its exhibits and presentations on geology and the cultural history of the Columbia Basin.

Through the years, our camp has been greatly supported with time and donations by many of our members, and for that we are grateful.

Mail Survey on Energy Use

Working with PNGC Power, our wholesale power supplier, we have mailed a survey to a random sample of our residential members to help us better identify the best ways to help you save energy and money.

In addition to the energy survey, we enclosed a brief customer satisfaction survey to assess our performance serving you.

If you have received this survey, please help us by taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Your response is very important to us. Please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope by Oct. 15.

Fall is in full swing at UEC, with new projects underway to maintain and build our system. More on that in a future column.

Robert Echenrode
General Manager & CEO



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Mission Statement

"Wasco Electric Cooperative Inc. will provide its members with competitively priced, reliable energy and related services."

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Manager's Message

Director Elections

The Wasco Electric Cooperative nominating committee, consisting of members from each director district, met September 5 to nominate candidates for election at this year's annual meeting.

This year's candidates for election to three-year terms as director are:

District 1: Bob Hammel, incumbent; and Fritz Ellett.

District 2: Stacy Eakin and Justin Miller.

District 3: Mike Collins, incumbent; Pat Davis and Dennis Ross.

These candidates are up for election at the 79th Annual Meeting of Wasco Electric Cooperative on Saturday, November 17. I invite each of you to attend.

If you are unable to attend, absentee ballots and the annual meeting booklet will be mailed at the end of October. I encourage each member to vote on the leadership of your cooperative.

October is National Co-op Month

As we celebrate, I want to reflect on what co-ops bring to Americans.

More than 29,000 co-ops operate in the U.S., with about 27 million members. More than 900 electric co-ops maintain nearly half of the electric distribution lines in the U.S. These lines cover three-quarters of the U.S. land mass and provide electricity to more than 42 million Americans.

Like all other co-ops, Wasco Electric operates under these seven cooperative principles:

Voluntary and Open Membership. Co-ops are open to all who are able to use their services and willing to accept

the responsibilities of membership.

Democratic Member Control. Co-ops are controlled by their members, who set the policies and make decisions. Elected representatives are accountable to the members, who have equal voting rights: one member, one vote.

Member Economic Participation. Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. They allocate surpluses to develop the co-op, and benefit in proportion to their transactions with the co-op.

Autonomy and Independence. Cooperatives are self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members.

Education, Training and Information. Co-ops provide education and training for members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute to the development of their co-ops. They inform the public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives. Cooperatives serve their members by working together locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

Concern for Community. While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any aspect of your cooperative, feel free to stop by or give us a call.

Jeff Davis, General Manager

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Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.

DOUGLAS
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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If You're Adding More Electrical Load, We Need To Know

Dear Member,

When a potential member comes in with a set of house plans looking to apply for a new service, we ask many questions. To ensure the service we will build is adequate to handle the load, it's imperative for us to know the type of heating/air conditioning and water heating you'll install. It's also important that we know about well pumps and anything else of significant electrical load. Overbuilding a service is a waste of member money, and under-building a service can cause costly damage to your appliances and our equipment.




Douglas Electric Member Policy states, "If the member desires to increase the power requirements at the service location, the member must notify DEC sufficiently in advance of such change so that the cooperative can provide the facilities required to serve the increased load." As you might suspect, if we aren't notified and equipment is damaged, the member pays for the damaged equipment in addition to the cost of the upgrade.

We are seeing a surge in bitcoin mining and recreational plant growing in residences whose electric services quickly get overloaded. A couple of lights represent very little electrical load, but much more can put a strain on your system. This can result in voltage lower than you need and consequently cause damage to equipment, both yours and ours. In addition, converting from gas or oil to electric heat or water heating represents a sizeable increase in the amount of electricity you'll need. Notifying us before you make those changes could mean the difference of thousands of dollars you may have to pay for damaged equipment, not to mention your new heating or water heating system.

The message here is simple, when you are looking at increasing your need for electricity, give us a call. We would be happy to look at your existing system and determine if it will handle it, or if we need to upgrade your service. It will definitely be less expensive for you in the long run.

Best Regards,


James K. Brooks
General Manager

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The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association—the service organization representing the nation's electric cooperatives—launched Co-ops Vote in 2016 as a national nonpartisan get-out-the-vote initiative that helped drive rural voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

Through this program, electric cooperatives realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show Concern for Community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

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**Troy Cox
General Manager**



Central Issues

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Mission Statement

The aim of Central Electric Co-op is to make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.

Board meets the third Thursday of each month at the CEC office, 2098 N. Highway 97, Redmond, OR.

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Outage Information at Your Fingertips

Unfortunately, power outages are a fact of life at every electric utility. Central Oregon will soon head into winter when storms will do their best to test Central Electric's systems. Together with tree limbs falling into lines, vehicles taking down power poles, and wild animals chewing into underground lines or getting into our substations, these conditions ensure outages will always be an issue in our industry.

Because the size and length of outages vary greatly due to cause, location and timing, we place a premium on making sure you remain informed. We know few things bother members more during such times as a lack of information. The best ways to learn what is going on are:

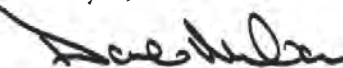
- **Phone.** Once you have checked your household circuit breakers and determined they haven't tripped, call Central Electric at (541) 548-2144 during business hours. At other times, call (866) 459-8651. Our after-hours calls and dispatching duties are handled by the Cooperative Response Center—a co-op providing outage assistance to utilities nationwide. During large outages, you may have trouble getting through initially due to large call volumes. You can try again after waiting, or we suggest you go online.

- **Online.** During large outages—defined as those affecting a large number of members for an extended period—we post in the Outage Info & Updates tab in the Outage Center at www.cec.coop/outage. Initially, only basic information may be available because crews are on their way to the location or they are still determining the cause. Once that information is known, it will be posted along with an estimated restoration time frame as soon as one is available. We also activate a high-profile outage alert banner on the site during major events, which gives the basic facts of the outage. The site's outage map will show you where any outages have been identified, showing you if you are in the affected area.

- **Social media.** Central Electric also provides updates through its Facebook page and Twitter account. We encourage you to follow us. However, please do not use these applications to report an outage. Our phone system remains the fastest and most effective way to report outages.

We encourage members to call Central Electric because each time a member calls to report an outage, it is entered into our sophisticated outage management system. The OMS collects the data from these calls and populates our interactive mapping system. This helps quickly define the area affected by an outage and helps our crews pinpoint where to look first for the problem. Even in this technology-driven world, your calls remain important to triggering our response and getting your power back on as quickly and safely as is possible.

Thank you,



Dave Markham, President and CEO





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Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Celebrates Co-op Connections Day

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative is celebrating the cooperative difference by offering our members savings through the national Co-op Connections Card program. National Co-op Connections Day is Friday, October 5, and is sponsored by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. This year, you can enjoy the benefits of this program through the new and improved website or mobile app.

To find local deals on Co-op Connections Day, check the www.connections.coop website. We have been busy working with local business partners to add a variety of new discounts and offerings. Additional national deals will be announced on www.connections.coop for Co-op Connections Day on October 5.

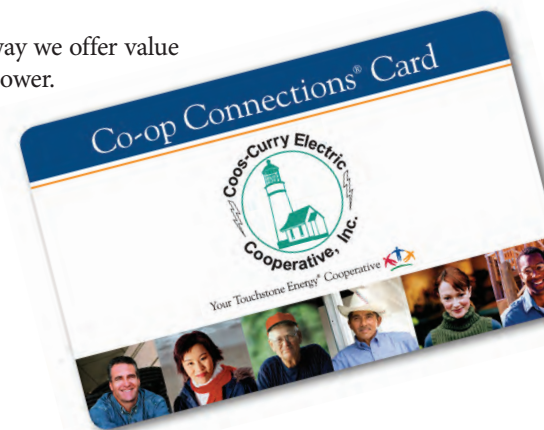
If you are a local business interested in being part of the Co-op Connections Card program, you can join at no cost. Contact our office at (541) 332-3931 to sign up. For more information, visit www.ccec.coop.

The Co-op Connections Card is another way we offer value to our members beyond reliable, affordable power.

I encourage all members to get involved and support our local economy by visit participating businesses October 5. See page 5 for our growing list of businesses or download the free Co-op Connections app for Apple or Android devices and select Local Deals to start saving.

Roger Meader

General Manager and CEO





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Bob Perry

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Board meetings are the fourth
Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Members are welcome.

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Manager's Message

Fall is in the air, which means winter is not far behind. What is behind us is West Oregon Electric Cooperative's 74th annual meeting.

This was the second year the annual meeting was held at Vernonia High School because we have outgrown the Scout Cabin. Feedback from the members was they liked the change. There was plenty of spacious parking, no one was cramped for seating, and there was plenty of table space for everyone to sit down and eat indoors without being pestered by this year's bumper crop of yellow jackets.

Looking ahead to next year, WOEC will celebrate its 75th anniversary of service to you, the members. A lot has happened since then, but our mission remains the same: to keep the lights on.

Many have served the cooperative throughout the years. In preparation for the coming anniversary, I would like your help identifying former employees and directors of West Oregon Electric Cooperative. If you have any memorabilia, articles, pictures or stories that might help tell the WOEC story, I am interested in hearing from you. We have a year to work together on this project, so thank you in advance.

The bylaw amendment to allow electronic voting for the annual meeting was passed by the membership. This is another option for those who prefer to vote online. We will work out the details throughout the year.

Robert Van Natta nominated Brett Costley for board chairman this year, and the directors approved. Robert has been the board chairman for many years. We thank him for his dedication and leadership to WOEC.

Bob Perry
General Manager





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*Board meets the fourth Thursday of the
month at the SVE office.*

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2019 Washington, D.C., Youth Tour

Surprise Valley Electric is soliciting applications for the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour for June 2019.

SVE will select one high school student from SVE's service territory to participate with the Oregon delegation on the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June 2019.

The selected student will receive an incredible opportunity to attend this all-expenses-paid trip with more than 1,800 other teens.

The weeklong trip is packed with nonstop sightseeing, leadership building and education about electric co-ops, as well as the opportunity to witness our nation's political process.

To be eligible, the student must be a junior or sophomore, and his/her place of residence must be served by SVE.

Interested students can pick up an application at the SVE office in Alturas, or call the office at (530) 233-3511 or (866) 843-2667 to have an application mailed. Applications must be turned in to SVE by Tuesday, November 20.



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(Unless otherwise noted on LEC website)

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Down the Line



Dear Co-op Community Members:

What could you do in 10 minutes? Sweep the floor? Complete Lane Electric's member satisfaction and energy usage survey? We hope you will choose the latter so we can learn how we are doing and how to best plan for your future energy needs and preferences.

Recently, a small, randomly selected portion of our residential members received a member satisfaction and energy usage survey from our partner at PNGC Power. If you were one of the households

who received the survey, we ask that you please take the time—it shouldn't take more than 10 minutes—to thoughtfully complete and return it in the postage-paid envelope by October 20. Your answers play an important role in shaping our power resource planning and learning how we can best serve you, our members.

Results from the last survey in 2016 enlightened us about our areas for improvement, including offering ways to help you save money on your electric bill and providing updated information about power outages on our website and social media. We've made those improvements, and look forward to learning what we can do next to improve your satisfaction.

Responding to the survey is one way you can contribute to the second cooperative principle: Democratic Member Control. As a democratic organization controlled by our members, that means we are focused on always learning what our member-customers want from their co-op. Data collected from this survey will help us do just that. Survey responses will remain anonymous. If you have any questions, our lines are always open. Feel free to call us at (541) 484-1151, or email comment.question@laneelectric.com.

So, you can sweep the floors or fill out the survey. Which will you choose? (Psst ... the floors don't even know they're dirty!)

Matt

Matt Michel, General Manager



**Blachly-Lane
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Building Remodel Open House and Tour

Friday, October 19, 2018

Open House from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.

Building tours at 7:15 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate consumer-owned Blachly-Lane Cooperative's new multi-purpose room and improved workspaces and warehouse. Come see how the ADA, seismic, and efficiency improvements are working for you.

We're geared up to serve you for the next 80 years!





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Public Power Week

Public Power Week is a nationwide annual event held the first week of October. This event, which began in 1986, is led by the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. Klickitat PUD will celebrate this tradition Monday, October 8, through Friday, October 12.

Have you ever wondered what factors affect energy use, where it is used or what you can do to use less? If you are interested in saving energy and money along with investing in the environmental benefits of conserving energy, come in and speak with our energy services specialist. She is happy to address all of your questions. Our Energy Services Department can provide information regarding rebates, conservation loans and electric conservation tips.

There will also be information available to help you prepare for outages. One of the most important tools we use during outages is your phone number. We use it to contact you when we have planned outages, but also when we are working to pinpoint how widespread an outage is or to confirm power is restored. Cordless telephones do not work during an outage, so people often use cellphones to report them. Having the best contact number on file with KPUD is vital to relaying information in a timely manner.

In the coming months, Klickitat PUD will transition to a new billing system. The new system allows for a new bill format that makes seeing use and managing your utility account easier. More information on the transition will be provided as KPUD moves into the new system.

We hope you will join us for refreshments during the Public Power Week open house Thursday, October 11, at both office locations. Staff is always available to answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to contact our Energy Services Department for more information regarding energy conservation at (509) 773-7622.

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Celebration of National Co-op Month

October is the month to celebrate the benefits cooperatives bring to our communities. Whether the cooperatives' focus is food, child care, insurance, electricity or some other service, we all exist to help serve a need in the communities we live in.

Cooperatives are unique. We are not-for-profit, democratically controlled and member owned. The cooperative business model is about meeting the needs of the people, not about maximizing profits. In the U.S., more than 900 electric co-ops serve an estimated 42 million people. At Northern Lights, we have more than 17,000 members and 2,800 miles of distribution lines that serve members in Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington and Western Montana.

NLI is overseen by a seven-member board of directors, each elected by the members of the district they represent. Our power comes from the Bonneville Power Administration and our own dam on a tributary of the Kootenai River.

One way NLI serves its community is through Operation Roundup, where members can choose to round up their monthly energy bill to the nearest dollar to help families in need of assistance. Members also can choose to donate to the Helping Hand program, which is designed to help struggling members with their power bills. If you would like to participate in either of these programs, please contact us to sign up.

As summer has come to an end, the leaves are changing and fall is upon us. Before we know it, those princesses, superheroes, ghosts and goblins will be knocking on our doors hoping for a treat!



Annie Terracciano
General Manager



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Upcoming Annual Meeting

Dear Members,

I hope you plan to join us for your 80th annual meeting.

As you saw from the official notice on the front page of this Ruralite, our meeting is Thursday, November 1, at the Community Hall in Greencreek. Your board members, staff and I look forward to meeting with you.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. We will call the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Following an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, we will have an excellent meal provided to us by the ladies of the Altar Society.

We will begin our business meeting at 12:55 p.m. At this time, you will hear updates on your cooperative and its propane subsidiary, and vote for directors for Districts 1 and 2. While District 1 does have an incumbent running, John Solberg—director in District 2—has announced his retirement and will not run again. Members from either district who are interested in serving should read my article on pages 4 and 5 of this issue about qualifications and requirements for serving as a director.

In addition, please take time to review the financial pages in this edition and the bylaws regarding nominations for director and proxy voting. If you have any questions, please call us at the office.

During your annual meeting, we will have plenty of prize drawings for gifts donated by our suppliers. We will have two grand prizes: a propane barbecue donated by Propane Equipment & Supply and ICP Inc., and a \$500 bill credit provided by your cooperative, Idaho County Light & Power.

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to visit with friends, neighbors and fellow members as well as some new faces to ICL&P. We would all like to see you there.

Thank you,

Max Beach

General Manager



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Board meetings are normally the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. and is usually held in Walla Walla.

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Parting Thoughts

The winter months are quickly approaching, and one question I frequently get asked this time of year is, “What can I do to conserve on electricity?”

The three most obvious items to look at are your heating system, windows and insulation. If any of these items are outdated, we recommend upgrading them, or for your heating system, having it serviced. With that being said, these items take resources that are frequently limited: time and money. So, if you are short of either of those resources, it might not be feasible, but doesn't worry – you still have options!



Below are several quick and inexpensive tips to help you start saving during the cold months:

1) Don't Heat Unnecessary Spaces: If you have rooms in your home you don't use, close the door to those rooms and seal off their vents, so the heat is being used where you really need it

2) Clean your Air Filter: This easy, low-cost option will make your system run more efficient.

3) Adjust your Thermostat : Turn down your thermostat 10 degrees while you're asleep or when your family leaves for the day. Or, to make things easier, you could invest in a smart thermostat. Just remember, after installing the smart thermostat, you'll want to adjust the temperature manually for the first few days, which will allow the thermostat to identify your usage patterns. Once it identifies your usage patterns, the smart thermostat will automatically adjust, saving you up to 15 percent off of your bill per year.

4) Seal Any Leaks in your Home: Do you have noticeable air leaks around your chimney, doorways, windows, plumbing or other areas? Calk, weather-stripping and heavy-duty plastic sheets for your windows are ways to help plug, or at least reduce these air leaks.


5) Utilize the Sun to your Advantage: If it's sunny, allow the natural light into your home by opening the draperies on the south side of your home. Then, in the evening close them once it gets darker.

6) Hanging Holiday Lights? Invest in LED lights! Not only are these more pocketbook-friendly, but these lights last longer as well.

I hope you gained a few takeaways from the above tips. If you are interested in upgrading windows, putting in insulation, upgrading your heating system or purchasing a smart thermostat, be sure to visit our website at www.columbiarea.coop to look into our rebate offerings.

Best,



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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

October is National Co-op Month. As we celebrate, I want to reflect on what co-ops bring to Americans.

More than 45,000 co-ops operate in the U.S., with about 350 million members. More than 900 electric co-ops maintain nearly half of the electric distribution lines in the U.S. These lines cover three-quarters of the U.S. land mass and provide electricity to more than 42 million Americans.

Like all co-ops, Midstate Electric Cooperative operates under these seven cooperative principles:

Voluntary and Open Membership.

Co-ops are open to all who are able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

Democratic Member Control. Co-ops are controlled by their members, who set the policies and make decisions. Elected representatives are accountable to the members, who have equal voting rights: one member, one vote.

Member Economic Participation. Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-op. They allocate surpluses to develop the co-op, and benefit in proportion to their transactions with the co-op.

Autonomy and Independence. Co-ops are self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members.

Education, Training and Information. Co-ops provide education and training for members, elected representatives, managers and employees

so they can contribute to the development of their co-ops. They inform the public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives.

Co-ops serve their members by working together locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

Concern for Community. While focusing on member needs, co-ops work for the sustainable development of their communities.

Join us in celebrating National Co-op Month by entering MEC's contest to win a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Nine \$100 credits will be provided again this year. See page 8 for details.

Washington, D.C., Youth Tour

MEC will participate in the 2019 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Washington, D.C., Youth Tour. More than 1,500 rural students participate each June.

Students have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn the important roles electric co-ops play in their community, gain personal understanding of American history, and meet with congressional representatives and senators to understand their role as a citizen.

We will send one student delegate to represent MEC June 13-20. This all-expenses-paid trip is a unique chance for a high school sophomore or junior whose parents are MEC members.

Call (541) 536-2126 option 5 for additional information. The deadline to apply is Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Dave Schneider
General Manager



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Now Accepting 2019 Board Applications

Applications are now being accepted from Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. members interested in being candidates for the 2019 board election in Districts 1 and 3. The deadline to apply is January 18, 2019.

District 1 includes all Idaho areas north and east of State Highway 81. District 3 includes all areas in Utah and the Nevada area around Montello.

As a cooperative, Raft River Electric is owned by its members and governed by a board of directors elected from its membership. Directors serve three-year terms and attend monthly meetings to guide policy and budget decisions for Raft River Electric.

All co-op members will have the opportunity to cast their votes in the 2019 Raft River Electric board election. Ballots will be mailed in early March. Members can vote by mail or in person at the annual meeting. Election results will be announced at the co-op's annual meeting March 19. New director terms begin March 2019.

Members of Raft River Electric have the opportunity to make their voices heard and represent their communities by taking an active role in the governance of their cooperative. Democratic member participation is a tenet of a cooperative.

If you live in Districts 1 or 3, meet the requirements set forth in the Raft River Electric bylaws and would like to be nominated for the board, stop by the office for an application or download one from www.rrelectric.com.

A copy of the bylaws is available upon request.



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Celebrate National Co-op Month

Join Big Bend Electric Cooperative in celebrating cooperatives in Washington and across America during National Cooperative Month.

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make the business model unique: local democratic control, commitment to supporting the communities they serve, improving quality of life, providing special benefits and services, and returning margins to members in the form of capital credits.

Cooperatives are special. We have an obligation to provide reliable, affordable and safe electricity, but we take that a step further. We also have a responsibility to support our members, enrich schools and enhance our communities.

Big Bend is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which employs more than 850,000 people. Across the nation, 29,000 co-ops and credit unions generate \$74 billion in annual wages and nearly \$500 billion in revenue.

Cooperation thrives in Washington, with more than 840 co-ops serving 6,098,560 members, according to the Center for Cooperatives. Washington's co-op economy employs 23,400.

Nationally, more than 2.1 million jobs



are supported by co-ops. Big Bend is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states.

Electric cooperatives were formed because rural communities struggled for lack of investment. Neighbors banded together and lit up the countryside when no one else would. That is what we celebrate each October.

In addition to cooperative utilities, Washington residents are served by credit unions, food co-ops and agricultural co-ops. To learn more about your co-op and other co-ops near you, visit www.bbec.org or www.go.coop.com.

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Manager's Message

Dear Members,

As a Hood River Electric Cooperative member, you benefit in many ways from our successful operations. This month, I'd like to share the good news about one benefit you receive.

One of the seven cooperative principles is Member Economic Participation, and a good example of this principle is our capital credit program. Member equity is created when earnings are left over at the end of each year. This creates a margin called a capital credit, which is allocated proportionally to each member.

Capital credits are used by the co-op to fund investments in our distribution system and to meet operational needs. Capital credits are returned to members when the board authorizes their retirement.

At its September meeting, your board of directors authorized the retirement of \$800,000 in capital credits. Members who bought energy from HREC in 2007 should receive a check for their patronage in November.

On a percentage basis, HREC's return of capital credits is among the highest in the nation. In a 2017 ranking of 709 co-ops, HREC ranked No. 1 in Oregon, No. 3 among similarly sized co-ops and No. 10 of all co-ops.

Following this retirement, HREC will have returned more than \$12.3 million in capital credits to past and current members.

Celebrating National Cooperative Month

The arrival of fall coincides with National Cooperative Month, which is celebrated each October. We are glad to be joined by other local businesses that embrace the co-op model: Hood River Supply, Diamond Fruit Growers, credit unions and many more. The publisher of this magazine, Ruralite Services, is also a cooperative.

On behalf of all of us at HREC, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

General Manager Libby Calnon



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We Stand with AARP in Opposing Question 3

I want to take this opportunity to share this important message from AARP Nevada State Director Maria Dent on Ballot Question 3, the Energy Choice Initiative:

As the state director for AARP Nevada, my job is to serve and advocate for our 330,000-plus members across the state. When it comes to Ballot Question 3, the so-called “Energy Choice Initiative,” we strongly encourage our members and all Nevadans to vote no. There are simply too many financial and constitutional concerns to ignore.

Because our organization serves people 50 years of age and older, many of our members are retired and living on fixed incomes. For some, careful budgeting is a necessity to make ends meet on a month-to-month basis. As a result, we approach any initiative that threatens to significantly raise the cost of living—as Ballot Question 3 does—with extreme caution.

Data shows that states with deregulated energy markets have some of the highest electricity rates in the country. Nevada’s rates fall below the national average and, in some cases, far below. One study comparing the average monthly bill of choice states and non-choice states showed typical residential consumers in choice states pay around 40 percent more annually for electricity.

Choice is actually a concept near and dear to our hearts. After all, AARP’s mission is “empowering people to choose how they live as they age.” Unfortunately, data and precedent inform us that the kind of choice promised by Ballot Question 3 will lead to cost increases that will likely limit our members’ ability to make choices in other aspects of their life.

After 10 days of public hearings earlier this year, the Nevada Public Utilities Commission concluded that passage of Question 3 was unlikely to benefit residential consumers and would likely lead to an increase in the amount people pay for electricity. We agree, and AARP Nevada joined the Coalition against Question 3 because passing this ballot initiative is a proposition that many of our members quite literally cannot afford. While my focus is on our members, my guess is that many other Nevadans share similar concerns. For that reason, I hope you’ll join me and vote no on Ballot Question 3 in November.

Harney Electric Cooperative members stand together with AARP in opposition to Ballot Question 3.

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SREC's Outage Response

We have partnered with the Cooperative Response Center to handle our 24/7 after-hour, weekend and holiday power outage dispatch since 2000.

CRC is cooperatively owned by its members, who are made up of electric cooperatives, electric member corporations, public power districts and public utility districts. CRC has 450 member-owners representing 8 million consumers in 45 states. It has call centers in Minnesota, Tennessee and Texas. CRC started as a Central Station alarm monitoring service in 1992. In 1995, it began call-handling and line crew dispatch. Today, CRC offers video verification monitoring, outage texting and customer billing.

Prior to partnering with CRC, our linemen, their families and management handled outage calls when they were available. SREC linemen often were in the field responding to an outage when additional outage calls were incoming. We were not always able to handle the calls promptly. In addition, our linemen had no way to contact our electric customers while they were responding to outages in the field, and it was difficult to contact our linemen with often helpful information while they were responding to outage calls. Most importantly, SREC linemen had limited ability to contact help in an emergency.

We researched several options to address these deficiencies in our outage communications. Your co-op chose CRC because it provided the most cost-effective outage dispatch and customer service.

One challenge for our electric customers has been calling CRC to report a power outage to someone who doesn't know them or where they live. The personal touch just isn't there. I apologize for that. We continue to look for ways to improve your experience with your outage calls. We have given CRC specific instructions on how to handle our power outage calls, including taking any call even if it lacks adequate information to timely dispatch line crews.

SREC can better serve you and respond to your power outage if you provide the correct address, account name and number, and meter number or power pole number where the outage is located. Providing a telephone number allows our linemen to reach you during the outage and can improve our response.

Please let me know how we handled your power outage—good or bad. We constantly look at how to best serve you, our member-owners.

Ken Dizes
General Manager



Ken Dizes

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On the Wire at United Electric

Have you ever wondered why the electricity grid is alternating current rather than direct current? Yeah, me either. However, author Graham Moore was interested in this history. He penned a book titled “The Last Days of Night.” The book is historical fiction, based on the legal battle between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse.

“The Last Days of Night” is set in New York City in the late 1800s when electricity was in its infancy. Two great inventors, Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse, fought to control the electrification of the United States from coast to coast. The success of Edison’s invention hinged on the adoption of DC electricity, while Westinghouse’s innovation relied on AC electricity.

Early streetlights were illuminated with gas, followed by electric arc lamps. Arc lamps had two major flaws: They created a strong, harsh light and did not last long. Consequently, they were slow to replace gas-illuminated lamps, which had better illumination. The market for a better lightbulb was immense and the market was not crowded.

The legal battle—the heart of the story—was that Edison had patented a lightbulb and Westinghouse created a better one. Edison’s bulb was DC, while Westinghouse’s was AC. Edison already had a patent on his lightbulb and claimed Westinghouse violated his patent. The U.S. patent office ruled that Westinghouse’s bulb violated the Edison patent. Edison demanded \$1 billion in damages, which was an unheard-of sum of money in those days.

To defend himself, Westinghouse hired an untested 26-year-old fresh out of law school. The task facing this young, unseasoned attorney was daunting. The stakes were high: The winner was sure to dominate the development of electricity and the U.S. electric grid.

Besides the story, the book is about the process of invention and how ideas become reality. I found it interesting that each chapter starts with a quote from a noted inventor. A few quotes that inspire me follow:

- “High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.”

Charles Kettering, inventor of the electric starter.

- “We often miss opportunity because it’s dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

Thomas Edison

- Technology is nothing. What’s important is that you have a faith in people, that they’re basically good and smart, and if you give them tools, they’ll do wonderful things with them. **Steve Jobs, founder of Apple.**

What does all this boil down to? I guess I’ll just say we are working hard to keep the lights on at United Electric.

Sincerely,

Jo Elg
General Manager





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The board of directors
meets the fourth Friday
of each month at 8:30 a.m.

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Meeting Information

Lost River Electric Cooperative Inc. 79th Annual Meeting of the Members

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Mackay High School Auditorium, Idaho

- Registration: 7 p.m.
- Membership meeting: 8 p.m.
- Check your membership: Be sure to check your voting status before the annual meeting. You must be an active member receiving service at the time of the meeting. We are happy to answer any of your questions. Contact the office at (208) 588-3311.
- Bylaws allow only one proxy. At any meeting of the members, a member can vote for his/her membership and one proxy. If you know a member who will be unable to attend the annual meeting, ask him or her for their proxy. You will be able to vote for them and yourself. A nonmember cannot vote a member's proxy. A husband or wife can vote his or her spouse's membership without a proxy. Contact the office if you need another proxy form.
- Bylaws provide for absentee voting. Contact Lost River Electric Cooperative Inc. for information at (208) 588-3311.
- Credentials will be mailed to those who qualify.
- Grand prize: \$500 electric energy credit. Important: To be eligible for a prize, the member must be present at the time of the drawing. Every member in attendance will receive a door prize.
- We urge you to register early so the meeting can begin promptly at 8 p.m. Again this year, we will have members whose last names begin with A through L register at one table and those whose names begin with M through Z at another table.

Nominees for the Lost River Electric Board of Directors

District 1: Merlin A. Waddoups

District 2: Lynn O. Rothwell

District 3: James D. McKelvey



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Important Dates

October

National Co-op Month Activities

Ruralite Cover Photo Contest:

Submit photos October 1 - October 29, 2018

Co-op Month Food Drive: Bring non perishable food items to the CVEA office October 1 through October 31 and be entered to win a \$100 CVEA energy credit

Halloween Trick or Treat Spooktacular:

Stop by the CVEA office in your district for Halloween fun from 3-5 p.m., Wednesday, October 31

CVEA Board Meeting: The October meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018, in Glennallen

November

CVEA Board Meeting: The November meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, November 15, in Valdez

CVEA Offices Closed: The CVEA offices will be closed Thursday, November 22 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

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**Local,
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**Help CVEA celebrate Co-op Month this October!!!
 Join us for scheduled activities
 & events throughout the month!**

October 1-29 Ruralite Cover Photo Contest

- Winners will receive \$100 per winning photo, be announced to the local media, and be featured on the cover of Ruralite for one month in 2019
- Submit your photos by 6 p.m., Monday, October 29
- Visit cvea.org/ruralitecoverphotocontest for details, rules, and application instructions

October 1-31 Joint Cooperative Food Drive

- Bring nonperishable food items to CVEA or CVTelecom during normal business hours and be entered to win a \$100 CVEA Energy Credit or a \$100 CVTelecom Service Credit
- Food items will benefit local organizations
- The drawing will be held Thursday, November 1
- One ticket per item. Want more tickets? Bring more food!!
- Sorry, we cannot accept expired food

Tuesday, October 31, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

CVEA Halloween Spooktacular

Don't forget to bring your kiddos to the CVEA office as part of the downtown Halloween Spooktacular.

- Enjoy a trick or treat parade with five treat stops at CVEA
- Get your photo at our fun, themed photo booth
- Kids will receive a Spooktacular surprise that includes a chance to WIN a \$25 Visa card; 5 Chances to WIN in each district!





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11th of the month.

Our Mission

Tillamook PUD provides safe, reliable and
competitively priced power to our
customers.

Our Vision

Tillamook PUD provides high value to
our customers, staff and community,
performing now and preparing for the
future.



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Public Power is Community Power

Dear Customers:

When you think of all the valuable aspects of your community, what comes to mind? Is it your friends and neighbors? The various nonprofit groups and small businesses in the area? Maybe it's the local government and public entities that work to serve the community as a whole?

I believe all these elements are valuable in a community. An effective community is more than just people living together in an area. It's people connecting and working together in an area. It's people investing their time and resources into endeavors that help the community—and those who live in it—thrive.

At Tillamook PUD, we are community powered. We are one of six people's utility districts in Oregon that provide public power. We work together with public entities, including other public power trade agencies, such as the Oregon People's Utility District Association, the Public Power Council, Northwest RiverPartners and the Northwest Public Power Association.

Earlier this year, Tillamook PUD earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Diamond designation from the American Public Power Association. Utilities awarded an RP3 designation demonstrate proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. The diamond designation is the highest level awarded by the American Public Power Association.

Building strong relationships within the public power community is important to our utility's operations. We work diligently to cultivate these essential working relationships so we can continue to provide the safest, most reliable and most affordable electricity to the people in our local community, and help other entities do the same in their community.

Every October, we celebrate public power with our community members during Public Power Week. This year, Public Power Week is October 8-12. I invite you to visit our office lobby for refreshments and to pick up some giveaway items from both Tillamook PUD and local businesses. New to this year's Public Power Week lineup is "Ask an Expert." This is a great opportunity to visit with Tillamook PUD staff, ask questions and get to know more about public power.

For more information about Public Power Week at Tillamook PUD, visit the events section on our website at tpud.org and follow us on Facebook or Twitter. I hope you can stop by and join us in celebrating public power and our community!

Sincerely,

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Please Join Us at the Polls

Our co-op's No. 1 priority is providing our consumer-members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That may seem far removed from our core mission, but it is absolutely essential to serving you, our consumer-members.

That is why we are participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote. The program encourages all cooperative members to participate in national, state and local elections while educating political candidates and elected officials about the important role played by electric cooperatives in their communities.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association—the service organization representing the nation's electric cooperatives—launched Co-ops Vote in 2016 as a national nonpartisan get-out-the-vote initiative that helped drive rural voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

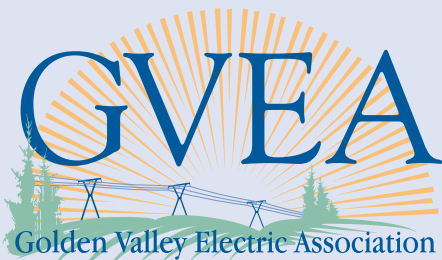
Through this program, electric cooperatives realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show Concern for Community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

Cooperatives have another advantage. Elected officials and decision-makers across the political spectrum trust us because of the work the electric cooperative family has put into political engagement. When we all get involved, we can make things happen politically and in our local communities.

Our participation in Co-ops Vote helps ensure rural issues remain part of the national discussion and are supported by our elected officials. But Co-ops Vote is not just for cooperatives. It is for co-op members just like you.

You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on November 6. If you are interested in getting more involved, give us a call or visit www.vote.coop. Learn more about the upcoming elections and access online tools that can help you participate. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day. ■





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GVEA's Healy Power Station Unit 2 Reaches Startup Milestone

By mid-September, the Healy Unit 2 power plant had operated at 95% availability for a 30-day period, exceeding a key benchmark set by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

The 50-megawatt coal-fired unit had been idle since 2016, to allow GVEA to fix a design flaw in the coal feed/fuel transport system. GVEA worked with industry experts to bring Healy Unit 2 back online in a safe and reliable manner.

Since its July 28 restart on coal, the plant has continued to operate at near-peak capacity. During this time period, equipment and systems have been tested, monitored and refined. Bluewater Energy Solutions performed the startup and recommissioning of the plant.

GVEA purchased Healy Unit 2, which was built in the 1990s with experimental technology, from the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) in 2013. Since then, GVEA has updated systems and replaced obsolete controls, including significant environmental upgrades.


Since coal is a reliable and inexpensive fuel, Healy Unit 2 is a critical part of GVEA's generation fleet. "Every megawatt we generate with coal saves our members money," said GVEA board member Bill Nordmark, who represents the Healy area.

GVEA now operates two coal-fired plants, which produces 75 megawatts combined. "This is an important milestone for our Healy Power Station, and it represents countless hours of hard work and dedication from our employees and contractors," said GVEA President & CEO Cory Borgeson.

Go to pages 4, 5, 6 to read about how Healy Unit 2 is tied to GVEA's rate filing and how it has already helped to decrease the Fuel and Purchased Power component of your bill. ■





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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

The 2018 PSREC Annual Member Meeting was a great event. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the day. Eastern Plumas Health Care held another excellent health fair. We would like to thank them for participating in our annual meeting and offering free and significantly discounted services to members. The Las Plumas 4-H Club served an excellent lunch of tri-tip sandwiches, pulled-pork sandwiches and veggie burgers. The Calpine Elks called several games of bingo, and members took home great prizes, including the grand prize of a 2001 Dodge Grand Caravan.

During the event, Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications highlighted its plans for broadband expansion in the region. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can get information on our broadband services by visiting www.pst.coop.

Sonja Anderson of the Western Area Power Administration, Randy Howard of the Northern California Power Agency and Jackie Coombs of the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems provided updates on the electric industry during the business meeting.

All the speakers discussed key issues facing your cooperative and the electric utility industry as a whole. Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed SB100, an ambitious law that mandates 100 percent clean power by 2045. As the speakers shared at the meeting, this law will impact how utilities operate in the years to come. A key takeaway from the meeting was the need for the cooperative to stay active politically to protect the interests of our member-owners.

We had a lively question-and-answer session, covering both broadband expansion and the impact of new fire prevention regulations. As we go to press, there are bills on the governor's

desk that may impact our operations, both positively and somewhat negatively.

The board of directors is the governing body for Plumas-Sierra REC and Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications. They set policy, strategic direction, rates, and budgets. They attend classes and work hard to understand the complexities of the electrical utility industry and the telecommunications business. We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to PSREC.

In a contested election, the members elected Larry Price to District 1. We would like to thank Sean Harris and Rick Whitsell for running for the board. It's great to see strong interest in our cooperative. We had two uncontested elections—Fred Nelson was re-elected to District 3 and Dave Roberti was re-elected to District 4.

After the annual meeting, the directors elected board officers: Fred Nelson as president, Dick Short as vice president and David Hansen as secretary/treasurer.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can contact me at (800) 555-2207 extension 6076, or email me at bmarshall@psrec.coop.

Sincerely,

Bob Marshall
General Manager



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Reflecting on What We Value Most: Celebrating the Cooperative Model

As the brilliant fall colors begin to change, this is a great time to step back, slow down and reflect upon the things we value most.

October is National Cooperative Month. We strive hard each day to deliver safe, affordable and reliable power to

our member/owners, but more than that we are always trying to find other ways that add value to our member/owners and our community.

Our member service department is ready and willing to serve you. We offer a personal connection when you call or stop by. We have a variety of services available to every member. To make paying your bill easier, we offer budget billing, auto bill pay, online bill pay, outside night drop and payment extensions.

Other services include a rebate program for items such as appliances, heating/cooling systems, windows and insulation for your home. Some wind turbine and solar generation also may qualify. We partner with local entities to provide energy assistance and weatherization programs for extreme cold winter months.

Don't forget we offer the Co-op Connections Card, which provides you with discounts at local businesses and on some national products and goods.

If you haven't heard us mention this before, we value our low rate structure. Mt. Wheeler Power CEO Kevin Robison works diligently to maintain long-term contracts with our power supplier so we can all benefit from lower electric bills.

As we take the time to celebrate co-ops this month, we reflect on our consumer-owned business model, grateful we have a cooperative that is democratically controlled by its members for its members. We believe our cooperative is the best choice as an energy provider. If you agree, please join us in voting no on Question 3 this November.

Shellie Watts
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CEO Message

The future is in your hands.

For months, Wells Rural Electric Company (WREC) has worked with a large and growing coalition that has been providing information about Ballot Question 3. We have been diligently urging everyone we encounter to vote "NO".

This massive education effort seems to be working. You may remember that Question 3 passed in 2016 with 72% in favor and 28% opposed. A recent poll by the Reno Gazette Journal (RGJ) found that 51% of likely voters now oppose Question 3. However, the only poll that really matters is the election that ends November 6.

While 51% now opposed gives me hope that your electric cooperative will still be able to deliver safe, reliable, clean and affordable electricity after this election, the margin of error for the poll is 4.4%. Statistically, this election could easily go either way. From a practical perspective, it means that the passage or failure of Question 3 will be determined by who actually votes. Your vote will make a difference.

You can check if you are registered to vote on the website for the Nevada Secretary of State at <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>. If you are not registered to vote, please consider registering at <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/registering-to-vote>. Online registration is available through October 18. You can also register by mail and at some state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, through October 9. Registrations can be completed at the County Clerk's Office until October 16.

Early voting opens Saturday, October 20 and ends Friday, November 2. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. Vote at your convenience, but please vote!



The RGJ poll also found that about 16% of voters were unsure about how to vote. If you are undecided, I again urge you to vote NO.

Page 4 contains a partial list of organizations opposed to Question 3. A full list of organizations, local governments and individuals urging everyone to vote NO on Question 3 can be found on NOon3.com. While some of these organizations often take very different positions on other issues, they all agree that Question 3 will be bad for their members. Page 5 provides some compelling reasons why each of us should vote NO on Question 3.

The mayors who serve our communities in Nevada have heard the arguments both for and against Question 3 in several forums. Most notably, both sides of Question 3 have been presented three times at the Nevada League of Cities. Messages from the mayors of Carlin, West Wendover and Wells are on page 8.

AARP has 342,000 members in Nevada. A letter urging AARP members and all citizens of Nevada to vote NO appears on page 25.

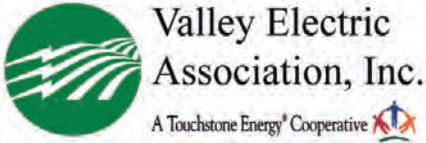
A letter outlining why the Nevada Mining Association is opposed to Question 3 has been printed on page 28. The positions of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the Nevada Farm Bureau appear on page 29.

These organizations, and numerous others, have been instrumental in spreading the word about the damage Question 3 could cause.

Please help us ensure that all WREC members understand Question 3 and are registered to vote by talking with your friends and neighbors, putting up yard signs, wearing buttons or by putting a bumper magnet on your car. Pick these items up at your local office or click the "request a yard sign" button on www.wrec.coop.

Vote to keep electricity safe, reliable, clean and affordable by voting NO on Question 3.

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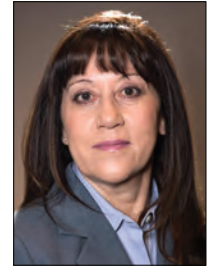
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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Why VEA Supports Question 3



What a great gathering of member-consumers we hosted for our quarterly Ambassador meeting in early September to hear three viewpoints on the Energy Choice Initiative.

The Ambassador forum featured knowledgeable representatives from “Yes-on-Three,” “No-on-Three” and a neutral expert from the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities. More than 130 Ambassadors and members attended the event.

The Energy Choice Initiative would mandate the Nevada Legislature to enact laws, over the next three legislative sessions, requiring electricity markets be open and competitive so that all electricity customers are afforded meaningful choice among different providers and that economic and regulatory burdens be minimized to promote competition and choices in the electric energy market.

Otherwise known as Question 3, ECI passed in 2016 – and because it is a constitutional amendment – it must be approved again on the 2018 November ballot. The wording will be identical to the 2016 ballot measure.

Our panel addressed dozens of questions about Question 3, and each had plenty of time to rebut the other panelists’ positions.

One member wanted to know specifically why VEA supports Question 3. Our support begins with the membership, which – like the rest of Nevada – voted overwhelmingly in favor of it in 2016. We view Energy Choice as an inevitable industry evolution driven by technology and consumer demand.

Consumers prefer choice, which has contributed to the success of companies like Amazon, Uber, Airbnb, iTunes and Tesla. All these companies have empowered consumers by providing greater choice and more convenience. We see a similar trend in the evolving energy industry.

In energy choice markets, customers can participate in ways that allow more choices on renewables or electric plans that fit their lifestyles. As an electric utility of the future, VEA will continue to provide reliable, stable grid operations, while enabling our members to choose power plans that meet their needs and preferences.

Our business model aligns with our position on Energy Choice. We are a cooperative. We are member owned. Each day as we go about our business, the two things foremost on our minds are providing affordable, reliable services.

The passage of Question 3 will open up opportunities for our Cooperative. Valley Electric embraces consumer choice because it could enable us to provide energy beyond our service territory, providing additional revenues. It benefits members, too, by keeping electricity affordable.

Until next month,
Angela Evans
Chief Executive Officer

Angela Evans served at the executive level at utilities in New Mexico, Texas and California for more than 20 years before joining Valley Electric Association in 2017.

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The Kittitas PUD Board of Commissioners meets the last Tuesday of each month in Building B. Please visit the PUD website to view all approved board minutes.

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Space Heater Safety

It's that time of year when things start to cool down and many consumers will bring out their space heaters. The NFPA and the Consumer Product Safety Commission says any widely used heating device can be used safely, if the following precautions are followed:

- Buy a space heater that has been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters' Laboratory.
- Shop for a heater with an automatic safety switch that will turn it off if it is tipped over; an overheat sensor that shuts off the heater if it gets too hot; a low surface temperature to protect people and pets from burns; and a screen or grill around the heating coil, with openings small enough children's fingers cannot get through to touch the heating element.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from flammable objects. Do not place it where towels or other items could fall on it.
- Do not hide cords under rugs or carpets. Placing anything on top of the cord could cause it to overheat and cause a fire.
- Unless absolutely necessary, do not use an extension cord, and never use a light-duty household extension cord with a heater. It could start a fire.
- Never use the heater to dry clothes or shoes, or to thaw pipes.
- Unless specifically certified for that purpose, do not use heaters in wet or moist places, such as bathrooms. Corrosion to heater parts may lead to a fire or a shock hazard.
- Make sure the cord is not worn. Do not just put electrical tape over a break. Have the cord replaced by a professional.
- Be sure the plug fits snugly in the outlet. A loose plug can overheat.



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Salmon Season Highlights

Some of you may have read my comments in the July Ruralite, wishing everyone a productive salmon season and celebrating our good fortune as a community for this blessing every year.

What a season it was: 24 million reds commercially harvested in the Nushagak! With sockeye and chinook salmon in short supply across the state, all eyes were on the fishermen, processors and fisheries managers in our bay.

For most of the past 20 seasons, I have participated in the Bristol Bay commercial fisheries, working a small family setnet operation and partnering with other local operations. I remember dry fish in mesh brailers. I remember fish almost exclusively in cans, and I remember limits when processors could not keep up with production.

I know this year had more than its share of tragedy, but I want to celebrate the successes. For years, fishermen and processors have been working and investing to solve the quantity and quality problems. Investments in refrigerated sea water, slush bags, ice production, tender and processing capacity are examples, as are investments from individuals and companies, regional organizations and communities.

This year of record returns and harvest was also a year of few, if any, limits and few fish in cans. Concurrently, the fisheries management has proven not only sustainable but successful by any metric. It is a validation of the investment and effort put forth from all involved: fishermen, processors and fisheries management, regional organizations and communities.

As our communities work to try to make the most of this increasing economic opportunity, NETC is a willing and able partner. We strive to meet the increasing demand on electric and provide new opportunities for telecom.

Sincerely,

Robert Himschoot
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The Single-Most Important Investment In Our Future: Our Children

Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for our future."

It's hard to argue the importance of our youth to the future of our rural communities. According to the Department of Education, children who have not developed basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are three to four times more likely to drop out in later years. According to Harvard University, brain development that supports literacy skills peaks at age 3.

During the past year, you may have seen Dolly Parton's Imagination Library advertised in your community or through Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's media channels. The program provides one book each month for registered children up to age 5. The books are delivered to the child's home in his or her name. This program is made possible through a partnership between OTEC and the James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation.

The OTEC Board of Directors approved the use of unclaimed capital credits to support this program. This is the same source of funds used for our scholarship and Washington, D.C., Youth Tour programs.

The board elects to use these funds for the overall improvement of our communities. The Imagination Library is a way to support early childhood development for thousands of our member-owners and their families.

Congratulations to all our volunteers, employees and supporters for their passion and their involvement. After just more than six months, program enrollment has exceeded 1,000 children.

Current enrollment by OTEC families in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library significantly surpassed expectations set by the experiences of thousands of communities involved in this



program nationwide.

Like many things in our rural communities, the success of this program wouldn't be possible without dedicated community partners who diligently work and volunteer their time to sign up new children and continue to spread the word whenever possible.

A special thank you to the Baker County Library Foundation, our primary 501(c)(3) partner; as well as the Grant County Library, Cook Memorial Library, Union Public Library, Harney County Library, school districts, hospitals, other 501(c)(3) partners and individual volunteers who help make this program a success. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation for supporting this remarkable program.

Take advantage of this opportunity by signing up your children and grandchildren, or by telling your friends about the Imagination Library. For more details, visit www.otecc.com/community/dolly-partons-imagination-library.

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Celebrate National Co-op Month

Join Ohop Mutual Light Co. in celebrating cooperatives in Washington and across America during National Cooperative Month.

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make the business model unique: local democratic control, commitment to supporting the communities they serve, improving quality of life, providing special benefits and services.

Cooperatives are special. We have an obligation to provide reliable, affordable and safe electricity, but we take that a step further. We also have a responsibility to support our members, enrich schools and enhance our communities.

Ohop is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which employs more than 850,000 people. Across the nation, 29,000 co-ops and credit unions generate \$74 billion in annual wages and nearly \$500 billion in revenue.

Cooperation thrives in Washington, with more than 840 co-ops serving 6,098,560 members, according to the Center for Cooperatives. Washington's co-op economy employs 23,400.

Nationally, more than 2.1 million jobs are supported by co-ops. Ohop is one



of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states.

Electric cooperatives were formed because rural communities struggled for lack of investment. Neighbors banded together and lit up the countryside when no one else would. That is what we celebrate each October.

In addition to cooperative utilities, Washington residents are served by credit unions, food co-ops and agricultural co-ops. To learn more about your co-op and other co-ops near you, visit www.ohop.coop or www.go.coop.com.



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Cooperatives See the Future

Dramatic changes are transforming all aspects of the energy industry. Interest in renewable energy is at an all-time high. Consumers want greater control of their energy use and payment methods. The prevalence of smartphone apps and smart technology for the home is increasing, and consumers and businesses show greater interest in electric vehicles.

There's no denying it: Electric utilities must make changes to the way they provide energy to accommodate these trends. Luckily, Tanner Electric Cooperative is uniquely positioned to meet these changing energy needs because we are a cooperative.

October is National Co-op Month, which is the perfect time to highlight the many ways electric cooperatives are unique.

Cooperatives are locally governed, looking out for the long-term needs of their members.

"Electric cooperatives belong to the communities they serve," says TEC General Manager Steve Walter. "This heightened community focus allows us to quickly adapt to evolving consumer expectations. Our closeness to the community ensures a better response to these needs because we are led by the people that we serve."

Co-ops Are a Catalyst for Good

Electric co-ops are a catalyst for good in their communities. Co-ops engage their consumer-members to do things that might otherwise be impossible or difficult—such as more than 75 years ago when electric co-ops brought power to areas where other utilities did not find it economically feasible. Today, it means community solar, youth tour and scholarship programs, Operation Round-Up and multiple bill-pay options.

Cooperatives exist to meet a need that was previously unmet in the community. They strive to anticipate and plan for the future needs of their consumer-members.

Electric cooperatives often partner with local groups to bring economic opportunity to their local community. It is this facilitation role that is often the most valuable strength of the co-op.

The co-op business model is unique. It is pragmatic, mission-oriented and puts people first. Co-ops strive to be a trusted voice in their communities. Co-ops have earned that trust because, while not perfect, they always have their members' best interest at heart and are determined to enrich the lives of those living and working in the communities they serve now and in the future.



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Heat Pump Rebates

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Heat pumps provide higher comfort levels year-round because the units provide both heating and air conditioning.

PL&WCo. offers the following incentives:

- Site-built or manufactured homes with electric baseboard, wall heaters or ceiling cable can receive up to \$800.
- Site-built or manufactured homes with forced-air electric furnaces can receive up to \$1,000.

Many manufacturers offer additional incentives to reduce installation costs.

We encourage you to take part in this program.

Mike Porter from Evergreen Consulting is available to answer questions at (503) 730-3122 or mike.porter@evergreen-efficiency.com. ■



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Community Calendar

October 4: Clatskanie Chamber

Meeting noon at Colvins

October 8-12: CPUD Celebrates Public Power Week and 75th Anniversary

Come into the office to receive a free LED bulb, enter a drawing to win great prizes, see the 75th Anniversary display, and enjoy a snack.

October 10: 75th Anniversary Meet & Greet with the Board Directors

4 pm to 6 pm in the CPUD lobby

October 11: Rainier Chamber Meeting

Noon at the Rainier Methodist Church

October 17: Clatskanie PUD Board Meeting

Workshop at 5:30 pm, followed by regular board meeting at 7 pm.

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It's amazing to realize that Clatskanie People's Utility District has existed for 75 years. When looking back at our long history of serving the customers of Clatskanie and then later adding the City of Rainier, there is a lot to be proud of and celebrate.

The Clatskanie People's Utility District was formed by a majority vote of the people in 1940 in order to obtain the benefits of reliable low cost power for this area. A two mill tax was levied in 1941 which brought in approximately \$4,500. This was the only cost to the taxpayers for forming the District. Revenue bonds totaling \$175,000 were issued and the property was purchased from the West Coast Power Company for \$150,000 in 1943. The bonds were retired 12 years later in 1955. Service began in 1943 to the Clatskanie and Quincy areas and has extended through the annexation to the communities of Westport, Alston-Mayger and Rainier for a total service area today of 275 square miles.

In 2002, the District began retail sales to industrial customers outside of the District. Currently we provide power to the Georgia-Pacific paper mills in Halsey, Oregon and Camas, Washington.

The District owns 50% of the 36MW Wauna Co-generation facility, which began operating in 1997. The District has owned and operated an 11MW gas turbine, Loki, since December 2001, and is a purchaser and joint developer of the 15 MW Arrowrock Hydroelectric Project on the Boise River in Idaho.

We provide clean, renewable energy as a generation owner, wholesale power trader, and a customer of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) through which we purchase a variety of products. The District also holds 147 MW of BPA transmission rights. Clatskanie PUD has now grown to be a \$53 million company. Not bad for a small rural utility of 4,630 customers.

We look forward to continuing to provide great service and reliable, clean and renewable power to our customers throughout our service area for many more years. We hope you come by the office during Public Power Week October 8-12 to enjoy our 75th Anniversary Celebration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marc Farmer'.

Marc Farmer
General Manager



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Please Join Us at the Polls

Our co-op's No. 1 priority is providing our consumer-members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That may seem far removed from our core mission, but it is absolutely essential to serving you, our consumer-members.

That is why we are participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote. The program encourages all cooperative members to participate in national, state and local elections while educating political candidates and elected officials about the important role played by electric cooperatives in their communities.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association—the service organization representing the nation's electric cooperatives—launched Co-ops Vote in 2016 as a national nonpartisan get-out-the-vote initiative that helped drive rural voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

Through this program, electric cooperatives realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show Concern for Community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

Cooperatives have another advantage. Elected officials and decision-makers across the political spectrum trust us because of the work the electric cooperative family has put into political engagement. When we all get involved, we can make things happen politically and in our local communities.

Our participation in Co-ops Vote helps ensure rural issues remain part of the national discussion and are supported by our elected officials. But Co-ops Vote is not just for cooperatives. It is for co-op members just like you.

You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on November 6. If you are interested in getting more involved, give us a call or visit www.vote.coop. Learn more about the upcoming elections and access online tools that can help you participate. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day. ■





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Lending a Helping Hand

A few weeks ago an AVEC lineman (John) in Gambell got a call about a member, an Elder named Beulah, who had lost power to her home. He went to check on the problem and discovered that Beulah lived in a small house that was surrounded by a dozen or more 24" deep open pits. Apparently some local residents have taken to engaging in archaeological excavations in an effort to find artifacts that fetch large sums of money on the collector market.

In their burrowing efforts, the entrepreneurs (or vandals) had nicked Beulah's electric service line in several places and had severed it completely in one of their endeavors, resulting in her loss of power. They had burrowed holes all around her yard and even under her house. John made the observation that it looked like a bombed out moonscape!

Concerned that Beulah's two freezers might thaw from an extended outage and ruin subsistence foods gifted to her by community members, John borrowed a generator from Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority to keep the freezers running. He then hired two local men and went about the task of restoring service to Beulah. They dug a trench three feet deep to replace the entire eighty foot service wire since it was so badly damaged by the excavators.

The project took three days to complete and Beulah's neighbors graciously endured several hours of outages during the process. Nobody complained because they understood the need. After reconnecting Beulah's power, John and his assistants carefully backfilled all of the potholes created by the artifact hunters so that Beulah would not have to worry about falling and possibly hurting herself during the dark of winter.

Beulah's reaction to John as she looked around her restored yard was a heartfelt "God bless you." An employee's caring nature averted a dangerous situation for an elderly AVEC member, reaffirming our commitment to all of our AVEC members that we are all one family!

Board Nominations are Open!

If you or someone you know would make a great director on the AVEC board, please contact us. Nominations are being accepted now for two seats that will be vacated in April 2019. Nominations are due by October 31, 2018. Please contact Amy Murphy at (907) 561-1818 or at amurphy@avec.org for forms or more information.

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The board meets at 5:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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Top, Linemen Kenny Whitworth, left, and Chad Sousa use the live demonstration model to illustrate the dangers of objects coming into contact with overhead power lines.


Right, Chad shows a Janesville kindergartner some of the tools and equipment he uses to safely work on power lines.



Safety First

Lassen Municipal Utility District is committed to public safety. That is why we offer our high-voltage safety demonstration free to groups, schools, organizations and services groups. To schedule a demonstration, contact LMUD Public Relations Manager Theresa Phillips at (530) 257-4174.



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Case in Point

My family and I are big fans of the Mission Impossible movies and Impossible Missions Force agent Ethan Hunt, played by Tom Cruise. The action is over the top, and the characters larger than life. Hunt was described in one movie as “uniquely trained and highly motivated. A specialist without equal.”

Let’s be truthful. Even if you’re not a secret agent, who wouldn’t want to be described that way?

The employees at the electric cooperatives I am privileged to represent don’t spend a lot of time saving the world from nuclear destruction like Agent Hunt, but they are some of the most talented people I’ve ever met.

They may be linemen who help turn the lights back on in an ice storm. They may be specialists in low-income assistance or energy-efficiency and weatherization programs that co-ops offer their members. Or they may manage these organizations, providing dynamic leadership in a rapidly changing industry. I constantly call upon these professionals to help me do my job. Their expertise and dedication to their profession always impresses me.

There is no doubt we need to do something about the exodus of our future generations to the cities. That is why I was so heartened to hear a Youth Tour student at a recent electric co-op annual meeting tell the crowd about her trip to Washington, D.C., and how she wants to work at the co-op when she grows up. Her mission—if she chooses to accept it—is to explore all the challenging career opportunities that working for an electric co-op can provide. She would be joining an elite group of co-op professionals who, in my estimation, are without equal.

Working for an electric co-op is a profession to be proud of. It is also safer than battling evildoers while hanging out of a helicopter.

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Manager's Message

Celebrating Co-op Month

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make our business model unique, such as local democratic control, supporting and improving the quality of life of the communities we serve, and advancing the economic development of our area.

Cooperatives are unique because we are not-for-profit, democratically controlled, member-owned enterprises. Members of co-ops throughout the country pool their assets to meet the needs of their communities in the form of food, financial services, purchasing power or manpower—whatever the case may be.

We all remember major hurricanes in our community and the devastation that resulted. Many of you also remember the droves of co-op crews that came to Escambia River Electric Cooperative's assistance to repair our broken system in record time.

The co-op spirit is alive and well, and embraced nationwide by co-ops that work together to achieve community and economic advancement and well-being.

EREC is proud to be one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and



Clay R. Campbell

public power districts that serve 42 million people in 47 states and employ more than 850,000 people.

Cooperatives play a vital role in the economic development and stability of the communities we serve, helping people improve their lives through an increase in jobs and access to goods and services that otherwise would be more expensive, lower in quality or

simply unavailable.

Cooperatives are extraordinary business enterprises. We have an obligation to provide reliable, affordable and safe electricity, but we take it a step further. We also have a responsibility to support our members, enrich schools and enhance our communities.

Electric cooperatives were formed more than 80 years ago because rural communities did not have electricity. Young folks were leaving farms and small communities to find a brighter future in urban areas.

Rural America was left in the dark. But instead of waiting for someone to fix our problem, we turned to each other. We built our own utility, and we powered our future.

That's what we celebrate each October. ■



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Chief Executive Officer

Reflecting on Storm Recovery

A little over a year ago, Hurricane Irma put our years of preparing and planning for the "big one" to the test. Experience is a great life lesson, and I'm proud of the work FKEC did to stand storm strong in the face of Irma. A year later, I'm also proud of the in-depth look we've taken at our storm restoration efforts to identify any areas that can be improved upon.

For more than 10 years FKEC has worked to strengthen our infrastructure and craft plans to deal with all possible storm scenarios. This proved to pay off as our power system, facilities and storm restoration plan all performed beyond our expectations during and after Hurricane Irma. However, this isn't to say there weren't lessons to be learned.

To learn from our experience, a few weeks after storm restoration was complete we held an action debrief to identify anything that did not work as well as it could have. That meeting was then followed by two additional meetings to track our progress on making the changes and improvements identified.

Thanks to these frank discussions, FKEC will be better prepared to deal with subsequent storms even more efficiently. The documentation of these debriefings will also allow our future leaders and co-op staff to understand what we saw and what we changed.

Lessons learned range from specific issues to more all-encompassing practices. One example was the failure of local communication services.



As you may remember, in the days after Irma, ATT, Verizon and Comcast services (cell phone, landline and internet service) as well as satellite capabilities ceased working. A few FKEC employees with Sprint cellphones temporarily donated their use to the restoration effort. FKEC's Motorola radio system did perform well which allowed communication between crews. To improve this issue, during a storm we will now activate more communication service providers.

In addition to identifying improvements, the debriefings also document the many important strategies that worked. One of the most notable was FKEC's ability to adjust plans to fit the circumstances. Our team's willingness to assess a situation, listen to ideas, brainstorm and make the changes needed was key in restoring power safely and efficiently. Our employees' capability to work outside their normal duties and do what needed to be done also proved invaluable.

I cannot look back on our Irma restoration work without once again thanking every single person who played critical roles in restoring power to the Upper and Middle Keys. We must also recognize the members of our community who are still working to recover from Irma's impact.

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CEO's Message

Storms Brewing in the Atlantic and the State's Political Arena

Last year at this time, I was writing to you about the impending catastrophe named Irma. Once again this Labor Day weekend, a system moved through the Florida Straights. This time it was predicted to hit the coasts of Louisiana and Mississippi.

As cooperatives do, I reached out to our friends at Florida Keys Electric Cooperative and offered our help should they run into any problems.

As we all learned from Irma, the forecasters never really know precisely where these storms will go. Our weather service out of the University of South Alabama thinks this system will remain a tropical storm. Whatever the case, we will be prepared to help Louisiana and Mississippi just as they helped us recover from the devastation of Irma.

Let's all hope for the best on this one, and hope for a minimal hurricane season, as forecasters now predict.

It appears we have another storm brewing in our own state's political arena. The primaries are over and the well-known, hometown candidates didn't make it to the November ballot in the major parties. If one of your favorites didn't make it, please don't use it as an excuse to stay away from the polls in November. It will be all the more important for us to study the successful candidate's platforms and histories and cast an informed, unemotional vote to those who will serve us best.

Knowing how easily we rural voters can be overlooked, the electric cooperatives of America have joined together through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and established the Co-ops Vote program. You can read more about this initiative inside on page 3 and get more information at www.vote.coop. Do your studying, get over any angst and cast your vote on November 6.



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The mission of GCEC: Fulfilling the changing needs of our membership and communities by providing cost effective, reliable and safe utility services through a dedicated and responsive workforce.

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GCEC President's Message

Please Join Us at the Polls

Our co-op's No. 1 priority is providing our consumer-members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That may seem far removed from our core mission, but it is absolutely essential to serving you, our consumer-members.

That is why we are participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote. The program encourages all cooperative members to participate in national, state and local elections while educating political candidates and elected officials about the important role played by electric cooperatives in their communities.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association—the service organization representing the nation's electric cooperatives—launched Co-ops Vote in 2016 as a national nonpartisan get-out-the-vote initiative that helped drive rural voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

Through this program, electric cooperatives realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show Concern for Community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

Cooperatives have another advantage. Elected officials and decision-makers across the political spectrum trust us because of the work the electric cooperative family has put into political engagement. When we all get involved, we can make things happen politically and in our local communities.

Our participation in Co-ops Vote helps ensure rural issues remain part of the national discussion and are supported by our elected officials. But Co-ops Vote is not just for cooperatives. It is for co-op members just like you.

You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on November 6. If you are interested in getting more involved, give us a call or visit www.vote.coop. Learn more about the upcoming elections and access online tools that can help you participate. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day. ■



Doug Birmingham





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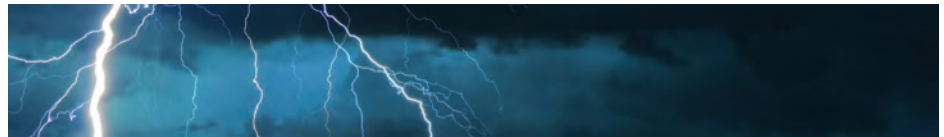
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Any PRECO member may attend a Board Meeting. Due to building security requirements and for us to facilitate attendance, members wishing to attend a Board Meeting should contact the Cooperative in a timely manner for logistical information regarding the meeting.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

- October 23, 2018
- November 27, 2018
- December 18, 2018

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Three Steps to take when the Power Goes Out

Florida is the lightning capital of the United States. According to the Orlando Sentinel, Central Florida has the added distinction of being known as "Lightning Alley."

This year, lightning strikes to our power lines and equipment have been especially high. When poles, wires and equipment take a direct hit from lightning, your power may go out.

When the lights go out, follow this 3-step checklist.

Step 1: Check your main breaker panel or fuse box. If your panel has circuit breakers, check each breaker to see if any have tripped. If all the breakers are in the on position, turn the main breaker off and back on again. Your main breaker panel is the large electrical box which all your home's wiring is routed through. It may be located on your home's interior or exterior, or possibly on your electric service pole.

If you have a fuse box, make sure all the fuses are intact. Turn off the main power switch and then turn it on again. If the problem is not resolved, proceed to step 2.

Step 2: Check to see if your neighbors are also without power. If they do not have power, there may be a downed line nearby. If you see a downed line, assume it is live and stay away from it. If a downed line is in contact with a fence, vehicle or any other structure, keep away. Electricity can travel through the ground, so a downed power line can kill or injure you just by getting too close.

Step 3: After completion of steps 1 and 2, report your outage to PRECO through your online account at www.preco.coop or the SmartHub mobile app, text OUT to (800) 282-3824 (prior registration required) or call us at (800) 282-3824.

To help us quickly identify your location, please make sure we have your correct phone number on file. You may update your phone number through your online account or by calling (800) 282-3824 and following the prompts.

We can't control the weather, but for those times that Mother Nature works against us, you can take comfort in knowing that we are working to restore power as quickly as possible.

Randy
 PRECO CEO