



RURAL DELIGHT

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got dairy?

June is National Dairy Month, an important observance that promotes the health benefits of dairy, supports the dairy industry, raises awareness of sustainability practices and encourages the consumption of dairy products. Thank you to our local dairy farmers and the role they play in providing fresh dairy products, supporting the local economy, preserving rural communities and ensuring food security. As a consumer, your support of local dairy farms helps sustain these important benefits for yourself and your communities.

What better way to celebrate Dairy Month than Breakfast On The Farm(s)!

Where:

Kasin Farms
4271 230th St S
Hawley, MN

When:

Saturday, June 3

Time:

7 a.m. - Noon

Where:

Steinmetz Farm
2326 170th St
Mahnomen, MN

When:

Saturday,
June 17

Time:

8 a.m. - 11a.m





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

by **Mike Wade**

Every year, the cooperative performs right-of-way clearing to ensure that trees growing near our power lines do not interfere with their operation. Falling trees and branches can cause outages especially during high winds and other severe storms. Our investment in right-of-way clearing helps provide reliable electric service to our members and it helps our lineworkers access our lines to perform routine maintenance and power restoration after storms. Our vegetation management contractor, Carr's Tree Service, is currently working on our system to clear vegetation and trim trees within our rights-of-way. As always, we appreciate your support of our efforts to provide safe and reliable electric energy to all of our members.

With the start of summer, June is an extremely busy time for our line

workers and field technicians. Our construction period is under way and we have a large number of new services to build as well as poles to replace. Often, our crews will be working along roadways and we ask the public to slow down when our trucks and crews are in site. Safety is our primary goal and we want our employees and members to remain safe.

We have had several employees retire in the past few months as well as several new employees join our ranks. We express our appreciation to our retiring employees for their dedicated service to our members throughout the years. We will miss their contributions to our co-op, but we wish them all of the best in their retirement. Our new employees bring valuable experiences and a strong commitment to serving our members. We welcome

them to the Wild Rice Electric Cooperative family.

Dairy Month, celebrated in June, serves as a reminder of the important role the dairy industry plays in our lives. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of dairy farmers everywhere, especially those who are served by our cooperative. I encourage you to join in the celebration of Dairy Month and enjoy your favorite dairy products (for the record, mine happens to be ice cream!).

Although we have had a wet and somewhat colder spring, I hope you are finding outdoor activities to do and are making plans for the summer. As the summer warms up, remember to stay hydrated and dress appropriately for the weather each day. Enjoy your summer fun because it will pass all too quickly. Be safe in your travels.



**It's not a suggestion.
It's the law.**

Speeding through a work zone is not worth losing your life or taking someone else's.
Slow down when you see orange!

Gopher State One Call

KNOW WHAT'S BELOW

CALL



BEFORE YOU

DIG.

**One FREE easy call gets
your utility lines marked
AND helps protect you
from injury and expense.**

Capital credits

Be sure to see if your name or a friend/ family member is on the uncashed capital credit check list.

You may have money waiting for you! Visit **wildriceelectric.com** and click on the Capital Credits link on the Member Advantages page or feel free to call our office at **1-800-244-5709.**

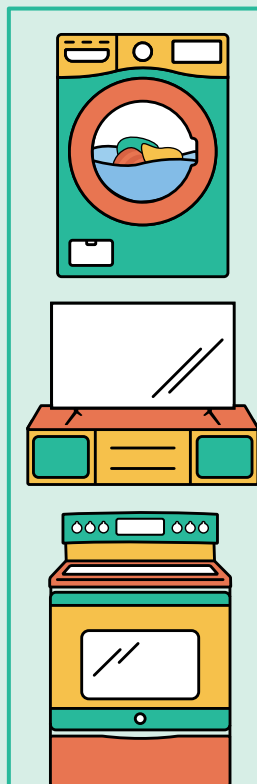
Understanding DEMAND

As a **Wild Rice Electric Cooperative** member, you may have heard us reference the “demand response program,” or maybe you’ve seen headlines that read something like “Nation will continue to see increasing electric demand.” But when it comes to electricity – what is DEMAND, really?

Demand is essentially the measurement of the maximum amount of electricity that is being used at one time. You could use the same amount of electricity as your neighbor on any given day, but if you are using most of that electricity during one hour after work, your DEMAND is higher than your neighbor’s.

Here’s an example:

- ① Ben gets home at 5 p.m. and...



- Cooks dinner from 5-6 p.m.
- Washes clothes from 5-6 p.m.
- Watches the news from 5-6 p.m.

Demand: 3.6 kW
Total Energy: 3.6 kWh

5:00

6:00

7:00

8:00

Appliance energy (per hour)

Washing Machine
2 kWh*

Stovetop
1.5 kWh*

TV
0.1 kWh*

**All values differ according to model*

Demand: 2 kW
Total Energy: 3.6 kWh

- ② Emily gets home at 5 p.m. and...

- Cooks dinner from 5-6 p.m.
- Washes towels from 6-7 p.m.
- Watches her favorite show from 7-8 p.m.



5:00

6:00

7:00

8:00

Emily’s demand is much lower than Ben’s even though their total energy use is the same.

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative has the capacity to power all of its members’ homes and businesses during high-demand times of day – usually 6-9 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. However, that high-demand electricity is provided to the co-op at a higher cost.

If members are mindful of spreading out their electricity-based tasks, it can help the cooperative save on high-demand charges. As a member, that savings is passed to you in the form of stable electricity rates and a more reliable, balanced electric grid.

Thank you for helping us lower demand and keep our community power strong!

Ads

For Sale

Skateboard ramp and rail, The Rail is 9ft x 6 1/2", 18 in. high The Ramp is a Factor X, \$75, 218-850-0796.

10' Cotterman loft/library ladder with rail and wheels. Asking \$440. Compare to new at \$998. 20 ft pontoon, Suncruiser 1999 model TR200, 40 hp Johnson two stroke, asking \$6,240, 701-219-1486 or genep-boyle46@yahoo.com.

Approx. 75-100 small square hay bales. No rain stored inside on trailer. \$2.50 ea. NE of Flom, 218-567-8297.

'09 Chevy Silverado, 16,600 actual miles 2wd, like new, red V-6 regular cab. '08 Ford F-350 4 door long box diesel loaded 250,000 miles, 218-784-8102.

5th wheeler camper, very good condition, hitch included, 218-847-9087.

1996 14ft Lund Rebel. 2019 15 hp fours stroke Yamaha. 3 seats – carpeted live well & Lowrance fish finder. Very good condition \$6,000 obo, 406-471-4273.

4 – P275/65R18 Hankook winter pike tires about 50% tread, \$200 obo. Remington 8" pole saw low hrs, \$50, 218-849-8187.

3 pc luggage set, 218-935-1044.
8'x6' flatbed w/ 4" channel frame, diamond

plated bed w/ lights, \$400. 8' diameter merry go round from old school yard floor needs restoring, \$250. Pick up box trailer good wood hauler, \$300. Text only 701-405-4991.

1996 Four Winns boat 130 HP outboard motor, Johnson electric trolling motor, Lowrance Elite 5 fish finder \$4,000, 218-596-8307.

Office Desk, nice golden oak, front show expandable L. Custom made w/ file cabinet ends. Excellent, \$450 obo, other office furniture available, 218-773-3119.

Tailgate for 1999 Chevy- white- latch mechanism is missing, \$125. Rhino-ruff cut pull behind mower, \$1,250 has new carb, 48" cut. Char-lynn orbit motor, \$50. Mighty mate junior tubing expander- air over hyd, \$300, 218-935-5100.

4 push lawn mowers- fix u/ parts. Black Angus cow 5 yr. old good disposition, 584-4603.

Baldwin Piano \$200, 218-584-5528 / 218-261-0323.

Class 5 gravel, rocks, black dirt. Near Cotton Lake, Delivery available, 218-841-2688.

Formula SM1 stairstepper; DP BodyTone MultiGym; DP Pulse Strider 2600 treadmill; Weider Home Gym; Buzzaround EX 4-wheel mobility scooter, 218-483-4203.

1996 Chev Suburban 198,000 mi, \$3,000 obo. 1978 16 ft fiberglass speedboat, 115 Johnson motor w/ trailer, \$1,500 obo, 701-640-2844/ 218-847-3695.

Aqua Lilly Pad 6 x 12 like new, \$300. Portable adjustable Basketball Stand \$95, 701-371-1902.3 pt rear blade. Fuel service tank. 4 used tires 225/55-18, 218-849-8963.

2000 Polaris 325 Magnum 4x4, VERY low miles, \$2,500, 701-680-9310.

8 hay bales alfalfa orchard grass 3rd crop 5x5 large round. 2 grass bales orchard grass. Larson storm 32" door, 218-596-8383/218-227-9034.

2012 Honda Accord LX-S coupe 2.4 liter engine, \$12,500 obo. Summer 2 pt 90ft sprayer. John Deere 6 row 30in all crop head. John Deere Donahue trailer. 8 row 30in cultivator, 218-261-0971

Wanted

9N Ford Tractor engine. If needs work ok, 218-847-6993, . evenings or lvmassage.

Snow sled, chickens, fence posts, tractor, 3-point plow & disc, duckboat, 218-230-3146.

Chevy pickup 1990-2003, 1/2 ton 4x4 club cab. Prefer 1996, looking for something in very good condition, 218-791-5821.

2 garage doors 8x9 w/ hardware, but would consider other sizes. Fox Trac snowmobiles or mini bikes any condition, 218-849-3069.

Someone to take down hay shed, 8 long good poles – Hitterdal, 218-962-3384.

2 young bred black angus cow or w/ calves, older 4x4 pick-up, 584-4603.

Our Ad Policy

- Ads will be abbreviated at Wild Rice Electric's discretion.
- You can submit your ad by mail, email, or drop off in the office. Phone ads will not be accepted.
- Email ads to . . . info@wildriceelectric.com
- Mail ads to . . . Wild Rice Electric Cooperative
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MINI IS MIGHTY!



The summer heat can make for long, uncomfortable days, and nothing is better than being the coolest house on the block – temperature-wise, that is! Make your home, shop or garage a favorite hangout hub all summer long with the help of a mini-split heat pump. Much like a standard air-source heat pump, a mini-split heat pump's technology allows electricity to move heat out of your space in the summer and into your space in the winter. A compressor unit is installed outside and is connected to an indoor unit by cables and a refrigerant line. This ductless heating and cooling system is perfect for individual rooms and can offer additional, cost-effective support for your existing system.

- ☐ Mini-splits are often much quieter than central air or furnaces.
- ☐ You control the unit using a remote, or you can set it to run automatically.
- ☐ You don't need any existing ductwork to install one.
- ☐ The units run on less power than forced-air systems, and that efficiency saves money.
- ☐ Mini-splits are discreet and can be placed high on the wall or ceiling to blend in.
- ☐ The units qualify for Wild Rice Electric's off-peak electricity rate.
- ☐ You can save big with rebates up to \$650 per ton!

Contact **Wild Rice Electric Cooperative** and learn more about how you can be the coolest house on the block thanks to a new mini-split heat pump!

Wild Rice Electric Co-op, Inc.

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Phone: Serving you 24 hours a day: 800-244-5709

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8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Monday- Friday

Website:

www.wildriceelectric.com

Pay bill 24 hours/ 7 days a week: 833-250-4481

Also download the Wild Rice Electric app for free at your App Store of choice, to monitor usage, pay your bill and more.

Directors:

Randy Bjornson, Mark Habedank, David Hamre, Jim Kaiser, Greg LaVoy, Jeff Nornes, Russ Okeson, Larry Sollie and Roger Winter.

Out in the Field



Minnesota State Electrical Inspectors

Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, **Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work.** A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. For more information visit dli.mn.gov and go to the electrical page.

- Clearwater, Mahnomen, East Becker Counties
Terry Lane: 218-237-8467
- Norman/ East Clay/ West Becker Counties
Lowell Bradbury: 218-849-6059
- Polk County George Stage: 218-284-1083

Mission Statement

"Energizing our members' future."



The Wild Rice Electric Trust board met on Tuesday, May 9th, and awarded nine Operation Roundup grants in the amount of \$35,873 to community nonprofits and educational organizations. The Wild Rice Electric Trust receives money primar-

ily from two sources: 1) from our members volunteering to "round up" their electric bills; and 2) from unclaimed capital credit checks that have been unclaimed for seven years with the last known address to be in the state of Minnesota. The enrollment forms for rounding up your bill and the applications for applying for Operation Roundup grants can be found on our website, wildriceelectric.com or call our office at 1-800-244-5709.

Three area emergency service providers were given Operation Roundup grants:

- **Callaway Fire Department:** \$10,000 to aid in the construction and installation of a medical helicopter landing pad and access road;



- **Mahnomen Volunteer Fire Dept.(above):** \$2,950 to aid in the purchase of personal protection equipment and tools;

- **Norman County K-9 Unit:** \$7,500 to aid in the purchase and training of a K9 for the sheriff's department.

A grant was given to promote quick access to life saving equipment:

- **Norman County Agricultural Society:** \$2,540 to aid in the purchase of an AED for the Norman County fairgrounds area.

Several area communities received Operation Roundup grants that will help support community events:

- **Mahnomen Co-Agricultural Society:** \$1,125 to aid in the purchase of arena and chute banners/signage for local rodeos;

- **Norman County East School:** \$8,000 to help with the purchase of new tables for the cafeteria;

- **Twin Valley Riders Club:** \$758 to aid in the purchase of a Polaris timing console and related equipment.

The following organizations received funds focused on our area youth programs:

- **Mahnomen/Waubun Youth Wrestling:** \$2,000 to aid in the purchase of new wrestling gear;

- **Win-E-Mac Baseball:** \$1,000 to aid in the replacement of concrete and installation of netting for the batting cage.



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Tim Voss



Mike Vasilakes

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative would like to Congratulate **Tim Voss** with 39 years of service and **Mike Vasilakes** with 45 years of service on their retirements!

We also would like to introduce our newest members to our team, **Dan Cook**. Dan was hired in warehouse and purchasing to assist with the needs of our operations department. **Michael Korsgarden** as line worker to help construct and maintain our service territory infrastructure.



Dan Cook



Michael Korsgarden