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Paul and Kella Bugbee,
owners of Bug-Bee Hive Resort

BUG-BEE HIVE RESORT IS MORE VIBRANT THAN EVER!

People love to “get away from it all” when they go on vacation. That phrase has a different meaning today than it did twenty years ago. Today, “getting away from it all” also means staying connected. People want to vacation, yet still be able to be online, stream shows and movies, and even play video games.

Paul and Kella Bugbee, owners of Bug-Bee Hive Resort on the north side of Lake Koronis in Paynesville, know this. Bug-Bee Hive has been hosting fishermen, vacationers, crafting groups, weddings, and business meetings for over 100 years.

Paul commented that, “If I were a guest at the Bug-Bee Hive Resort, the first thing I’d want to do upon entering the cottage is sit down, relax, and pull up my computer and check my emails. In this age of the Internet, our guests are prone to do the same.” Paul and Kella wanted assurance that all guests would have high-speed Internet allowing them to stream and game, among other on-line activities.

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“ENERGIZING AND CONNECTING...ENHANCING YOUR LIFE.”



CIP TO ECO

BY TIM MERGER, MEEKER COOPERATIVE, CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Minnesota's Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) was passed into law as part of The Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 (NGEA). CIP established energy-saving goals for all electric utilities that operate in the state of Minnesota.

Energy savings are typically achieved through member participation in energy savings programs. To help promote and encourage energy saving by its members, Meeker Cooperative offers incentives and rebates for energy-efficiency improvements such as LED lighting, water heaters, high efficiency heating and cooling such as heat pumps, motors and ENERGY STAR appliances.

In addition, Meeker offers Off Peak rates for air conditioning, water heating, electric heating including heat pumps and storage heat such as in-floor heating in return for managing those loads over our peak electric usage.

Since CIP was adopted in 2007, the landscape of the utility industry and the efficiencies of appliances, heating and cooling equipment, lighting and just about anything using electricity has changed dramatically. Thus, the need to change and update CIP.

To make CIP more relevant to today's technologies, utilities led by electric co-ops from across Minnesota introduced and promoted the passage of the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of

2021 (ECO) last legislative session. The ECO act received strong bipartisan support of Minnesota legislators in both the House and Senate. It was signed into law by Governor Walz in June.

As you can imagine, the 2007 CIP law did not take into consideration such things as electric vehicles, the wide use of LEDs today or the huge expansion of renewable generation. The ECO Act will help utilities to develop new energy saving programs, and the incentives and rebates to go with them, to continue meeting conservation goals.

For example, although it may seem far off for most of the Co-op's members, I see Electric Vehicle (EV) charging as a program that we need to develop as the expansion of EV develops. The ECO program will better allow us to do that.

I want to thank our area legislators for their support of the ECO bill, especially Representatives Dave Baker and Dean Urdahl and Senators Andrew Lang and Scott Newman.

COOLING DEGREE DAYS

So, what is a cooling degree Day?

A cooling degree day (CDD) is the number of degrees that a day's average temperature is above 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Studies have shown that when the outside temperature reaches that level, people inside no longer want the building heated, but instead begin to consider cooling the building.

It is based on the number of days when the temperature is above 65 degrees

Fahrenheit, and the number of degrees above 65.

A cooling degree-day is accrued when the average outside temperature is one degree above 65 degrees Fahrenheit for one day. The number of cooling degree-days accumulated for one day is equal to the number of degrees the average outside temperature for that day is above 65 degrees F.

For example, if the average outside temperature for one day (24 hours) is 80 degrees Fahrenheit. we would have 15 cooling degree days for that one 24-hour period (80 degrees outside temperature minus 65 = 15 cooling degree days). In other words, you would have had to cool the building by 15° that day to reach 65°.

I bring up cooling degree days because according to our records this past summer was the hottest we have recorded in cooling degree days over the past ten years. Comparing this past summer to the average over the past ten years, 2021 had about 28 percent more cooling degree days than average. As you can see in the graph (below) June was the hottest month of the summer. This is the first time over those ten years July was not the hottest. The average number of Cooling Degree Days for the year over these past ten years is 345.

So, if you've wondered why your electric bill was a bit higher this past summer it likely was due to the increased air conditioning.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It may seem early, but this is the last issue of the Pioneer for the year so I wish you all a Thanksgiving remembering all we have, a Merry Christmas filled with joy and peace and a New Year that brings happiness, prosperity and good health.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you this past year.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The average cooling degree days for the state of Texas is about 2,800, more than eight times higher than we have here in central Minnesota.

Cooling Degree Days by Month

Table with 11 columns (MONTH, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) and 13 rows (January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Total, Rank of year).

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES IN DISTRICTS 3, 5 AND 8

Member-owned. Local leadership. Your Cooperative's Board of Directors is made up of nine Cooperative Members elected to serve from throughout the Cooperative's service territory which is divided into nine districts. Directors are elected by you, the Member-owners.

At the 2022 Annual meeting, the director seats in Districts 3, 5 and 8 are up for election. These districts are made up of the following townships:

District 3

Luxemburg, Maine Prairie,
South Maine Prairie in Stearns,
Forest Prairie in Meeker

District 5

Fairhaven in Stearns, Cokato,
Southside, French Lake in Wright,
Dassel in Meeker

District 8

Darwin, Ellsworth in Meeker

Members in these districts that are interested in being placed on the ballot, and meet the qualifications identified in the bylaws, must submit a completed Meeker Cooperative Application for Director Form by the close of business on December 22, 2021.

The process for director elections is outlined in the bylaws of the Cooperative.

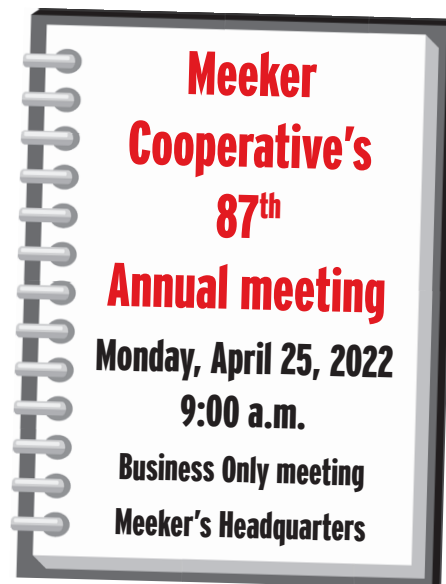
All potential candidates must declare their intention to be placed on the ballot by submitting a completed Application Form and be declared qualified for placement on the ballot by the Qualifications and Election Committee (Q&E Committee). No write-in candidates shall be deemed valid.

The bylaws direct the Board of Directors to appoint a Qualifications and Election Committee consisting of one Member from each of the Director Districts which is not up for election. It shall be the responsibility of the Q&E Committee to review all of the applications submitted and to determine that all candidates meet the stated qualifications.

The Committee will notify any potential candidate that does not meet the qualifications and allow seven days for the candidate to comply with said requirements. The decisions of the Q&E Committee will be final.

The Committee will have the authority to place qualified candidates on the ballot for election, and for any district in which there is only one candidate, waive the ballot process and declare the candidate elected. #27-07-301

The Qualifications & Election Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least 75 days



before the meeting the list of qualified candidates for director elections. If no Member from a district up for election is placed on the ballot, said position shall be deemed vacant following the annual meeting and the Board of Directors may appoint a Member from said district to fill said position until the next annual meeting and election of directors.

For complete director election information, qualifications and requirements, please visit www.meeker.coop. Under the Member Services tab on the left at the top of the home page, select "download forms" to find the packet or contact Mary Alice Holm at 320-693-3231 to request one be mailed to you.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR ELECTRIC HEATING

You may be exempt from state and local sales tax for your electricity during the heating season if your primary residential heat source is electricity. If more than 50% of the main heat source for a residence comes from purchased electricity, you are exempt from Minnesota and local sales tax during the months of November through April. All electricity used through the same meter, whether for heating purposes or not, is also exempt throughout this six-month period.

The sales tax exemption form can be found online at meeker.coop/download-forms, or call 320-693-3231 to have a paper copy sent to you. We are updating our records so please submit a form even if you had previously done so.

More Articles and Classifieds Online!

We post articles on our website between issues of the *Pioneer*.

You can also post or browse the ads in our classifieds section.

Go to www.meeker.coop and look under *News & Classifieds*.



Meeker Cooperative Receives Four Trademarks



Meeker Cooperative has received the official trademark documents from the United States Patent & Trademark Office on four of its trademarks so far. MCLP now has registered trademarks for the "V-chip Logo", "Dreaming of Streaming", "Welcome to VIBRANT-U logo", and "Rip Snortin' FAST".

The Co-op has applied for other trademarks and will announce when they are finalized.

This will protect VIBRANT Broadband's branding and recognition as we grow and expand.

BUG-BEE HIVE *CONTINUED* FROM COVER

Bugbees made a decision to drop the cable service they've had and go to streaming content. "The guest turns on the TV and the menu will pop up. If guests have their own streaming accounts or sports and news networks, they'll be good to go," commented Ben Bugbee, Paul and Kella's son.

"VIBRANT Broadband gives our guests more options than they've had in the past," Kella added. "Internet access is constant and uninterrupted. People no longer need to come up to the lodge to connect because, before VIBRANT, that was the only reliable spot."

Not only that, but with their previous system the guests would experience a very weak signal or no signal at all. VIBRANT Broadband gives them consistent and reliable speeds. "I can't tell you how happy they are to have the reliability and signal strength that VIBRANT offers. We no longer have any complaints about internet reception now that we have VIBRANT broadband," states Paul.

Bug-Bee Hive has also hosted many big business groups with worldwide com-



Bug-Bee Hive Resort lodge main lobby.

panies bringing in people from several different countries. Having reliable Internet is a must for those meetings, and VIBRANT gives them that. #25-22-203

Paul and Kella are no strangers to Meeker Cooperative. Bug-Bee Hive Resort has been a member since Meeker was able to bring them electricity in the mid-1930s. What started out as just a few fishing shacks in the early years has now grown to 35 high-end cottage suites and a 75-site seasonal RV park one-quarter mile west of the resort.

"Meeker Cooperative Light & Power has grown with us every step of the way, and now we're growing with VIBRANT as well. The service has been fabulous; these guys really know their stuff," says Paul. The Bugbees installed VIBRANT Broadband to their home before they launched the entire resort project and they've been impressed with the level of professionalism and integrity the VIBRANT team has.

"Obviously a resort is different than residential because we need to ensure that our guests are going to be happy. The VIBRANT Broadband team came out and walked the entire premises, analyzed it, made a determination of how it was going to work and what was required to make it happen," Paul states.

Not only do their cabin guests want high-speed connectivity, but their seasonal camping guests demand it as well. Last Spring, VIBRANT Broadband installed high-speed Internet access for over twenty season-long camping guests. This allows them to stream movies and shows, game online, and even work from their camper. Bugbee's allowed VIBRANT to work directly with



Paul points out locations at the seasonal campground to Luke Johnson, VIBRANT Broadband's Operations Manager.

their guests individually. This kept their costs down and gives their guests the freedom to choose whether or not they want high-speed Internet.

Paul also happens to be on the Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association Board from District 1. "The initiative to get into broadband was bold and there were many conversations and discussions about it. We knew it was going to be an expensive undertaking and a large time commitment. We did surveys to determine that there was a need and that this was an underserved area."

"That's what the cooperative spirit is all about. We really believe it and feel that this was another way that Meeker Cooperative could serve its members. As a board member I am proud to be a part of it."

VIBRANT Broadband has given Bug-Bee Hive Resort vacationers and seasonal campers the connectivity they need and Paul and Kella a reliable amenity to offer their guests and allow them to "get away from it all, comfortably".



Andrew and Nic, part of VIBRANT Broadband's network team, plan the best strategy to connect each cabin.



Cody, VIBRANT Broadband Install & Service Technician, installs the necessary equipment.

WITH HELP FROM MEEKER AND OTHER COOPERATIVES, CONNEXUS ENERGY SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGES UNLAWFUL BNSF PRACTICES.

Connexus Energy (Connexus) and electric cooperatives across the state were handed a critical victory on Sept. 9 regarding fees and requirements related to railroad crossings. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) decided in favor of Connexus in a petition for resolution of a dispute with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF).



Minnesota Rural Electric CEO Darrick Moe, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative CEO Dan Carlisle, and Meeker Cooperative Light and Power CEO Tim Mergen.

History of Right-of-Way Issues

After several years of the rail industry charging cooperatives unreasonable fees, in 2016 the Minnesota legislature passed a law that set a standard crossing

fee and established a clear process and requirements for utility crossings of railways.

BNSF previously appealed a similar petition filed with the Commission in 2018, but the Minnesota Court of Appeals affirmed the statute.

Despite the statute, BNSF routinely charges Connexus and other electric cooperatives across the state unreasonable fees above what is allowed by statute, and subjects the cooperatives to compliance with unwarranted additional requirements that risk grid reliability, delay construction and increase costs.

A Critical Victory

The Commission agreed unanimously with Connexus, deciding in their favor on all eight decision points. Additionally, Commissioner Tuma drafted a decision option for the Commission to investigate the conduct that has been occurring.

"This is a shining example of cooperation among cooperatives," says Darrick Moe, MREA president and CEO. "Connexus undertook the petition for the collective benefit of all of Minnesota's not-for-profit electric cooperatives and their member-owners to ensure the continued delivery of reliable and affordable energy."

Utilities must cross existing railroad rights-of-way in order to provide necessary services to consumers, and electric cooperatives are no exception. Railroad companies and utilities are required to work together to maintain safety and smooth operations.

This ruling directs BNSF to comply with state law regarding access to railroad rights-of-way to enable construction and maintenance necessary for electric grid reliability. Connexus made every reasonable attempt to resolve the dispute through negotiation, but ultimately brought it to the PUC.

"Connexus and our members are grateful for the unambiguous 5-0 decision from the PUC," says Nick Loehlein, vice president of electric operations for Connexus.

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) participated to communicate the interests of all electric cooperatives. "Together as a strong family of Minnesota cooperatives, we stood up for what's right for all electric cooperative member-owners," adds Loehlein.

In addition to Loehlein, the following people testified in front of the PUC: Felhaber Larson attorney Sara McGrane,

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WILLIE WIREDHAND'S ELECTRICITY FUN FACT



Do you know....?

...why birds don't get electrocuted when they sit on electric power lines?

The reason is that one line doesn't complete a circuit. If by any chance the bird touches another wire while still touching the other, it will complete a circuit and be electrocuted.

FIND YOUR LOCATION NUMBER

Four location numbers are hidden within this Pioneer and four more in articles published on our website between now and the next Pioneer mailing. If you find your number and claim it by **calling** Meeker Cooperative before **December 31**, you will have a \$10 credit to your account! When you call and verify your information is correct in our system, you will also receive an additional bill credit equal to one month's output from a Member Solar Panel. **Good luck!**



VIBRANT FIBER-OPTIC VS. DSL

In our fast-paced world, the Internet is a part of our everyday life. It has gone from being a luxury to an absolute necessity for nearly all of us. It is important to know exactly what types of Internet connections are available and the main differences between them.

The two most common types of Internet connections available to homes and businesses are DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) and fiber optic cable. DSL is currently the most widely available to homes. It is made with copper wire and generally runs through telephone lines. Its lower cost comes at a price of slower speeds than fiber optic can obtain, but that's not all.

The biggest issue with DSL is how it's connected to homes. The longer the distance between a home and the main equipment of that provider, the slower

the speed becomes. That distance allows interference to affect the Internet and cause issues like buffering, high latency and loss of the Internet altogether. It also has limited capacity and the more homes connected to the same DSL line will affect each other more. Homes within the same neighborhood can experience varying levels of speed and consistency with their connection.

Fiber optic cable is a much newer technology that has become available to many households over the past few years. Inside that fiber cable are bundles of fiberglass lines that transmit a signal via light. This allows for a much faster and more reliable connection.

Latency is another main difference between DSL and fiber optic. Latency is the amount of time it takes for data to be transferred from the home or source to



the destination. It's measured in millionths of a second or milliseconds.

A typical DSL latency is around 100 milliseconds whereas fiber-optic is between 3 and 12 milliseconds. The lower the latency the faster the Internet will perform. The speed of this transfer is the most important aspect of having lightning fast Internet.

VIBRANT Broadband is completely built around a fiber-optic network. Both our direct fiber connections and our fixed wireless monopoles are connected to our fiber-optic infrastructure to make sure that homes and businesses have the fastest and most reliable Internet experience.

HEARTLAND SECURITY AND VIBRANT BROADBAND - GIVING YOU MORE CONTROL OVER YOUR SECURITY

VIBRANT Broadband, providing fiber-fed Internet at the speed of light, and Heartland Security, specializing in customized security systems designed to protect what means the most to you, are here to serve your Internet and security needs. By installing a smart home security system from Heartland Security using your VIBRANT Broadband service, you can have the best of both worlds with Rip Snort'n FAST® Internet and a security system with state-of-the-art devices to protect your most valuable assets!

VIBRANT Broadband high-speed internet allows you to get a security system that wasn't available to you before. If you did not have a landline before and/or your cell service wasn't great, having a security system wasn't always an option. But now, with VIBRANT Broadband, you'll have a strong Internet service you can count on that can also deliver you the communications platform for a security system.

Having VIBRANT Broadband allows you to have superior quality security cameras, including the popular doorbell camera or an outdoor surveillance system. VIBRANT's strong internet paired with Heartland Security devices will give you the camera system you've been hoping for. In addition, you will be able view your cameras remotely to see what's happening at home even when you are not there. #25-31-408

If you already have a security system, VIBRANT Broadband can help you upgrade to a smart security system from Heartland Security. Remove your landline and save money every month by using your VIBRANT Broadband to have your system communicate to Heartland Security's local response center. By upgrading to VIBRANT Broadband, you can add cameras and other interactive services such as thermostats, door locks, lights and more! You can even control your system from your smartphone and



receive alerts and notifications whenever activity occurs.

With Meeker Cooperative's ownership of Heartland Security and their offering of VIBRANT Broadband, you get the best local security systems and Internet service from a partner you know and trust. And just for being a member of Meeker Cooperative, you can get a discount from Heartland Security! Now's a great time to get security for your home (or business!). Contact Heartland Security today at 888-264-6380 or www.heartlandss.com.

VIBRANT
Reviews

Your people were very easy to communicate with. From the start of my inquiry of VIBRANT up to installment, they kept me informed along with the technician who explained what he was doing. I am completely satisfied with the service.

— John H

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Find out details at
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or call us at 320-693-3231.

MEEKER CO-OP WILL RETIRE \$1,012,052 IN CAPITAL CREDITS

The Meeker Cooperative Board of Directors approved the general retirement of \$1,012,052 in capital credits. This includes the amounts paid to estates and former members in 2021 and members who received electricity from the Co-op in 1994, along with power supplier capital credits from 1988-1990. In the past 20 years, Meeker Co-op has retired almost \$14.8 million.

As a non-profit cooperative owned by its members, any revenues received from the membership that are in excess of the cost of providing electricity are called margins. These margins allow the Co-op to finance operations such as repairing and maintaining infrastructure. As a cooperative, these margins (often called capital credits) are paid back to the membership as determined by the Board of Directors as the financial condition of the Co-op allows.

If you are a current member and qualify to receive capital credits, you will see a credit on the electric bill you receive in December. Former members will receive a check for their share of capital credits in December as well. Checks are issued once a member's capital credit amount totals a minimum of \$25. If a former member's capital credits do not reach the minimum amount of \$25, the Co-op retains them until a future year when the minimum is reached and then they are paid out.

Every year we have members who have moved off our lines and left no forwarding address with the Co-op. When it's time to return capital credits to these members, we often have trouble locating them. #23-31-106

To check for names you may know, go to www.meeker.coop. Click on the "About Us" tab at the top, and then click the link "Capital Credits." There you will find the link "Unclaimed Capital Credits." Click on that link to download a PDF of the list.

We continue to try to locate these members for seven years, after which the law allows us to donate their capital credits to the Operation Round Up® program to provide scholarships for educational purposes.

If you received a payout for the general retirement funds of 1988-1990 or 1994, or because you are no longer a member in 2021, you also have the option to donate these funds to Operation Round Up if you wish to do so.

If you recognize any of the names on the "Unclaimed Capital Credits" list and can provide us with a current address, or if you would like to donate all or a portion of your capital credit payout to Operation Round Up, please contact Jammie at 320-693-3231.

Receiving capital credits is one of the many advantages of being a rural electric cooperative member/owner.

\$1,000 Meeker Cooperative Electric Trust Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship is being offered to a student five or more years beyond high school graduation who is working toward a degree, certificate or licensure in some area of expertise. Applicants must be a Meeker Cooperative member or employee, or VIBRANT customer.

Eligible candidate must:

- have an educational plan,
- have been enrolled for at least one quarter or semester in the chosen program, and
- be a member or employee of Meeker Cooperative or a VIBRANT customer.

Application is available on Meeker's website under Member Services (meeker.coop/download-forms), at the Cooperative, or by calling 320-693-3231.

Application deadline:
Close of business (4:30 p.m.) February 4, 2022.

The scholarship is made available by the Meeker Cooperative Electric Trust and funded by Operation Round Up®.



\$1,000 College Scholarship

Available for Dependents of Cooperative Members & VIBRANT Customers

Meeker Cooperative is pleased to make available a \$1,000 college scholarship funded by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, one Meeker's power suppliers.

To be eligible a student must:

- be a dependent child (including adopted or step-children) of a Meeker Cooperative member or VIBRANT customer;
- be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school;
- enter college in the fall of the same year the scholarship is given;
- not have previously received this award;
- be a US citizen; and
- complete and submit all required materials and the scholarship application form by the application deadline.

Completed applications must reach Meeker Cooperative by close of business on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

The application is available on Meeker's website under Member Services (www.meeker.coop/download-forms). The form may be completed on-line, but must be printed to submit with the supporting materials. Applications are also available at the Cooperative or by calling Mary Alice Holm at 320-693-3231.

All decisions by the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Additional scholarship opportunities may be available. Watch for more information in the Pioneer or on Meeker's website as any details become available.

Featured Recipe

Cinnamon Pie

Congratulations to **Melissa Nordberg** for submitting this issue's winning recipe for Pie.

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| • 8 ounces cream cheese, softened | • 1/4 cup all-purpose flour | • 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| • 1 cup brown sugar, packed | • 3-1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon | • 1 pie crust, homemade or store-bought |
| • 2 large eggs + 1 egg yolk | • 2 teaspoons vanilla extract | • Powdered sugar for dusting |
| • 1-1/4 cups heavy cream | • 1 teaspoon salt | |

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Roll and fit a pie crust into a standard 9 inch pie dish. Crimp the edges and place the pie crust in the refrigerator.
2. Place the cream cheese and brown sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer. Beat on high until light and fluffy, about 3-5 min. Scrape the bowl with a spatula, then beat in the eggs. Scrape the bowl again, then set the mixer on low and mix in cream, flour, cinnamon, vanilla, salt and nutmeg until very smooth.
3. Pour the cinnamon filling into the prepared pie pan. Bake for 35 minutes, until the center seems set when jiggled, but not totally firm. Bake another 5 minutes if needed. Cool completely. Cover and chill.
4. Take out of the refrigerator 1 hour before serving. Dust the top of the pie with powdered sugar. Cut and serve with whipped cream if desired.

Submit your favorite Bread Recipe for our next issue! Please include a photo if you are able.

The chosen winner will receive a \$10 credit to their account. DEADLINE: December 15, 2021.

Email to: szeppelin@meeker.coop or Mail to: Meeker Coop, ATTN: Shane 1725 US Hwy 12 E, Ste 100, Litchfield, MN 55355



Holiday Hours

The Meeker Cooperative office will be closed Nov. 25th-26th, Dec. 23rd-24th and Dec. 31st in observance of the Holidays.

We wish you and your family safe and joyful Holidays!

— From the
Board and Employees
of Meeker Cooperative

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Farmfest Co-op Booth Drawing Winners!

Richard and Karen Kuechle of Watkins won the EGO Electric Chain Saw that was given away at Farmfest in August. Steve Kosbab, Meeker Cooperative Energy Services Manager presented them with their prize.



Meeker Cooperative Adopt-A-Highway

The First Lutheran Church of Litchfield MST Group worked on Thursday, October 21, on the Meeker Cooperative Adopt-A-Highway section. They picked up 21 bags of trash in the ditches along a 3-mile section between County Road 34 and County Road 9. A huge thank you to the First Lutheran MST Group for your service to our community.



Meeker makes a financial contribution to a group for picking up trash along our Adopt-A-Highway route twice a year (Spring and Fall). Any group interested in raising funds should contact Steve Kosbab (skosbab@meeker.coop) to get on the waiting list.

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