

CO-OPS ✓ VOTE

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Join us at the polls November 6

Our co-op's number one priority is providing our consumer-members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That may seem far removed from our core mission, but it's absolutely essential to serving you, our consumer-members.

That's why we're participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote.

Co-ops Vote encourages all co-op members (22-65-37) to participate in national, state and local elections while educating political candidates and elected officials about the important role played by electric cooperatives in their communities.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the service organization representing the nation's electric co-ops, launched Co-ops Vote in 2016. Co-ops Vote started as a national non-partisan get-out-the-vote initiative that helped drive rural voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

Through this program, electric co-

ops realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show concern for community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

Co-ops have another advantage. Elected officials and decision-makers across the political spectrum trust us because of the work the electric cooperative family has put into political engagement. When we all get involved, we can make things happen politically and in our local communities.

Our participation helps to ensure that rural issues remain part of the national discussion—and are supported by our elected officials. But Co-ops Vote isn't just for co-ops. It's for co-op members just like you.

You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on November 6. If you're interested in getting more involved, just give us a call or visit www.vote.coop to learn more about the upcoming elections and access online tools that can help you participate. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day!

Energy saving tip

Cooler temps are just around the corner! Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency.

Source: energy.gov

Mark your calendar

- Oct. 25 Electric bills due
- Oct. 31.....Happy Halloween!
- Nov. 6Election day



Spot your location number in *Current Matters*

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



A word from your General Manager **Adam Tromblay**

It takes a balanced approach to provide power

Every day, we provide our members with safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable power. We're able to provide this essential service because we use many types of fuel to generate electricity. Having diversity in our power resources helps us keep costs affordable should one type of fuel spike in price or be in short supply.

As part of our balanced approach to providing you with power from a variety of sources, we supplement base load power with intermittent resources, such as wind and solar. These are considered non-base load power because we have limited control over their power generating ability. For example, on a sunny day, solar panels can produce maximum output. Or, when wind speeds are steady and not too high or too low, wind turbines can generate a fairly consistent supply (19-5-47) of power. However, during cloudy days or at night, we can't rely on solar power because it isn't generating a significant amount of energy. Because of the unpredictability of non-base load sources, we use them in tandem with



NCE sends mutual aid to neighboring co-op

On Thursday, September 20, a storm rolled through Federated Rural Electric's service territory with more than 760 members losing power. One of the hardest hit areas was the town of Granada. Two crews from Nobles Cooperative Electric (NCE) included linemen Aaron Buysse, Ryan Loomans, Casey Schoellerman and Jake Sell, along with two Carrs Tree Trimming crews were sent to help. The town saw a lot of trees down that took poles and lines down with them. Cooperation among cooperatives is one of the seven Cooperative Principles!



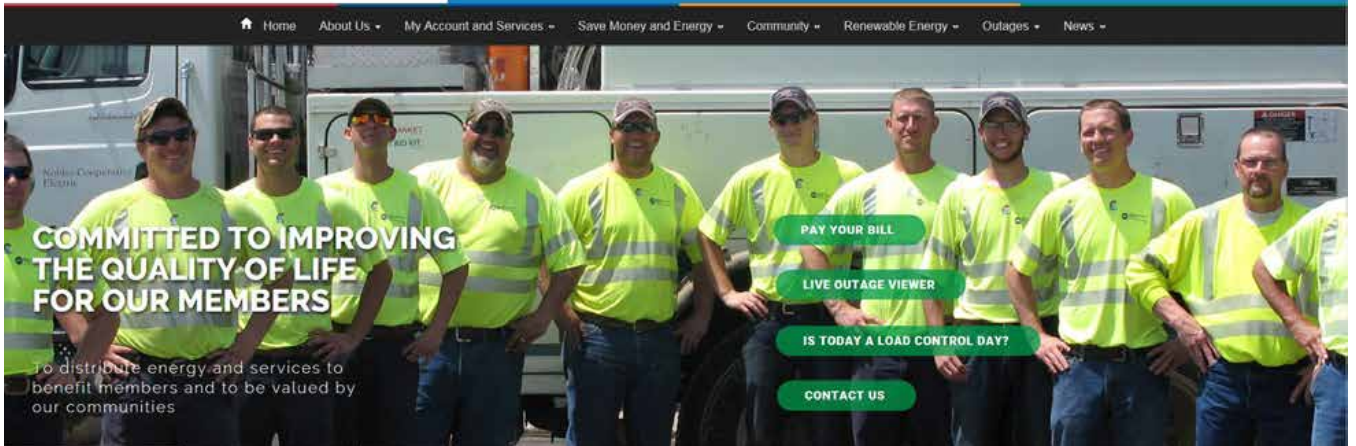
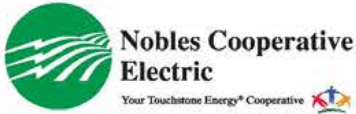
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base load plants to ensure when our consumer-members flip the switch for power, they can count on a reliable and adequate power supply to meet those needs.

Having a balanced and diverse energy portfolio is similar to having a diversified personal financial plan.

When it comes to savings, it's not prudent to put all of your eggs in one basket. The same is true with sources of power generation. To achieve the best mix of reliability, affordability, environmental responsibility and safety, we rely on multiple sources rather than just one type of power generation.



NCE's website has a new look

Check us out at www.noblesce.coop

Our new website provides a clear understanding of who we are, what we stand for and where our values lie. The website is designed to better serve you. Access information easily on your computer, phone or tablet, whether you need to view our outage map, pay your bill or learn more about our programs.

The top of each page has the important links to Pay Your Bill, view our Outage Map, find out if today is a Load Control day and a Contact Us form.

NCE's website has a clean design, easy-to-read pages, improved menu functionality, value-added content for new members, new search features and easy navigation.

"NCE's website is an important part of how our members interact with us," said Tracey Haberman, Member Services Manager. "Our first priority was to make the website as easy to navigate through as possible, simple, yet full of features that members will find helpful."

A website is like a living, breathing thing and we will continue to improve and build on (516-38-067) ours over time. We feel the site will create the experience you're looking for when you pay us a visit.



The live Outage Viewer displays power outage information to members. Information is updated every 15 minutes.

**August and September Auto Pay Winners:
Daniel Bohn and Elmore Eagen!**

Take a minute to sign up for Auto Pay and you may win a \$25 bill credit. A winner is chosen each month.



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Make your voice count

Take the pledge to vote this election year.

Visit vote.coop to take the pledge.

Co-ops across the nation are dedicated to making our voices heard at the polls. Collectively we can make a difference.



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Next Board Meeting

November 19, 2018

This cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Did you know?

Rules apply for small power producers and cogenerators

In compliance with Cooperative adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, NCE is obligated (14-17-11) to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers, whom satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. NCE is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a qualifying facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Cooperative. Interested members should contact Nobles Cooperative Electric, 22636 U.S. Hwy. 59, P.O. Box 788, Worthington, MN 56187-0788 or call 507-372-7331, 507-836-6107 or 800-776-0517.

Complaint process for Iowa members

If you have a concern or complaint regarding NCE, the complaint should be addressed to Adam Tromblay, General Manager, Nobles Cooperative Electric, P.O. Box 788, Worthington, MN 56187-0788, phone 507-372-7331, 507-836-6107 or 800-776-0517.

If your complaint is related to the services of NCE rather than its rates and NCE does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Utilities Division, Department of Commerce, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319, phone 515-281-5979.

Country Cupboard Best Barbecue Ever

3 lbs. ground beef	1/4 c. brown sugar
1/2 c. onion	1/8 c. prepared mustard
1/8 c. vinegar	3/4 T. salt
2 c. catsup	

Fry ground beef and onion till browned. Then mix all the ingredients together and simmer for 30 minutes. Serve on buns.

Send your favorite recipe with **cabbage** 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 (539-39-096) must be received by October 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.

Sallee Bremer
Avoca