

CURRENT

ACTIVITIES



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BIG WHEELS FAMILY NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to see Clearwater-Polk Electric's bucket & digger trucks at the Big Wheels Family Night!



Look for more photos of Big Wheels Family Night on the back page!

Longtime Clearwater-Polk Electric District 2 director, Robert Johnson is not seeking re-election

If you are interested in serving on your cooperatives board of directors, please call or stop by Clearwater-Polk for more information and to pick up your Petition for Nomination.

Are you interested in getting more involved with your electric cooperative? Then participating in Clearwater-Polk Electric's Member Advocacy Group might be the right fit for you!

What is the Member Advocacy Group?

The Member Advocacy Group was formed in 2013. Its purpose is to serve as an additional link between Clearwater-Polk and its membership.

The member advocacy group is comprised of representatives from each district. The group meets quarterly at 5 pm at Clearwater-Polk Electric. Selected topics such as legislative actions that could impact the cooperative are discussed along with many other different aspects of news surrounding the business of the cooperative.

For more information about Clearwater-Polk Electric's Member Advocacy Group, contact Tara Webb in the Member Services Department @ 218-694-8205.

Please consider joining your cooperative's Member Advocacy Group!

— OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 AM-4:30 PM ... MONDAY-FRIDAY —

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

Phone 218-694-6241 - or - 877-881-7673



OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Greg Spaulding, *President* Bagley
 Greg Renner, *Vice President*..... Shevlin
 Harlan Highberg, *Treasurer*..... Bagley
 Kim Solberg, *Secretary* Gonvick
 Robert Johnson Bagley
 Bill Lanners Shevlin
 Dennis Engebretson Clearbrook
 Deanna Lefebvre..... *General Manager*

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Held at the Clearwater-Polk Electric board room at 8:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month.

2023 Sessions are set for Continuing Education for Electrical Contractors

Clearwater-Polk is once again co-sponsoring the continuing education sessions for area electrical contractors, instructed by Tim Pull, giving contractors an opportunity to earn eight code credits.

Online Registration and Payment Only. Visit www.minnkota.com to complete your registration. For more information contact contractortraining@minnkota.com or call Minnkota at 701-795-4292.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Wednesday, January 11
 Fargo Holiday Inn
 3803 13th Ave South, Fargo, ND

Thursday, January 12
 Fargo Holiday Inn
 3803 13 Ave South, Fargo, ND

Thursday, January 19
 Bemidji Eagles Club
 1270 Neilson Ave SE, Bemidji, MN

Thursday, January 26
 Bigwood Event Center
 925 Western Ave, Fergus Falls, MN

Wednesday, February 1
 Minnkota Power Cooperative
 5301 32nd Ave South, Grand Forks, ND

Thursday, February 2
 Minnkota Power Cooperative
 5301 32nd Ave South, Grand Forks, ND



CHEF'S CORNER

Swedish Kringle

Crust:

1/2 c. butter
 1 c. flour
 2 T. water

Filling:

1 c. boiling water
 1 c. flour
 1/2 c. butter
 1 tsp. almond extract
 3 unbeaten eggs

Frosting:

2 c. powdered sugar
 4 T. butter
 1 tsp. vanilla
 Water, to thin out

Crust: Mix together flour, butter and water. Pat into the bottom of a jellyroll pan (10 x 15 inch); set aside.

Filling: Cook in saucepan over medium heat: butter, boiling water, and, add all at once, the cup of flour. Stir together quickly, until mixture leaves the side of your pan. Cool. Add eggs, unbeaten, one at a time, mixing by hand to blend. Stir in almond extract. Spread this mixture over the crust, evenly. Bake at 350 for about 50 minutes. Remove from oven. (Rodney Rhen) Cool to warm.

Frosting: Frost with mixture of powdered sugar, vanilla, softened butter, and water added to make the frosting the consistency to dribble over the top (much like a glaze).



YOU COULD WIN

\$25

To reward our faithful readers, one member's name will be drawn at random each month and placed somewhere in the newsletter. If you should find your name, let us know before the 15th and win \$25 off your next bill.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS:

Polk County Social Services
 240 SW Cleveland Ave
 McIntosh, MN 56556
 218-435-1585

White Earth Energy Assistance
 PO Box 418
 White Earth, MN 56591
 218-473-2711

Inter-County Community Council
 207 Main St
 Oklee, MN 56742
 888-778-4008

Red Lake CAP Program
 15533 Main Ave
 Red Lake, MN 56671
 (218)-679-1880

MAHUBE-OTWA (For Hubbard Co.)
 120 North Central
 Park Rapids, MN 56470-0229
 218-732-7204

Bi-County Cap
 6603 Bemidji Ave N.
 Bemidji, MN 56601
 800-332-7161

SIGN UP FOR
 AUTO-PAY AND YOU
 WILL BE ELIGIBLE
 TO WIN

\$25.00

EACH MONTH WE DRAW
 TWO MEMBER'S NAMES THAT
 HAVE CHOSEN TO PAY BY AUTO-
 PAY. THEY WILL RECEIVE A
 \$25.00 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR
 ELECTRIC BILL.

CURRENT WINNERS

LAWRENCE VETTLESAN
 LINDA MOLDEN
 JOHN BLAKE
 CHAD KAISER

SWAP SHOP

RULES: Ads for Clearwater-Polk Electric members only. Current Events newsletter will only be published every other month. Ads must be received by the 10th of the print month. Limit your ads to two items. No commercial ads, please.

REMINDER -

"Free-ForSale-Give Away- or Wanted ads can be posted in our newsletters for our members.

Unclaimed Capital Credits!

ADAIR, TIMOTHY
 AGNES, JOSEPHINE
 AGNEW, JUDITH, A
 ANDERSON, ROLF, F
 ANDERSON, CLIFFORD
 ARCHIBALD, BRIAN
 ARDENEUX, BEVERLY
 BECK, JOHN, F
 BJERKE, RUDOLPH, O
 BJERKE, EDWIN
 BJERKE, LAVERNE
 BROS, RUE
 BROWN, JULIE, A
 BURRELL, HAROLD
 CARTER, ROY, T
 CARTER, ROBERT, G
 CARVER, KELLY, C
 CASTO, THOMAS, W
 CEASE, WAYNE
 CHARBONEAU, THOMAS
 CHRISTENSEN, DONALD, S
 CHRISTIAN, HENRY, B
 CHRISTIANSON, CHRIST
 CLARK JR, AL
 CLW CO WEIGHING ASSN
 COLSEN, SILENA
 COMO, BONNIE, L
 CRAFTS, COUNTRY
 CRIPE, JESSE
 CZAPIEWSKI, RONALD
 DAVIS FARM'S INC
 DYMOND, JOANNA
 EDEEN, E, B
 EDEEN, MELVIN
 EDELMAN, LEONARD, B
 EGELAND, JEFFREY, S
 EGGCELLENT FARMS
 ENGEBRETSON, STEVE
 ENGEN, ANNA, J
 ENGSTROM, JOHN, G
 ERWIN, CORTNEY, L
 EVANS, KAREN
 EVANS, NANCY
 FAHRLANDER, LAVERNE
 FARNWORTH, EDWIN
 FEEKEN, BARBARA, C
 FIELDSEND, CHRISTOPHER
 FIRST FEDERAL S & LOAN
 FITZGERALD, KEN
 FONTAINE, ADELINE
 FOSNESS, BRUCE
 FRIEND, LEE, J
 GARLAND, MARGIE, C
 GIBNEY, PATRICK, E
 GROSHONG, LARRY
 GUNNING, JULIE, A
 HALVERSON, VERNON, W
 HANSON, LYLE
 HANSON, EDWIN, R
 HINLEY, BARBARA
 HOFF, RICHARD, G

HOLASEK JR, FRED
 HOLM, RAYMOND
 HOUTKOOPER, MAURITA
 HUTCHISON, DIANA
 HVEZDA, LEAH, H
 JACKSON, GERALD
 JEROME, SHELLY
 JOHNSON, YVONNE
 JOHNSON, MARTIN, R
 JOHNSON, HILDA
 JOHNSON, LANNY, D
 JONES, RALPH, E
 JULIN, DARREN, K
 KAEHN, EDGAR
 KALLESTAD, CHARLES
 KATZENMEYER, JAY, C
 KEEFE, PATRICIA
 KEENA, BRENDA, L
 KELLY, LINDA
 KELLY, JOSEPHINE
 KILDAL, DANNY
 KLEMA, WARREN
 KLUDT, L, O
 KNOBLAUCH, TERI, L
 KNUTSON, ROGER, L
 KROLL, MICHAEL
 LAFONTAINE, BERTHA
 LAMB, SHARON, R
 LANGSETH, EDWARD
 LARSON, RICHARD, A
 LARSON, OSCAR, M
 LARSON MD, JAMES, B
 LATTEMORE, FRANK, W
 LOFTHUS, RODNEY, A
 LUNDIN, ALBERT
 LUSCHEN, MELVIN
 LYNCH, JERRY
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 NELSON, JOLENE, N
 NEWBORG, ANTHONY
 NEWLAND, MONROE
 NILSON, GILBERT, A
 NORBY, NORMAN
 NORD, SHERRY, L
 NORSTUEN, SIDNEY
 OBERG, OLIVER
 OIEN, NORVAL

OLIVER, JOY
 OLSON, LARRY, A
 OLSON, NORMAN, E
 OLSON, ORDEAN
 OLSON, ROBERT, A
 PAHLEN, MICHAEL
 PAUL, RICHARD
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 PLETSCHETT, LEO
 RADKE, JEFFREY, G
 RAIHLE, DAVID, H
 RANDBERG, JODIE
 RAUSCH, NICK
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 RED LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL

REDDING, JAMES, N
 RHEN, LILA
 RICHARDSON, KATHLEEN
 RINGEISEN, JOHN, F
 RONGSTAD, EIVEN
 ROY, RANDALL, R
 RUD, ALFRED
 SALEM LUTHERAN
 CHURCH
 SALVHUS, LARRY
 SAWMILL, HIS
 SCHLOEDER, MARTIN, P
 SCHOLL, RODNEY, D
 SKARE, ELMO
 SMELSER, HERSHEL, F
 SMITH, KEVIN, B

SORENSEN, DENNIS, B
 SPORTSMANS LODGE
 STARBUCK, RUTH, STINAR
 WINFRED, A
 STOLEN, NINA
 STOLOW, DEBORAH
 STOLOW, ROBERT, J
 STONG, PAM, B
 SUNDERLAND, PHILLIP
 SWANSON, PETRA
 TEIGLAND, MARDELL
 THOMPSON, LARRY, J
 THORSON, VICTOR
 TOLLEFSON, DEBORAH, D
 VANDESTREEK, EDWARD
 VEDBRAATEN, RUTH, J

VETERAN'S ADM
 VILLAGE OF LEONARD
 VOXLAND, TODD
 WALKER, GLENN
 WARD, GARY
 WESTPHAL, CURTIS, L
 WESTRUM, WES
 WESTRUM, ORVIN
 WHEELER, ERNEST
 WHIDDON, RONALD
 WIDMARK, INA
 WYER, GARY

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER STORMS

We plan for birthdays, holidays and for vacations. We plan our meals, our outfits and our weekends. We don't always remember to plan for power outages that may occur during winter. Whether it is a heavy snow, ice, cold temperatures or storms, it's important to be prepared in case your power is out for an extended period of time this winter season.

When preparing for an outage, here are five things you should remember:

1 Retain indoor heat as long as possible.
 Do not open exterior doors unless absolutely necessary, and keep all blinds and curtains closed to preserve heat. Shield windows with additional coverings at night, like tacking a lightweight blanket to block cold air.

2 Heavy snow and ice can damage transmission lines that supply power to homes in your community. If you see a downed power line after a storm, assume the line is energized and do not approach. Lines do not need to be sparking to be energized. If you see a down or sagging power line, contact Clearwater-Polk Electric.

3 Having an emergency cold weather kit could make all the difference while crews are working to get your power back on. Your kit should include enough supplies to last every member of your household for at least three days.

4 When using an alternate heating source (like a fireplace or woodstove), make sure you are following the operating instructions. Make sure you are taking precautions to avoid starting a fire and use the proper ventilation. If you are using gasoline-, propane- or natural gas-burning devices to stay warm, never use them indoors. (Stanley Solheim)

5 To help prevent your pipes from freezing, keep the faucets slightly on to allow a drip. In case a pipe does burst during a cold weather outage, learn how to turn the water on and off in your home or business.

List of items you should keep in your Winter Emergency Kit:

- Battery-powered radio or tv
- Blankets
- Battery-powered flashlight with a fresh supply of batteries
- Water
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food. Crackers, cereal, canned goods and bread are good options.
- Additional clothing layers
- Optional alternative heating source

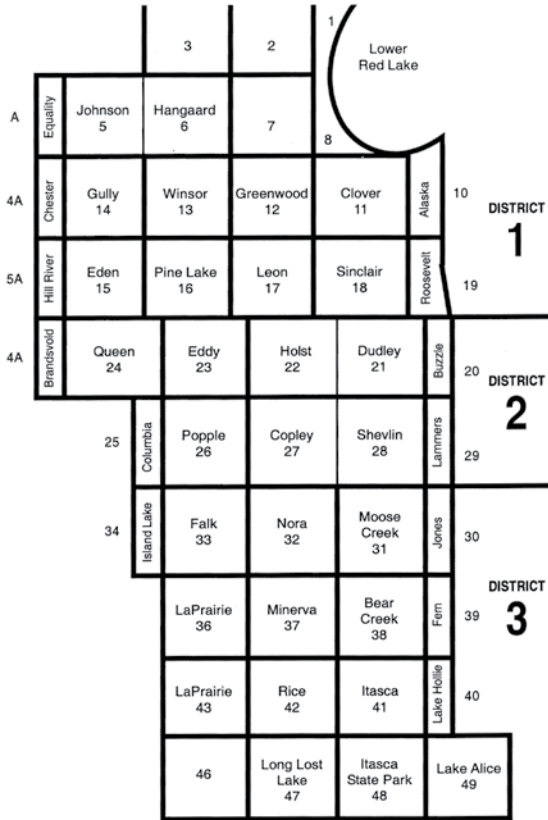
MAP OF DISTRICT 1, 2, & 3



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PETITION FOR NOMINATION



The following Members wish to nominate [insert name] _____, for the (please check one)

3-year term director position for **District 1**

OR

3-year term director position for **District 2**

OR

2-year term director position for **District 2**

and to place such name on the ballot for the April 12, 2023 election, at the annual meeting of the Clearwater- Polk Electric Cooperative, in accordance with Article III, Section 8, of the bylaws.

	Printed Name	Signature	Account Number
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF A DIRECTOR?

The bylaws of Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative establish certain qualifications that must be met in order to become a director. These are:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district from which the director is elected prior to being nominated for director; provided, further that "primary residence" is defined as the residence that is the chief or main residence of the person and where the person actually lives for the most substantial portion of the year;

2. Not be, nor within three (3) years preceding a director candidate's nomination have been, an employee of the Cooperative;

3. Not be, become, nor shall have been at any time during the five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination, employed by a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employee of the Cooperative;

4. Not be a close relative of an employee or director, where as found in these bylaws "close relative" means any individual who is, either by blood, law, or marriage, including half, step, foster, and adoptive relations, a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling, or principally resides in the same residence;

5. Not be employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any director, individual or entity which either is:

(i) directly or substantially competing with the Cooperative; or

(ii) selling goods and services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative; or

(iii) possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative.

For purposes of this section, the terms "material" or "substantially" shall be interpreted as constituting a minimum of 5% of a member's total hours of employment, sales, or income on an annual basis;

6. Not be or become the full-time employee or agent of, or be or become the full-time employer or principal or, another director;

7. Not be absent, without being excused by the

board, from three (3) or more regular meetings of the board of directors during any twelve (12) month period;

8. Be only one, and not more than one, member of a joint membership; provided, however, that none shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless all shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth;

9. If a representative or agent of a member is not a natural person, i.e. a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar, then the representative or agent designated as a nominee for director shall be an individual residing within the external boundaries of the district from which (s)he is nominated; and

10. Never have been convicted of a felony.

District 1

Dennis Engebretson (3-year term)

District 2

Harlan Highberg (3-year term)

District 2

Robert Johnson (2-year term)



Deanna Lefebvre
General Manager

This article is for the November/December issue of this Current Activities newsletter, but as I am writing, it is October. As you know, October is Cooperative Month and we here at Clearwater-Polk enjoy celebrating with all of you. I am getting prepped to make several homemade pies for the celebration which has been a big hit in the past and I am looking forward to those who will take time to stop by for a slice.

As your cooperative, Clearwater-Polk works hard and fights everyday to do what is in the best interest of you, our cooperative members, to ensure that we provide you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. We don't do this alone. Others who fight on your behalf include our statewide association, Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and our national association, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Here is an article that I wanted to share with you, written by Jim Matheson, CEO of the NRECA, published on September 26, 2022.

TROUBLE CALLS

DURING OFFICE HOURS

7:00 am - 4:30 pm,
Mon. - Fri.

CALL 694-6241 or
1-888-694-3833

**AFTER HOURS
OUTAGES CALL**

1-877-881-7673



Closing Thoughts: Keeping the Lights on During the Energy Transition

Ensuring the lights stay on across America is an important national priority and one that's taken for granted. In fact, dozens of states in the most powerful nation in the world may struggle to keep the lights on in the coming years. That's unacceptable, and it doesn't have to be this way.

Absent a shift in policy and coordination between federal and state governments, this is the energy reality America faces for years to come. And as the nation leans on electricity

to power more of our economy, failing to live up to the fundamental premise of affordable, reliable electricity would devastate American families and businesses.

The ability to keep the lights on is a cornerstone of our economy. No one recognizes that more than America's electric cooperatives. The co-op focus on local communities lends us clarity on these issues that few other organizations have. That's why NRECA continues leaning into our role as truth-tellers amid the ongoing conversation about the energy transition.

Other organizations have recently sounded a similar alarm about reliable electricity in the months and years ahead. Electric co-ops have been voicing grid reliability concerns for years, while simultaneously rising to the challenge to keep affordable, reliable electricity a constant in rural America.

Some are quick to blame these reliability threats on changing or more extreme weather patterns. That's certainly part of the story, but there's a deeper problem that must be acknowledged. Spurred by policy and market factors, the ongoing energy transition has prioritized the disorderly and premature closure of baseload power plants without considering the collective impact on the power grid and the availability of feasible technology to fully replace them.

That's proving to be a misstep with potentially severe consequences.

Driven by a focus on keeping the lights on, America's electric cooperatives have demonstrated what a responsible energy transition can look like. Electric co-ops low-



Jim Matheson, CEO
NRECA

ered their carbon emissions by 23% between 2005 and 2020. Co-ops also continue investing in energy innovation technologies to help meet tomorrow's electricity needs with speed and flexibility.

Policy makers play a critical role in our energy future. As they establish energy policies, legislators and regulators must consider threats to reliability before setting arbitrary dates and deadlines.

This must include allowing adequate time, technology development and the construction of desperately needed transmission lines.

That's why NRECA and our member co-ops consistently push policymakers to recalibrate their focus on a commonsense energy transition that recognizes all of the factors above and doesn't jeopardize reliability or punish families already struggling to make ends meet.

When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging. Today's energy decisions will determine whether there are sufficient resources for the lights to come on tomorrow. Failure is not an acceptable option for the consumers and communities we serve.

As we bring this year to a close, I want to personally thank all the employees and board members for all their hard work they do all year long to help provide to you, our members, safe, reliable and affordable electricity each and every day.

Have a happy and safe holiday season, and as always, stay safe, happy and healthy!

Deanna

**The Clearwater-Polk Electric
Office Will Be Closed**

**Friday, November 11
Veterans Day**

**Thursday & Friday,
November 24 & 25
for Thanksgiving**



HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

Keeping yourself and others safe while hunting this fall by staying clear of power lines and other electrical equipment.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind while hunting:

- Stay clear of all utility equipment.
- Never shoot at or near power lines.
- Be vigilant and know where power lines are before you begin hunting.
- Never place a decoy on or near electrical equipment.
- Never place a deer stand on a utility pole.

