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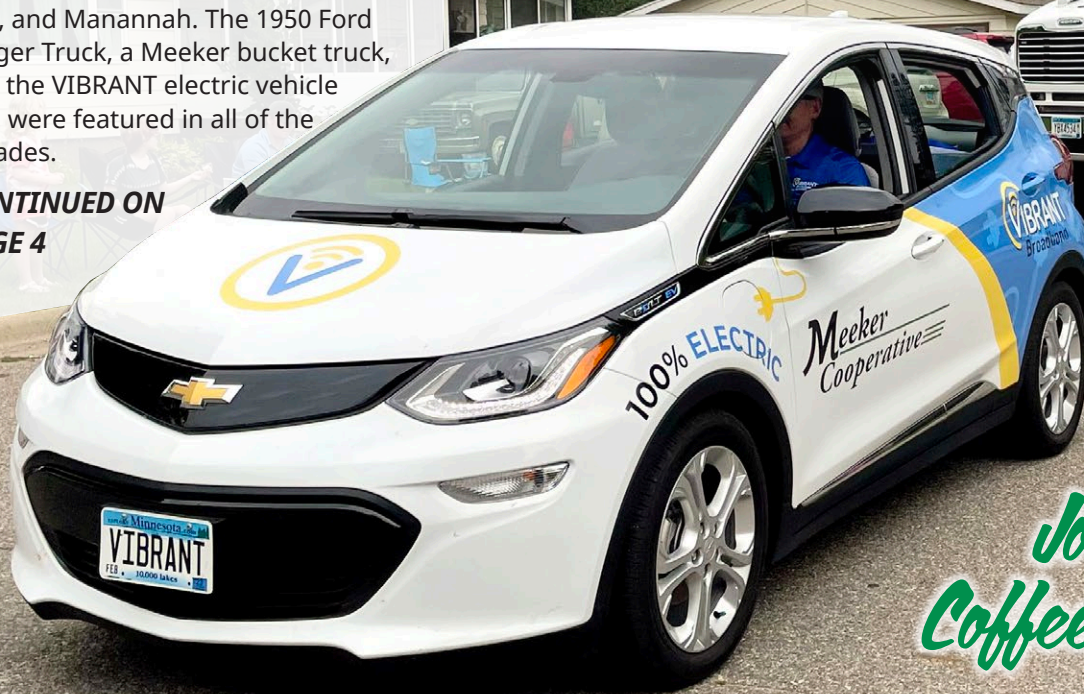
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A YEAR IN REVIEW

As we approach the end of 2022, it is time to reflect back at what Meeker Cooperative has accomplished in the last year. Our employees have been quite busy.

Summer found Meeker's employees walking in eleven parades throughout our service area. This included town celebrations in Paynesville, Atwater, Eden Valley, Litchfield, Cosmos, Watkins, Darwin, Kimball, Dassel, Grove City, and Manannah. The 1950 Ford Digger Truck, a Meeker bucket truck, and the VIBRANT electric vehicle (EV) were featured in all of the parades.

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Coffee on the Co-op*

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"ENERGIZING AND CONNECTING...ENHANCING YOUR LIFE."



MERGEN’S MESSAGE

BY TIM MERGEN, MEEKER COOPERATIVE, CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

THE RISING COST OF GETTING BY

In 1980, the late country music singer Don Williams recorded the song “I Believe in You.” It reached No.1 on Billboard’s Hot Country song chart and became Don’s biggest record ever. A lyric from that song “the rising cost of getting by” sure seems truer now than ever.

Just as all of you have experienced with higher grocery costs, back to school supplies, clothing, gasoline and every other form of shopping need, the cost of getting by is indeed higher. The same is true for Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association.

Below are a few examples of some of our regular or more common supplies and materials costs comparing last year versus this year.

confined to one or two items or areas of the economy, but across the board.

We are in the middle of establishing our budget for 2023. Management will review it with the Board of Directors at their November meeting. As in past years, board members have one month to review, analyze, and bring back any questions to their December Board meeting. At the December meeting it will be adjusted and refined, if necessary, and approved for management’s operating guide for 2023.

As we are still in the middle of formulating the 2023 budget, I can’t say for sure, but at this point, I’m believing we will need some sort of rate adjustment in 2023. How much of an increase or how or when it might be implemented is still too early to say. Not good news, and definitely not the way I would like to end the year, but be assured neither I, nor any of the employees or the Board of

Table with 4 columns: Item, 2021, 2022, % INCREASE. Rows include 15 KVA Transformer, 1/0 Overhead Wire/Ft., 1/0 Underground Wire/Ft., 200 Amp Meter Socket, 40 Ft. Pole, Single Phase Meter, and Off Peak Radio Receiver.

On top of these increases, our gasoline costs are up about 13% and diesel fuel costs are up 42%. All of our insurances (health, liability, cyber security, etc.) have gone up significantly over the past several years and, of course, there is wage inflation, too. As we are all aware there are help wanted signs and open positions everywhere, all leading to businesses needing to raise wages or offer a higher starting wage just to hire an employee.

We see increases coming in our biggest annual expense (power supply) as well. Meeker Co-op receives electricity from three different wholesale providers. All three are forecasting wholesale power cost increases for 2023. Just like you see in your household bills, increases are not

Directors, enjoy dealing with increasing costs knowing full well at some point they simply must be passed on.

2017 was the last time Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association had a rate increase. If indeed a rate increase is required in 2023 it will have been five years since the last one. That doesn’t make it any easier for the Board of Directors to approve one, the employees to implement it, and you as the member owners to accept it.

On October 13, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) issued a report where they predicted the 2022 residential price of electricity will increase eight percent above the 2021 price. In EIA’s Energy Outlook Report, they said the

national average residential price of electricity in 2022 will be 14.86 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). They went on to forecast 2023’s average rate to be 15.32 cents per kWh.

Meeker Cooperative is nowhere near that 2022 average price of 14.86 cents per kWh. The Co-op’s average single phase General Service rate is 12.3 cents per kWh for the three summer months and 10.3 cents per kWh for the remaining months of the year. This equates to an average annual rate of 10.8 cents per kWh. In addition, the Co-op currently has a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) of .0078 cents per kWh in place. Adding the PCA charge to the average kWh charge mentioned earlier brings the Co-op’s average General Service rate to 11.58 cents per kWh. That is 3.28 cents per kWh under the national average. This is definitely a case where it pays to be below average!

Along with all the rising prices is the supply chain issue of even being able to get the materials and supplies we need, but that is a topic for another time. We will keep you posted as the budget is finalized and we get a better handle on exactly where the Co-op’s financials lie for 2023.

Holiday Well-Wishes

It may seem early but, as this is the last issue of the Pioneer for the year, I thank you for allowing us to serve you this past year and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and ask you to remember and be thankful for all we have. I wish each and every one of you a very blessed Christmas filled with family and friends and a joyous, prosperous and healthy 2023.



DID YOU KNOW?

The most expensive quilt ever sold at auction is a Civil War-era quilt known as the Reconciliation Quilt. It was bought for \$264,000 at Sotheby’s in 1991. It is now at the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska.



SELECT MEMBERS AND VIBRANT CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL SURVEY

Every three years, Meeker Cooperative does a Member Satisfaction Survey to gather thoughts and ideas from you – Meeker's members. This year we have added a second survey for Meeker's VIBRANT customers.

Randomly selected members and customers who have accurate emails on file will receive a survey in their email box in late November or early December. We will do our best to be sure you only get one of the surveys. #05-32-409

An email survey is being conducted so that it will be easier and faster for you to complete and submit it. Please look for an email from Meeker Cooperative/Survey Monkey that refers to a survey during that time frame. **This is NOT spam.**

Your responses are crucial to the Co-op for strategic planning, fine tuning the services and programs we offer and developing new ones, and improving our customer service to you. The information you provide is kept confidential.

We ask that your email survey be completed by **December 31**.

Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have changed your email address, or don't know if you have an email on file with us, please call us (693-3231) to update your records.

Visit **www.meecker.coop** for more!

- News articles
- Classifieds
- Member Info

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[f/vibrantbb.net](https://www.facebook.com/vibrantbb.net)



MEEKER CO-OP WILL RETIRE \$1,043,807 IN CAPITAL CREDITS

The Meeker Cooperative Board of Directors approved the general retirement of \$1,043,807 in capital credits. This includes the amounts paid to estates and former members in 2022 and members who received electricity from the Co-op in 1995, along with power supplier capital credits from 1991-1994. In the past 20 years, Meeker Co-op has retired over \$15.8 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 retired 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.

To check for names you may know, go to www.meecker.coop/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. #17-30-302

If you received a payout for the general retirement funds of 1991-1994 or 1995, or because you are no longer a member in 2022, 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.

REMINDER: DIRECTOR CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS IN DISTRICTS 1, 2, 6, AND 9

At the 2023 Annual meeting, the director seats in Districts 1, 2 and 6 are up for election following the normal rotation of districts for election. The district 9 seat is also up for election to fill the unexpected opening for that unexpired term. The seat for district 9 will also be up for election in 2024 as part of the prescribed rotation of districts.

The deadline for the Director Candidate Applications is **December 20, 2022**. Application packets are available on our website at meecker.coop/download-forms or you may contact Mary Alice Holm at 320-693-3231 to request one be mailed to you.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Meeker Co-op's
88th Annual Meeting**

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 9 a.m.

*Business Only
Meeting at
Meeker
Headquarters.*

COVER STORY

CONTINUED FROM COVER

Electric Operations

General maintenance takes up a lot of the linemen's time. The linemen and contractors have also been busy completing workplan projects including upgrading over 7 miles of distribution lines. To-date, 5 miles have been completed, and the last 2 miles are expected to be completed by year-end.

Over 35 new services have been installed since the beginning of the year. Pole inspection and maintenance is ongoing. As a result of these inspections, 90 utility poles were replaced.

Meeker has been working to replace all porcelain cutouts on the system with polymer cutouts. The cutout is what holds a line fuse in place. History has shown porcelain cutouts to be susceptible to breakage under various weather conditions. With Polymer cutouts better performance, it will help to harden our system to reduce outages. This multi-year project has been completed one year early.

Two road jobs required poles to be moved as the county chose to improve and to widen these roads putting our old poles in the road right-of-way and creating a need for us to move them.

Energy Management

Our energy management programs continue to be popular with our members. These programs offer savings on space cooling, space heating, water heating, interruptible crop irrigation, and electric vehicle (EV) charging.

Don't forget to take advantage of the rebate programs that are available including upgrading to a high-efficiency air-source heat pump or upgrading your electric water heater. As EVs gain popularity, the Co-op also offers a \$500 rebate

when you install a Level-2 EV charger and sign up for our Charge EV energy management program.

You can find out more about our energy management programs on our website at meeker.coop/programs.

which will help manage electric demand and usage on the distribution system helping the Co-op avoid paying higher power costs.

VIBRANT Broadband

VIBRANT continues to expand bringing Rip Snort'n FAST Internet to more and more homes and businesses. Bringing high-speed Internet to our members remains a top priority.

VIBRANT Broadband is available in more areas than ever before. This includes our expansion into Litchfield, Hawick, Long Lake just southwest of Hawick, the North and West sides of Collinwood Lake, and Summit Hills in Dassel.

VIBRANT Broadband was voted Best Internet

Provider in the 2022 Meeker Advertiser's Reader's Choice Awards. We are deeply gratified knowing that after only three years of providing broadband Internet service you have made us your number one choice, beating out providers that have been supplying Internet service for decades. Thank you.

Our VIBRANT-U Dreaming of Streaming class has become popular. We've hosted eight since February, with more being planned. During these sessions, we describe and demonstrate what streaming is, how to stream, and what you can stream. We also cover some of the other advantages of streaming such as watching shows when you want to – not only when the TV networks air them – and the huge cost savings of streaming. You can also view the VIBRANT-U classes on our VIBRANT website.

VIBRANT-U has expanded into a new radio show that started airing on November 2. 'VIBRANT-U Live' will be on every Wednesday at 10:30 A. M. on KLFD Radio AM 1410/FM 95.9. The show is hosted by Bo Johnson and Nathan Johnson (they



Our automated meter infrastructure (AMI) communication backhaul system consists of 12 collectors located throughout our service area. This summer we completed conversion of these units from cellular service to Meeker's own VIBRANT Broadband fiber network. This fiber backhaul is extremely reliable and faster than the cellular backhaul system. #02-29-201

Also, being connected to a reliable and fast fiber network provides the Co-op opportunities to utilize smart grid technologies giving the Co-op and members better information such as outage detection and notification. Future plans call for demand response programs to be connected to our VIBRANT fiber system



still aren't brothers), VIBRANT Broadband Sales Consultants. This ten-to-fifteen-minute program will cover a variety of topics including streaming, smart home technologies, avoiding scams, troubleshooting, and many more. The show will include occasional guests from Meeker Cooperative and VIBRANT Broadband. It will be recorded and posted on the Meeker and VIBRANT Facebook pages as well. Let us know if there is a topic you would like us to cover.

Operation Round Up®

Your Round Up® dollars have helped a wide variety of students, communities, and non-profit organizations this past year. Operation Round Up is a way for the members, employees, and subscribers to give back to the community. A Board of Trustees oversees the disbursement of these funds. In the last 12 months quite a variety of grants have been awarded, along with two \$1,000 scholarships to each of the area

school districts within Meeker's service territory. Grants are provided to area communi-

ty celebrations, food shelves and for projects proposed by various non-profit organizations enhancing the residents and communities served by the Cooperative. Meeker members and VIBRANT subscribers donate, on average, less than \$6 during the year. When added with other contributions, over \$56,000 was distributed in the last 12 months supporting our local communities.

Moving Forward

The Meeker Cooperative Board and employees continue to work to ensure that electricity and data continues to flow to your homes and businesses in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. We look forward to serving you, our members, customers and communities in 2023.

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. If you have changed your method of heating since filling out the form, please let us know.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf> and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence, Ave, SW, STOP 9410
Washington, DC 20250-9410; or
 - (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
 - (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.
- USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

WILLIE WIREDHAND'S ELECTRICITY FUN FACT



Electricity travels up to nearly the speed of light. The speed of light is 186,000 miles per second. Depending on the conductive material, electricity travels 50% to 99% the speed of light.

FIND YOUR LOCATION NUMBER



The last issue we inadvertently removed a location number just before going to press while making corrections. That location number is in this issue along with the four that are regularly printed.

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

**See our display this Holiday Season!
Vote for your favorite business display during the Light up Litchfield Lighting Contest!
Watch for details at facebook.com/VisitLitchfieldMN**





with Bo and Nathan Johnson

on KLFD Radio AM1410/FM95.9

Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

*Replays on the Meeker Cooperative
and VIBRANT Broadband Facebook Pages*



**A chance to win a 50-inch TCL Roku TV for every
VIBRANT referral you submit through
December 30th, 2022**

and

\$25 bill credit for each one!

The more referrals you submit, the more chances to win!

Drawing held January 4th, 2023.

Call us at 320-693-3231 or visit

vibrantbroadband.com/sharepromo22 for details.



"I wanted to write to tell you that I have been very satisfied with the service and communication I have received from the VIBRANT staff. Bo was very helpful in answering all of my questions and promptly responding to my emails. The team that installed the line in the ground was respectful and answered all of my 6-year-old son's questions. They may have inspired a new career idea for him. The young man that did the install in our home last week was very quick and respectful. He worked quickly and quietly and left no mess. We are so glad to be with VIBRANT. Thank you for providing access to such a great service!" – Jen C

Coffee on the Co-op

**Please join us for coffee and treats
on the Co-op in December**

Each event will be from 9 AM – 11 AM



Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Keek's, Watkins

Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Shady's 55, Paynesville

Thursday, Dec. 8 at Dassel History Center

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Meeker Co-op, Litchfield

Basin EPC \$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, February 1, 2023.

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.

\$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 licenser 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.

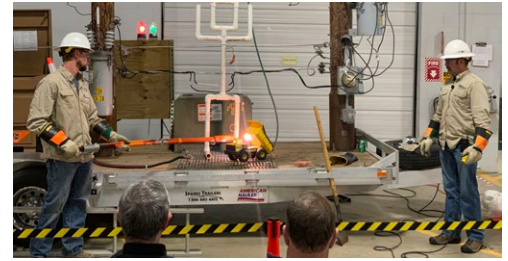
Application deadline:
Close of business (4:30 p.m.) February 2, 2023.
The scholarship is made available by the Meeker Cooperative Electric Trust and funded by Operation Round Up®.

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



REMINDER: SEEKING MEMBERS FOR NEXT CO-OP 101 GROUP

In the September/October issue of the Pioneer we announced the 2023-2024 Co-op 101. This is a reminder that the deadline for applications is December 9, 2022. The form is available in the September/October Pioneer on the back cover. If you no longer have your copy, you can download one from our website at meeker.coop/newsletter or you may stop in the office and pick one up.



Please return the application to Mary Alice by the December 9, 2022 deadline.

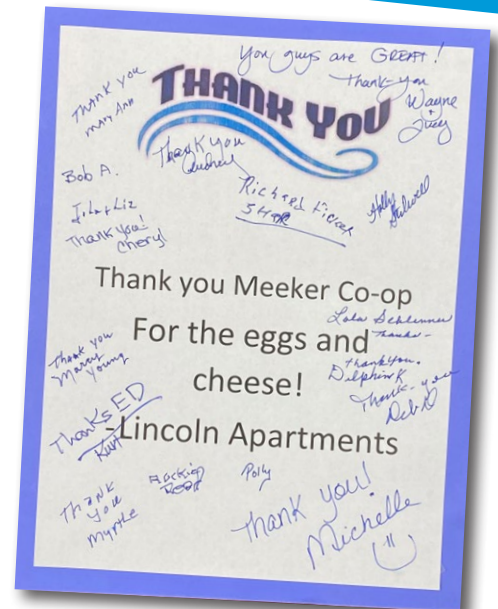
GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

It was exciting to see so many of you during our VIBRANT Good Neighbor Day event on September 28. Over 1,200 families were served with 2 dozen Sparboe eggs and Bongards cheese. #24-23-249

Eggs and the remaining cheese were donated to the following organizations:

- Litchfield Area Mentorship Program (LAMP)
- St. Philips Catholic Church, Litchfield
- Cornerstone Church, Litchfield
- Lincoln Apartments, Litchfield
- Litchfield Rotary Club
- Litchfield Food Shelf
- Kimball Food Shelf
- Paynesville Food Shelf

We appreciate all of you for letting us become a VIBRANT community!



Featured Recipe

Congratulations to **Shelley Carter** for submitting this issue's winning recipe for Leftover Turkey.

- 2/3 cup uncooked wild rice
- 2 cups water
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups turkey broth
- 1/3 cup shredded carrot
- 2 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1/4 cup silvered almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 3/4 cup half and half cream

Turkey Wild Rice Soup

1. Bring wild rice and water to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until rice is tender but not mushy, 40 to 45 minutes. Drain excess liquid, fluff rice with a fork, and cook uncovered 5 minutes more. Set the cooked rice aside.
2. Melt butter in a soup pot over medium heat. Cook and stir the onion and celery until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the flour, and cook until it turns a pale yellowish-brown color, 3 to 5 minutes. Gradually whisk in the turkey stock until no lumps of flour remain. Stir in carrot. Bring mixture to a simmer and cook, whisking constantly until the stock is thick and smooth and the carrot is tender, about 2 more minutes.
3. Stir in wild rice, turkey, salt, pepper and almonds. Return to a simmer and cook 2 more minutes to heat the ingredients. Stir in the lemon juice and half and half, bring the soup almost to a boil and serve hot.



Photo by Emily Carlin, flickr

Submit your favorite Stew 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 16, 2022.

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

Happy Holidays

From the Co-op Board of Directors and Employees to you and your family, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year!

IS YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

Please take a moment to update your information.

Visit our website:

www.meeker.coop/update-my-info
or call us at 320-693-3231.

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ENTER OUR 2022 COLORING CONTEST

Download the coloring pages from our website at www.meeker.coop/color22 or pick them up in our office at the front counter. There are two pages to choose from.

Three entries will be chosen from each age group. Members who attend Coffee on the Co-op will vote on their favorite. The most votes will win. Winners will receive a \$10 Walmart Gift Card and their artwork will be featured in the January/February issue of the *Pioneer* and on our website. #35-28-201

The deadline to submit entries for the Coloring Contest is **Friday, December 2.**

Either drop off your entry at our office or mail to: Coloring Contest-Meeker Cooperative, 1725 U.S. Hwy. 12 E., Suite 100, Litchfield, MN 55355.



FARMFEST CO-OP BOOTH DRAWING WINNERS!



Meeker Cooperative members visited the Co-op Booth at the 2022 Farmfest in August. Two of our members won big prizes.

Pam and Russel Peterson won an Ego 21" Select Cut self-propelled electric lawn mower.

Kevin and Jill Root won an Ego 21" Peak Power Steel Auger snow blower.

Congratulations!

OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Meeker Cooperative office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2** in observance of the Holidays.

