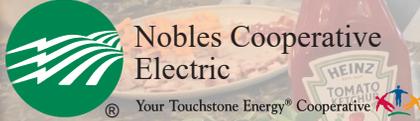


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October Grab-N-Go was a great success

Another successful Grab-N-Go is in the books! Nobles Cooperative Electric (NCE) served over 1,289 meals on October 5 and 7. Eighteen photos were also submitted to our Facebook page.

Each car that drove through received (6-21-27) a free first-aid kit. The cooperative also took members' orders for a pork burger, chips, cookie and water. Many members were thrilled and stated that the event had perfect timing and it was nice to not have to cook. There were also many meals delivered to the farmers harvesting in the fields.

It was great to see so many smiling faces! We would like to thank everyone who attended. The Grab-N-Go was so much fun we look forward to inviting you back next year!



Energy saving tip

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the upcoming winter chill. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weather-strip areas that typically need sealing. Start by sealing around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional energy savings.

Source: energy.gov

Mark your calendar

Nov. 25 Electric bills due
Nov. 25 Happy Thanksgiving!
Our offices will be closed November 25 and 26, but linemen will be on call for outages.

Auto Pay Winner: Clarence Jurrens

Take a minute to sign up for Auto Pay and you may win a \$25 credit on your electric bill. A winner is chosen each month. Members who are already saving time and money with Auto Pay will be automatically entered in our monthly contest.

Find your location number and win a \$10 credit

If you find your location number (as it appears on your monthly electric bill) in this issue, you will receive a \$10 credit.



Manager's Message



Local students explore careers at Career Fair



MyMeter online tool coming soon



Local people
serving you



General Manager
Adam Tromblay



It's a matter of (co-op) principles

For me, this is a time of year for reflection, (3-9-30) and topping my list of things I'm grateful for is our wonderful community. I know I speak for all NCE employees when I say that we are thankful to be in such an incredible place. We are fortunate to live in the same place where we work, which makes our ties to this community that much stronger.

You may recall that last month *Current Matters* touched on the first three Cooperative Principles, so this month I'd like to tell you about the remaining four principles. The Cooperative Principles are essential to the co-op business model and benefit all members of the co-op.

Autonomy and Independence

The fourth principal, Autonomy and Independence, means that the co-op operates in an autonomous way that is solely directed and guided by its members, reflecting the values and needs of our local community. This means the co-op is not being influenced by leaders or shareholders several states away. Instead, the co-op is led by the local members it serves.

Education and Training

The fifth principle, Education and

Training, focuses on enhancing the knowledge of co-op employees and board members, which enables them to contribute to the development of the co-op.

By investing in continuous learning for our employees and board members, our co-op is making a commitment not just to individual professional and personal growth, but to the future of the co-op and the high quality of service our members expect and deserve. It's a win-win situation.

We also strive to inform our members (that's you!) and the public about the mission and operations of the co-op. In fact, that's why you receive this newsletter every month, so we can share the latest co-op news and updates, as well as energy efficiency and safety tips.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperation among cooperatives is the sixth principle and fosters the way that co-ops work together to address bigger challenges. While this principle applies to all types of cooperatives, it is especially relevant in the energy industry. In our case, we put this principle in action after major storms and disasters that cause widespread power outages. When this happens, we call on

nearby co-ops to come to our aid and assist with restoration efforts—and we of course extend the same help to them when they need us. I can't think of a better example of cooperation among cooperatives.

In addition, because we are part of the national electric co-op network, we can connect and collaborate with other electric co-ops to tackle industry-related challenges, like cybersecurity and an ever-changing energy landscape.

Concern for Community

The seventh principle, Concern for Community, is essential to who we are as cooperatives. We serve our community not only by being an essential service, but by helping to power our local economy. Whether through economic development, our Operation Round Up program, volunteerism or donations to local causes, we invest in this community because it's our home too.

I think you'll find that most cooperatives bring good people together to make good things happen in the community. We hope you feel that way about us, your local electric co-op.

On behalf of everyone at NCE, we're thankful for your membership, and we hope you have a great Thanksgiving.



Local students explore careers and imagine the possibilities at the career fair

There is a variety of career opportunities that lie in the industry of delivering electricity. Each year NCE participates in a career fair to give young people the opportunity to learn more about our cooperative and explore potential (039-13-050) employment opportunities. Approximately 2,400 students from all over southwest Minnesota visited Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Marshall and Worthington. The co-op participated along with over 90 exhibitors and 29 high schools. Leighton Gehl met with students regarding careers at the Worthington event. Students played Plinko wearing a pair of lineman's gloves for a chance to win a prize. It was much harder than it looks!

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DID YOU KNOW...

We are not-for-profit

NCE is member-owned and not-for-profit electric cooperative. We are shaped by the specific needs of the communities we serve. Cooperatives power 56% of the nation's landmass. Anything we earn over expenses goes back to our members in the form of (539-38-260) capital credits. In 2019, American's electric co-ops returned more than \$1.3 billion in capital credits to their members. To learn more about your capital credits, visit <https://noblesce.coop/capital-credits>.



Make your holiday merry and bright.

LED holiday lighting is 50% off!

The holiday season is one of the most energy-intensive times of the year, but that doesn't mean you should keep your twinkling, strobing and glittering decorations packed away. Instead, use up to 90% less electricity by switching from incandescent to durable, longer-lasting LED holiday lighting. And now, we're making it easy to make the switch with a 50% discount. Offer ends Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

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Take advantage of this 50% discount while you can!

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- Usage Dashboard
- Outage Map
- User Guide
- Notifications
- Support

MyMeter coming soon! Access your electric account with NCE's MyMeter anywhere, anytime

Be sure to watch the mail and your email for the introduction to a new communications tool for NCE members to use, providing more information than ever before on your computer, smart phone or tablet. (34-2-34) MyMeter lets you view or pay your monthly electric bill, but also offers so much more information at your fingertips.

- View your energy usage hourly, daily or monthly
- Track and manage your data
- Sign up for outage alerts
- Submit a service request
- Contact our office
- Review past payments
- Report an outage
- Pay your bill
- Set an energy saving goal
- Set up recurring payments

We are excited to bring you this new feature next month. We hope you will give it a try!

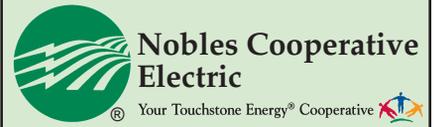
Country Cupboard Crockpot Mexican Chicken

- 3 Large skinless chicken breasts, halved
- 1 pkt. taco seasoning
- 1 jar salsa
- 1 bag frozen corn
- 1 can black beans

Put all ingredients in the crock pot. Cook 5 to 6 hours. I've cooked longer than 6 hours and it is still fine. It's hard to ruin. Shred chicken in crock pot using two forks. Other beans can be used. This can also be used in tacos, burritos or on a salad. Add cheese, sour cream, plain yogurt to garnish.

Send your best **salad** recipes to Nobles Cooperative Electric, ATTN: Tracey, P.O. Box 788, Worthington, MN 56187-0788. Entries must include your name, address, telephone number and NCE location number. All entries must be received by November 25. The winning recipe will be featured in the next edition of *Current Matters* and the winner will receive a **\$10 credit** on their electric bill.

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Next Board Meeting

November 17, 2021

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