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## Join us for a VIBRANT Ribbon Cutting



Governor Tim Walz



Former Rural Utility Service  
Administrator Ken Johnson

We hope you set aside Thursday, September 26 to visit the Co-op and meet Governor Tim Walz and former Rural Utility Service Administrator Ken Johnson. You are invited to a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7-8:45 a.m. presented by Chris Cakes, who makes breakfast as entertaining as it is delicious! Then you can try your hand at one of our favorite activities: BINGO! Beginning at 9 a.m. there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for VIBRANT Broadband, marking this historic milestone for the Co-op and you,

its member-owners. The event will close around 10 a.m.

Governor Walz will share brief remarks, as will Tim Mergen, CEO/General Manager of Meeker Cooperative. Other dignitaries will also be on hand to meet you and to celebrate VIBRANT.

Please R.S.V.P. at  
[www.meeker.coop](http://www.meeker.coop)  
or complete and return in the  
post card inside this Pioneer!

Hope you can join us!

## Member Appreciation fun at the A Maze'n Farmyard

Just under 1,000 members came to the A Maze'n Farmyard for Meeker Cooperative's Member Appreciation. Members of all ages enjoyed themselves and many children were not quite ready to leave at the end of the event. The Co-op provided free admission and a free meal of hotdog or brat, chips, beans and a bottle of water. There was lots of food for sale as well, such as ice cream, cheese curds, corn dogs and more. We thank Paul and Sheila Haag for the smooth and efficient operation and beautiful grounds for the event.

Some of the events members participated in included a bucket truck ride with our linemen, a parakeet house, dwarf goats, a puppy petting/holding stall, baby kangaroos, miniature golf, two mazes, huge 150-foot slide, pony rides, water races and plenty of photo opportunities.

Plans are to hold our 2020 Member Appreciation at the same location, so please plan to join us next year!



Enjoy the photos of the  
event on Page 3





## VIBRANT Broadband and Governor Walz

### Governor and Administrator

After months of working with the Governor's office, we have a set time for him to help us do an official ribbon cutting ceremony for our VIBRANT Broadband project. As you read in last month's newsletter, he had made the commitment to be here on the 26th but we just weren't sure of the exact time. Now with the date and time officially set we are inviting all Meeker's member-owners to attend and help us celebrate.

Joining Governor Walz will be former Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Administrator Ken Johnson. Mr. Johnson signed off on the initial loan for the fiber build-out to our substations that is the backbone of the VIBRANT broadband system. This is a unique milestone for the Cooperative. To have the Governor take time to attend, as well as a former RUS administrator, is extraordinary.

We realize not everyone may be able to attend during the typical work day and there is the chance many farmers will be busy harvesting crops, but even if you just stop by for a quick and fun breakfast, please do so. We will begin serving breakfast at 7 a.m. so that should allow a few members to stop by and grab a quick breakfast before the work day begins.

### RSVP Help

With this unique opportunity, we are a bit unsure of how many members to plan breakfast for so we are asking for a little help with the planning. Please take a couple minutes to log on to our website at [www.meeker.coop](http://www.meeker.coop) or [www.VIBRANTBB.net](http://www.VIBRANTBB.net) to fill in a form and let us know if you will be able to attend. If you prefer, you can send in the self-addressed postcard enclosed with this newsletter. Sending an RSVP for a Co-op event is new to members. Please know that you are certainly more than welcome to stop by for breakfast or join in the ribbon cutting festivities regardless if you responded or not.

### Two Questions

I'm asking anyone throughout the Co-op's membership that is attending school (kindergarten to post college, or even just taking online classes for your own self-improvement) to please write a short note to the Governor answering one of two questions (or both if you wish). The questions are:

*1. Why is high speed broadband internet important to you or your family?*

*2. What is your favorite thing to do on the internet, i.e., play games, watch movies, YouTube, listen to music or maybe it's just "google" cool stuff.*

If you'd like to participate, please send your answer(s) by mail, email, or make a comment on our Facebook page. We are hoping for a good supply and wide variety of answers to give to the Governor. Who knows? Your answer may even be used at the dedication ceremony.

### Mail answers to:

*Meeker Co-op, 1725 U.S. Hwy. 12 E., Suite 100, Litchfield, MN 55355.*

### Email answers to:

*rsorenson@meeker.coop.*

### Comment on Facebook:

*[www.facebook.com/meeker.coop/](http://www.facebook.com/meeker.coop/)*

### VIBRANT – ROCK SOLID

Construction is progressing in our service area on the fiber backbone to our substations and the monopoles for the fixed wireless system. To date all of the monopoles have been constructed. Now it is a matter of getting fiber and electricity to them, turning them up and testing them prior to providing VIBRANT Broadband to members.

Overall, construction is progressing well. More importantly, the members that have subscribed to VIBRANT Broadband tell us that the service is performing way beyond anything they may have had previously and are totally satisfied with it.

That is really the great news. Unquestionably, when you tackle a project as large and complex as this one, there will be some bumps along the way. If those bumps are from our own failures in processes or procedures, that is something that can be fixed. We are constantly trying to improve on those processes and working to ensure they don't happen in the future. The frustrating thing would be if those bumps were caused by the system or technology not working or underperforming. That simply is not the case. The VIBRANT Broadband system is performing remarkably well.

### Labor Day Storm

A little after 9:00 p.m. on Labor Day evening I walked outside our home in Litchfield. The wind had picked up and the sky was a constant flash of lightning. A few minutes later the rain started with a bit of hail. With as many miles of line as we have, this combination in a storm is never good.

Getting back into the house I checked my computer for outages. They had already started coming in from the northwestern part of the Co-op's service territory. As I was looking at the outage information, I received a text from the Operations Manager that the line crews were already called and heading in. Around midnight, with the outages hitting about 225 members throughout the system, the decision was made to call a line contractor to help us restore power. With their help the last outage was restored around noon on Tuesday; roughly fifteen hours from start to finish for the initial storm restoration.

Although the initial storm damage was limited to only two broken poles and lots of broken wires due to trees and branches falling in them, repair work will continue for some time. In many cases the permanent splicing, repair, straightening or replacement of a section of line will be made at a later date. When it is the middle

of the night and power is out, the goal is to get the power back on and not spend hours making things permanent. Additionally, some outages or damage from a storm may only become apparent days or even years later. It might be an insulator that became cracked during the storm or underground wire that was hit by lightning and now has a bad spot in the insulation that allows moisture to seep in. This in turn corrodes the wire which eventually will lead to that cable failing; maybe even on a perfectly sunny afternoon years later.

Earlier I mentioned that the VIBRANT Broadband system was performing remarkably well. This was the case during the storm as well. Although VIBRANT customers lost service while their electricity was out, once that was restored the VIBRANT system came back up as well. We only had one customer that experienced any problems and their equipment/house took a direct hit of lightning. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the outage restoration process.

### Fun on the Farm

It was great to see so many of you at the Co-op's Member Appreciation event at the A Maze'n Farmyard. Aside from the food line, I think the VIBRANT booth was the most-visited area on the farm. It was great to see the enthusiasm and inquiries from the membership.

### Did You Know -

*According to LakePlace.com there are 1,163 total lakes in the six counties Meeker Co-op serves electricity in. Although we do not serve electricity throughout the entirety of all those counties, we still have plenty of lakes to work around with our lines.*

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### Meeker Cooperative Mission Statement

"To enhance the quality of life of the Cooperative's Members and Customers by providing safe, reliable, competitively priced energy and other value-added services, while practicing environmental stewardship."





**Member Appreciation delivers on fun thanks to The A Maze'n Farmyard!**





# Is a Heat Pump Right for My Home?

By Pat Keegan and Brad Thiessen

**Dear Pat:** My cousin just installed a heat pump, so now she uses fan units placed on the walls instead of her baseboard heaters. My neighbors just got a heat pump too, but they replaced their furnace and air conditioner, so it blows through the old furnace vents. Could one of these options work for my home as well? - Anke

**Dear Anke:** The short answer is yes. The two most common types of heat pumps, which you've just described, are often good options. It sounds like your cousin replaced her electric baseboard heaters with a ductless mini-split heat pump. The mini-split system has a compressor outside that is connected with refrigerant lines to the blowers inside. A ductless system can serve up to four zones, so it can heat a small home or can be used in combination with another heating system in a larger home. The ductless mini-split system is a great option for a home that does not have a duct system, or if the existing duct system is inefficient or poorly designed.



A mini-split ductless heat pump can serve up to four rooms through fans installed in each room.

Your neighbors most likely replaced their central heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system with a central system air-source heat pump. This system's compressor is also located outside, but in this case, it's connected to the home's duct system to distribute cold or warm air through the existing vents. The central system heat pump can be an efficient option if your existing duct system is in good shape.

A less common type of heat pump is a ground-source, or geothermal, system that taps into heat that's naturally underground year-round. Geothermal systems are typically an expensive investment, but they are quite efficient.

Heat pumps are typically much more efficient than electric resistance systems and can be a solid solution in a wide variety of circumstances. They can be the right choice in a manufactured



An air-source heat pump compressor located outside the house can distribute hot and cold air through your existing duct system. Photo Credit: Peter Stevens

home, a construction addition or as a replacement for a broken or inefficient HVAC system. They're also becoming more popular for central heating in new construction.

Here's how heat pumps work: During winter, they pull warmth from the outside air into the home; during summer, the process is reversed and warmth from inside the home is exhausted outside. It may seem odd that warmth can be found in outdoor winter air, but heat pumps are amazing inventions. They've become much more efficient in recent years to the point that they can be effective year-round in most cold winter climates. Location # 11-15-301

The efficiency of a heat pump is measured in two ways: The HSPF (Heating Season Performance Factor) rating measures heating efficiency, and the SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) rating measures cooling efficiency. The minimum ratings for a heat pump are HSPF 8.2 and SEER 14. Heat pumps with the ENERGY STAR® rating are significantly more efficient than the minimum standard.

## Here's how to know if you should consider a heat pump for your home:

**1** Want to save money? If you are currently heating your home with electric resistance or propane or heating oil, and you seal air leaks and install additional insulation, installing an efficient heat pump could reduce your heating costs by up to 75%. And if you are currently cooling your home with an old A/C system or window A/C units, you could also cut your cooling costs.



Heat pumps are efficient options in most climates, even for new construction. Photo Credit: Marcela Gara, Resource Media



Your electric co-op may be able to provide energy auditors to help determine if a heat pump is a good solution for your home. Photo Credit: Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation

**2** Want heating and cooling flexibility? A ductless mini-split heat pump can serve up to 4 individual zones or rooms, and each room's temperature can be controlled separately.

**3** Want safer heat? Heat pumps eliminate the need to burn fuels inside your home and exhaust combustion gases. There's no risk of carbon monoxide or gas leaks that can come from flaws in a system that runs on natural gas, propane, fuel oil or wood.

Before you consider installing any new heating and cooling system for your home, I strongly suggest you conduct an energy audit. Your electric co-op may provide energy audits or be able to recommend a local professional. As with any major home improvements or installations, be sure to get a few quotes and references before committing or making any payments.

*This column was co-written by Pat Keegan and Brad Thiessen of Collaborative Efficiency. For more information on heat pumps, please visit: [www.collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips](http://www.collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips).*





The Amazon Echo Plus is one of the most popular smart speakers available on the market today. Photo Credit: Amazon

# Is Your Home Assistant Draining Your Energy Bill?

By Maria Kanevsky

Have you ever wanted to turn off the lights, listen to the news or order food by simply using your voice? That is the power a home assistant can provide. These handy products have made their way into many homes across the country since the first smart speaker became available in late 2014. By the end of 2018, there were 66.4 million users of smart home assistants or smart home speakers in the U.S.

One in four Americans now own a smart speaker, and 40% of those people also have more than one smart speaker in their homes. The most popular smart speaker is the Amazon Echo, although Google Home products are selling at a rapid rate and even taking over some of the market share from Amazon. Other brands of smart speakers include Apple’s HomePod, the Sonos One and the JBL Link 10, although none of them are nearly as popular as the Amazon or Google products.

Smart speakers have become the next big thing to hit the residential market. Google Home starts at about \$129, and the Amazon Echo starts at about \$180. However, there are smaller, more basic versions that start at \$25 for the Amazon Echo Dot, and \$49 for the Google Home Mini. These smart speakers can truly act as assistants, whether by helping you set reminders, establishing routine commands or informing you of today’s top stories. They include additional functions, like helping you order products online, playing music – they can even tell you a joke!

As smart speakers become more prevalent, you may be wondering if these products impact your

energy bills. Tests have been conducted to see how much power a smart speaker uses, including different modes of use, like when the assistant is on standby mode or listening to a command. Moderate-level actions like playing music at full volume have also been tested.

The Amazon Echo speaker uses 3 watts of electricity while on standby, and if it were left on standby mode for one year, the total cost would only be about \$3.15. While moderately active (like telling a joke or playing music at a medium volume), the Amazon Echo uses 4 watts. At the highest power use (like playing music at full volume), the Amazon Echo still only uses 6.6 watts, which is just slightly more than double its standby use, and if used consistently at this level, it would cost \$6.93 for the year. For comparison, the Google Home uses slightly less energy than the Amazon Echo at 2 watts while in standby mode, saving you about \$1 a year in total energy costs. Location # 05-29-327

As you can see, the costs to use smart speakers are minimal, and the difference in prices between available products and their abilities are still relatively small. There are plenty of reasons to buy a smart speaker, and the additional cost to your energy bill should not stop you from getting one.

*Maria Kanevsky is a program manager for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation’s landscape.*

## Industry News

### Contractor pleads guilty to utility theft

An electrical contractor has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor theft charge for illegally tapping into the Olivia Municipal Utilities electrical distribution system. Roger Bradley Ridler, 42, of Olivia, pleaded guilty Monday in Renville County District Court to the misdemeanor charge of theft for obtaining the electrical services without paying.

Ridler was sentenced to 90 days in jail which was stayed for one year, and he was placed on supervised probation for one year. He must pay restitution and write a letter of apology. He originally faced a felony theft charge, which was dismissed when he was sentenced. According to court records, Ridler admitted to tapping into the power service before it reached his meter, in part because the city would not give him a rebate for lighting several years earlier.

The criminal complaint states the city lost \$925.07 in electrical revenues during a three-year period covered by the statute of limitations. City officials believe the alleged theft of electricity began sometime after 2007, when Ridler reportedly ran the electrical service underground from the utility pole in the alley to his residence. The total loss to the city is an estimated \$4,092.55.

~West Central Tribune

### Minnesota Twins honor Great River Energy’s support of Veterans

Before the first pitch of the July 23 game between the Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees, Twins Territory applauded Great River Energy. Great River Energy was recognized for being a Yellow Ribbon Company, which certifies the company’s support of U.S. service men and women and their families.

In a public address announcement, the Twins shared that “Great River Energy has built extensive partnerships with numerous community partners, including the Yellow Ribbon Networks, local businesses and chambers of commerce, and veterans service organizations, to better facilitate support of the military community.”

Great River Energy was named Minnesota’s 57th Yellow Ribbon Company in 2017. Yellow Ribbon Companies must have an action plan for veteran recruiting, hiring and retention, while supporting military-connected employees and community groups.

~Great River Energy

## Get Your Questions Answered About Cold Weather Shut-Off Protection For Residents and Military Personnel

**Q**

### What is the Cold Weather Rule?

**A** The Cold Weather Rule protects some members from having their electricity shut off due to non-payment between October 15 and April 15.

**Q**

### Can my heat be shut off in the winter?

**A** Yes. The Cold Weather Rule still allows electricity to be shut off for non-payment. You will only be protected if electricity provides your primary source of heat AND you have done all the following things:

- Your household income meets the state guidelines (less than 50 percent of the state median income).
- You provide Meeker Co-op with a completed Application for Electric Shut-Off Protection; and
- You have a payment arrangement with the Co-op that you have remained reasonably current with.

**Q**

### What must I do to receive shut-off protection?

**A** If you are behind in your electricity payments and you will not be able to catch up, your first step is to call Meeker Cooperative.

We don't want to shut off anyone's electricity. We will work with you to set up a payment arrangement or help you to see if you qualify for shut-off protection. There is no way we can know

what your financial situation is unless you tell us. At right is a list of providers that can help with your energy bills. It is up to you to contact them for help.

**Q**

### Will you disconnect me without my knowledge?

**A** No. You will receive a "Notice of Disconnection" in your bill, along with the list of agencies that may help you; a form for you to fill out stating you can't pay; a list of rights and responsibilities for you as well as the Cooperative; and a list of payment plans and other ways to prevent disconnection. If you receive this information, you **MUST** take the next step and call us or one of the agencies who can help you.

We will not disconnect electricity without first notifying you. We also won't disconnect the electricity on a Friday, a weekend, or the day before a holiday.

**Q**

### If my electricity has been disconnected, how can I be reconnected?

**A** In order to re-establish power, contact Meeker Cooperative for the total balance due, which may include additional fees and a deposit.

Our members are important to Meeker Cooperative. We would rather work with you to set up a plan to pay your bill than disconnect your service. But everyone who needs help must ask for it by calling 320-693-3231.

**Q**

### Are Military personnel subject to shut-off?

**A** When a household member has been ordered into active duty, for deployment, or for a change of duty station, some customers may find it hard to pay their utility bills.

Minnesota law protects these military personnel from shut-off if they cannot pay their utility bills in full. For more information or to apply for protection and set up a payment plan, please contact Meeker Cooperative at 320-693-3231.

For more information or additional answers to your questions on the Cold Weather Rule, please call our office at 320-693-3231.

## Energy Assistance Providers

### Kandiyohi, McLeod & Meeker counties

#### United Community Action Partnership

PO Box 1359, 200 4th St. SW  
Willmar, MN 56201  
218 Main St. S., Suite 108,  
Hutchinson MN 55350  
Toll free: (800) 992-1710  
Willmar: 320-235-0850  
Hutchinson: 320-587-5244

### McLeod County area

#### McLeod County Social Service Center

1805 Ford Avenue North  
Glencoe, MN 55336  
(320) 864-3144  
(320) 484-4330  
(800) 247-1756 (Toll Free)

### Renville County area

#### United Community Action Partnership

500 East DePue Ave,  
Olivia MN 56277  
320-523-1842  
(800) 363-2533

### Wright County area

#### Wright County Community Action

130 West Division Street  
Maple Lake, MN 55358  
(320) 963-6500

### Stearns County area

#### Stearns Tri-County Action Programs

1210 23rd Ave. So.  
P.O. Box 683  
Waite Park, MN 56387  
(320) 251-1612  
(888) 765-5597

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

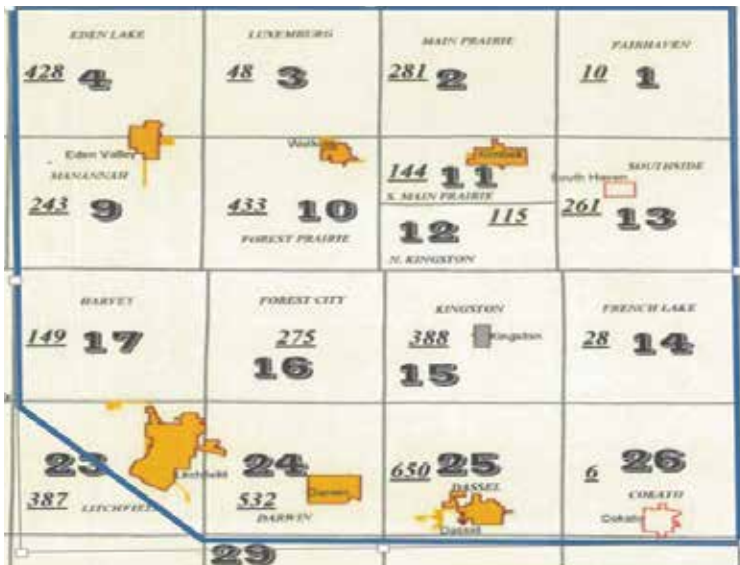


## You may see a reduction on your October electric bill

**W**ith the fall season upon us, your Co-op's winter residential rate is in effect from Sept. 1 through May 31. The summer rate of 12.3¢ per kWh will now be 10.3¢ per kWh for the general service. And the energy management rate will fall from 6.2¢ per kWh to 5.7¢ per kWh. The energy you use in September will be reflected on your October bill at the lower rate. Feel free to contact us with questions about your energy use, including our energy efficiency and management programs, dual fuel, and rebates. These programs will help reduce your energy cost and could save you hundreds of dollars a year.



# VIBRANT Broadband is now installing in these areas:



VIBRANT Broadband is taking orders for their fiber-optic supported fast internet service for members in many townships near the Highway 55 corridor, including: Fairhaven, Main Prairie, Luxemburg, Eden Lake, Manannah, Forest Prairie, South Maine Prairie, and North Kingston.

If you live in one of these areas and are interested in receiving steady, reliable and super-fast internet speed, go to the website at [www.VIBRANTBB.net](http://www.VIBRANTBB.net) and sign up there or give us a call at 320-693-3231 and we'll put you on the installation list and let you know what the next step is. Each location will be visited by installers so you will know which service will work and the costs involved ahead of time. Location # 25-03-408

It's exciting to know you can finally receive the



speed you need for streaming movies and TV shows, playing online games with your kids, working from home or providing what is necessary for your children to keep up with online homework. With VIBRANT Broadband there is none of the buffering, slow-downs or frustrations experienced by slower services.

Finally rural areas can enjoy the same speeds and access to the world wide web that cities have enjoyed for years! To check out packages and for easy sign-up, go to the website at [www.VIBRANTBB.net](http://www.VIBRANTBB.net). Or give us a call at 320-693-3231 and we will get you on the list.

NOTE: Reduction of installation costs makes fiber to the home an even better option for many homeowners!

## Pizza Casserole

**Dave Callicott of South Haven** submitted this month's winning recipe for **Kid's Favorite Hotdish Recipe**. He will have \$10 credited to his account. Congratulations!

### Pizza Casserole

- 2 pkg. Crescent rolls
- 1-1.2 lb. hamburger
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 14 oz. jar Ragu spaghetti sauce

- 1 8 oz. pkg. cheddar cheese
- 1 8 oz. pkg. mozzarella cheese
- 1 pkg. pepperoni slices

Brown hamburger with the green pepper and onions. Drain. Place 1 pkg. Crescent rolls on the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Place hamburger on top. Pour Ragu sauce over the hamburger and add the cheeses and pepperoni slices. Cover with the remaining Crescent rolls. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.

**For October, submit your Favorite Bar Recipe by September 27 to:**

Meeker Cooperative, ATTN: Becky Sorenson, 1725 US Hwy 12, Suite 100, Litchfield, MN 55355



## Operation Round Up August Recipients

### Community Service

Cemetery, Lake Union.....	\$500
CentraCare Health Foundation Paynesville .....	\$500
Community Market, Litchfield .....	\$100
Fire Department, Cokato .....	\$1,000
Fire Department, Watkins.....	\$1,500
Forest City Stockade .....	\$1,000
Historical Society, Dassel .....	\$250
Historical Society, Grove City .....	\$700
Kimball Days .....	\$500
Lutheran Social Services.....	\$1,530
Ness Church Preservation Foundation .....	\$1,000
Patriotic Quilters.....	\$250

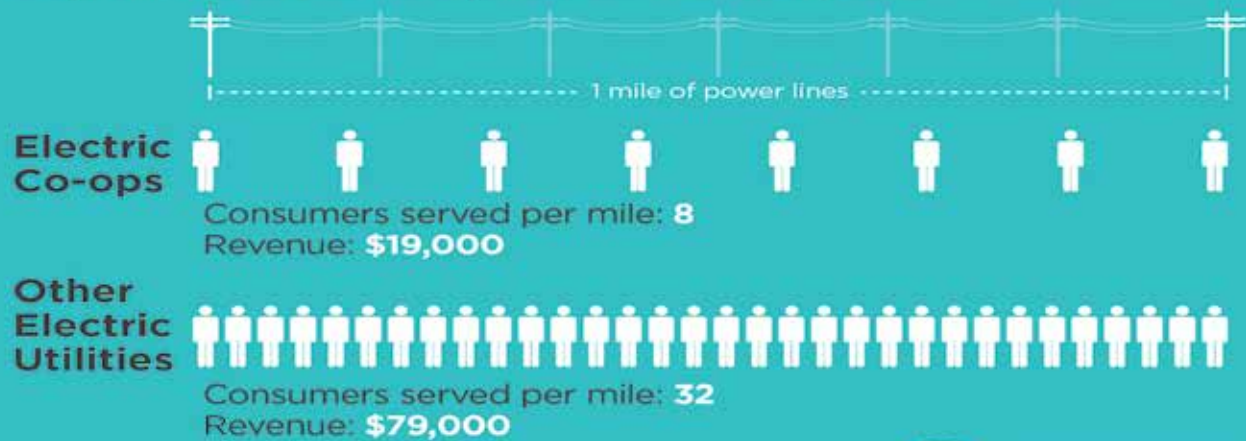
### K-12 Working Cooperatively Teacher Grant

Dassel-Cokato Middle School .....	\$500
Kimball Area High School .....	\$1,200
Lake Ripley Elementary School (Kindergarten & 2nd grade) .....	\$200
Lake Ripley Elementary School (Enrichment programs) .....	\$200
Litchfield Middle School.....	\$724
Paynesville Middle & High School.....	\$600

**Total .....** **\$12,254**

## Going the Extra Mile

Electric cooperatives maintain more miles of power lines per consumer than other types of electric utilities. Even though they serve fewer consumers and acquire less revenue, electric co-ops always go the extra mile to power the communities they serve.



Source: EIA 2007 data. Includes revenue and consumer served per mile of line.



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### Please run this ad in the next Pioneer

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Remember to limit your ad to nine words!

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4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please check ad category

- ☐ For Sale, Misc.
- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Automotive
- ☐ Wanted
- ☐ Giveaway
- ☐ Service
- ☐ For Rent

Clip and Send to: Meeker Cooperative, 1725 US Hwy. 12, Suite 100, Litchfield, MN 55355 Attn: Becky Sorenson or email rsorenson@meeker.coop

#### For Sale - Miscellaneous

- 2 old Scorpion sleds, fair shape, complete. S. Haven. 612-296-1145.
- One horse open sleigh w/hookup equip. \$600. 320-693-8369.
- Forney welder. 320-693-3070.

- 15'6" x 18' open front shed, \$2,500/obo; 18' x 12' shed, \$1,250. Steel. 320-857-2506.
- 12-set floral stoneware, serv. Pcs., amber goblets. \$100/obo. 320-693-2529.
- Sew Rite quilt frame, cutting brd., lg. embroid. Hoop. \$25/obo. 320-693-2529.

- 2005 5th wheel Jayco Designer Medallion R.V.. \$16,000. 320-557-6777.
- 2005 Key Tailgater toyhauler, sleeps 4, kit., ba. 320-693-3070.
- 4-pc. Rattan living room set. 320-275-4254.
- Fern peonies. 320-275-4254.
- Vinyl dock sections 1-10 ft., 4-5 ft., hdwr. Incl. Make offer. 763-898-0115.
- Small garden trailer. \$45/obo. 320-764-2286.
- Porta Dock 4,000lb., 113" wide boat lift w/canopy. 320-420-2649.
- Table saw. Elk collection. Plates. Figurines. Print. Ant. Buffet. 612-720-5197.
- Lund Tonneau cover for 2016 Chev. 6'6" box. \$200. 320-333-4067.
- 20-30 bundles cedar shingles. 320-444-2037.

- Dbl. sled bed trailer, torsion springs, deflector, new tires. \$100/obo. 320-276-8477.
- Heavy duty picnic table. \$50/obo. 320-275-3601.
- 1980 Chev. motorhome. Kit., ba., sleep 4; gd. tires; generator. \$4,400/obo. 612-237-8116.
- Storage racking 3.5' W x 8' L. 320-221-5127.
- 2005 Polaris 700 Sportsman ATV \$4,000/obo. UGC 612-900-7930.
- 50' wood snow fence. \$20. 320-275-3601.
- 40hp 70 Johnson; 58 Lund classic; trailer & more; ski-tube. \$950/obo. 320-693-9262.
- Winter hobby-learn wood carving: knives, instructions, wood. 320-275-4530.
- Buzz saw blade, 28". \$30. 320-857-2909.
- Magnet mount tail-lights for trailers, new. \$15. 320-857-2909.
- Metal bunk futon: full bottom, single top/w mattresses. \$70. 320-583-2133.
- Queen foam sleep topper, NEW. \$65. 320-583-2133.
- HP Deskjet F4180 printer w/extra bl. Ink cartridge. \$25. 320-583-2133.
- Murray garden tractor, 17.5hp Briggs & Stratton motor, 42" deck. 320-980-6319.
- Sidekick offset pull-behind motor, 12.5hp, 60" deck, newer blades. 320-980-6319.
- Breville juicer, lk. new. \$50. 320-221-2487.
- Cab for walk-behind snow blower, exc. cond. \$30. 320-221-2487.

- 20hp Briggs & Stratton Vanguard V-twin, elec. start, lk. new. \$150. 320-221-2487.
- Round maple 42" wood table, 4 padded chairs. \$50. 507-778-4102.
- Black sofa, loveseat, end tables, lamps, coffee table, enter. center. \$1,000. 507-778-4102.
- Jupiter trombone w/ hard case, gd. cond. \$400. 320-290-2042.
- Yamaha clarinet w/hard case, gd. cond. \$300. 320-290-2042.
- Ant. secretary drop desk, upper hutch, 3 bottom drawers. 320-243-3622.
- 20-ton wood splitter, works good. 320-693-8464.
- 3 wood swivel bar stools, all \$60. 507-778-4102.
- Stearns Sun Shower/encl. 30" square, 65" high, never used. \$46. 952-938-8269.
- Ant. metal firewood rack. \$45. 952-938-8269.
- Breville 4-slice toaster, 220V, never used. \$25. 952-938-8269.

#### For Sale - Automotive

- 2000 red Corvette convertible, low mi., automatic. Exc. cond. 320-583-4238.
- Location # 02-32-202
- 6 hp Evinrude, runs well, low hours. 320-693-6568.
- Chev. C50 truck, 16' steel box. \$2,800. 320-693-3800.
- 14' Harley Heritage softail, 19,200 mi., Moroccan gold, 11 mon. warranty left. 320-693-6568.

#### For Sale - Agricultural

- Mpls. Moline 3-14 ground lift plow. 320-974-3057.
- Ten 24-ft free standing cattle panels. \$260/ea. Watkins 320-333-6540.
- J.D. 2800 variable 5 bottom plow, gd. cond. 320-453-6122.
- 1975 Dodge 600 grain truck, 15-ft. box. 53,000 mi. \$1,500/obo. 320-693-8136.
- 140-bu. gravity box & wagon in gd. cond. \$850. 320-221-1070.

#### Wanted

- Any kind metls; tear down, clean up. Will pick up. 320-905-5625.
- Used refrigerator, any size, must work. Will pay cash. 651-696-5221.
- John Deere corn head #343, 3-row, 30". Text 320-699-0675.
- Pine needles, will rake. 612-790-8466.
- Collecting Lk. Superior agates. 320-493-7555.

#### Giveaway

- Red Old English Bantams, all to go; 4 R, 3 H. 320-693-8464.

#### Services

- Spray lawns, weeds. Fall best time. Radtke Lawn Care. 320-582-2130.
- Quality paint/ stain. Int./ext., decks, woodwork. Perfect Paint. 612-201-3076.

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