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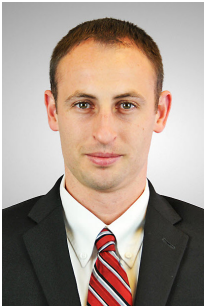
## **BE POWERFULLY PROACTIVE FOR** National Electrical Safety Month

**TIP: Be quicker to stop the flicker**

*\* Learn more about electrical safety on page 2 \**

### **NORTH STAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MISSION STATEMENT**

To improve the lives of our member-owners and community by responsibly providing clean, affordable, electric energy and other beneficial services while maintaining the very highest standards of performance and member satisfaction.



**Josh Compton**  
General Manager

## MANAGER'S REPORT

When I started thinking about this month's article, I was sitting in an airport and couldn't help but notice how crowded the airports have become – I traveled a lot in my previous position and it feels like things are perhaps becoming more "normal." What that "normal" is may differ from one person to the next, but hopefully it's more along the lines of how things were prior to this pandemic occurring. With the warmer weather upon us, I encourage you to take some time with family and friends (in a safe manner) to enjoy life and try to escape the ongoing chaos that seems to be broadcast through our televisions on a daily basis. Maybe for a short period of time the only concerns and worries we have are, "Did I use enough sauce on the barbecue?" or "I hope I grilled

the steaks long enough." While you're at these events, let's take a moment to remind children and even adults about the dangers posed by electricity – after all, May is National Electrical Safety Month. We hear this every year, but the dangers are real and, unfortunately, the consequences can be deadly. On this page are graphics with some general tips to consider.

Speaking of tips, I finally was able to get my small fishing boat towed out here – so if anyone has any "tips" for me in that regard, feel free to send them my way. Hopefully my luck here in Minnesota is much better than it has been back east. Lastly, you'll notice in the next few pages we've come to the point in the year when North Star is looking for members who have outstanding capital credits. This is obviously one of many things that set cooperatives apart, and we want to ensure these members/previous

members receive their money. So, if you recognize someone on that list please let them know we are looking for them and to contact us! I hope everyone continues to stay healthy and starts finding their "normal" again soon.

Until next time,

Josh

### BE POWERFULLY PROACTIVE FOR National Electrical Safety Month

**TIP: Be quicker to stop the flicker**

*May is Electrical Safety Month, and your team at North Star Electric knows you're aware of the big rules of electrical safety – stay away from downed power lines, don't overload an outlet and keep electrical devices away from water. But there may be additional safety precautions you could take, and here is one tip to help keep your family safe.*

#### Tip: be quicker to stop the flicker

If you are noticing flickering lighting in any of your home's rooms, don't assume it is just a bulb starting to burn out. It could indicate you have a damaged electrical panel that needs replacing, or you have too many appliances plugged into a single circuit.

## PLUG INTO SAFETY!

**Follow these tips to begin electrical safety in your home:**



Never overload wall outlets or power strips.



Use only extension cords labeled for outdoor use when using outdoor tools and appliances.



Replace any worn, old or damaged extension cords.



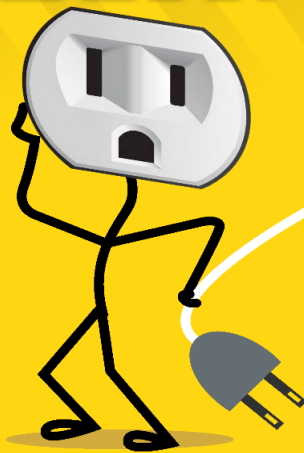
Use ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCI) – inside and OUTSIDE the house.



Keep cord-and-plug connected electrical devices away from water.



Hire a licensed electrician for electrical work in the home.



***You Have the Power to Be Safe!***



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARDROOM

These are the highlights from the March 3, 2021, regular board meeting. All board members were in attendance. In addition to routine actions, the board voted to approve RUS forms allowing General Manager Josh Compton to execute and submit RUS forms on behalf of North Star, to add General Manager Josh Compton to the check-signing authority, to submit an application for a matching grant to the CoBank Sharing Success program, to accept the 2020 annual cogeneration filings and reports and to move the April 7, 2021, board meeting to March 24, 2021.

Staff reports included the safety report, the financial report, review of the 2020 RUS Form 7, G&T (generation and transmission) capital credits, the CoBank Sharing Success program, load control, ripple receiver inspections and repairs, rebates, new solar installations, off-peak installations, Littlefork office roof repairs, Baudette building maintenance, pole changeouts, the County Road 14 work plan job near Williams, bids for 2021 construction projects, vehicles for sale by bid, and outages (556-45-005-07, Doug Franz).

Darrick Moe, President and CEO of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), joined the meeting via Zoom. He discussed current legislative issues concerning cooperatives.

Detailed minutes are available at the cooperative for member review. Regular board meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of every month. If you wish to speak with the board or have an item that you would like to have placed on the agenda, please contact the co-op at least two weeks in advance to be included on the agenda.

## NORTH STAR KNOWLEDGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

*North Star Electric would like to thank the students who took the time to study and take the test, which was about North Star Electric and rural electric cooperatives. Congratulations to the 2021 scholarship winners!*



**Eliana Bleess**  
Home School  
**\$1,000**



**Abigail LaFramboise**  
Lake of the Woods High School  
**\$500**



**Dale Erickson**  
Littlefork-Big Falls High School  
**\$500**



**Max Marcotte**  
Falls High School  
**\$500**

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH



Remember to change your air conditioner filter every month to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems. - Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)

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## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

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**[www.northstarelectric.coop](http://www.northstarelectric.coop)**

# LOOKING FOR UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDIT RECIPIENTS

Listed on the following pages are the names of past members of North Star Electric Cooperative who have unclaimed capital credits remaining on our books. Before year-end, the remaining unclaimed capital credits for the names listed on these pages will be donated to local charitable organizations. If you recognize any names in this publication, please have that person or their authorized representative contact our office for further instructions on how the unclaimed amounts can be disbursed to his/her current mailing address. Thank you for your assistance.

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## PROBLEMS PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

### ENERGY ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE!

If you recently lost your job or had your hours cut, the following agencies may be able to help you with your electric bill. You may have never needed help before, but maybe today you do.

#### LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

206 8th Ave SE, Suite 200  
Baudette, MN 56623-2895  
634-2642

#### NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

PO Box 67  
Badger, MN 56714-0067  
800-568-5329

#### KOOCHICHING COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

1000 5th St  
International Falls, MN 56649-2243  
283-7000

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## STAFF REPORT – CAPITAL CREDITS



**Robyn Sonstegard**  
Finance Manager

### Unclaimed capital credits

In this month's Enlightener you will find the published listing of past members of North Star Electric who have unclaimed capital credits from 2014 remaining on our books. If you recognize any of the names listed, please have that person or their authorized representative contact our office for further instructions on how the unclaimed amounts may be distributed. This fall, the capital credits for these individuals that remain unclaimed will be donated to local charitable organizations (664-16-019-01, Raymond Wood). Please remember, if you ever move off the North Star system, it is very important to let us know your current mailing address so your capital credit payments continue to reach you.

### Budget billing

If you are a member on budget billing, please review your bills when they come in the mail. Remember that budget reconciliation payments will be due on July 20. If you have questions on your budget billed account, or if you would like to make adjustments to your budget payments between now and July 20, please call Patsy at **218-634-2202**.

### Secure payments

It seems that it is becoming more and more common to hear about payment scams, or attempted payment scams, happening to people we know. Sometimes the scammers

might call a home or a business, posing as a co-op or utility employee, and threaten to shut off service unless the consumer provides immediate payment using a debit or credit card, gift card or online payment service like PayPal. We don't want you to fall victim to these scam artists. Please

remember we will NEVER call you and ask you for your banking or credit card number for a payment over the phone. See the above chart for the payment options we provide or accept.

<b>MAIL YOUR PAYMENT</b> Prefer stamps and envelopes? Mail your payments to: North Star Electric Co-op PO Box 719 Baudette, MN 56623 	<b>DROP OFF PAYMENT</b> Deliver your payment in person Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm or leave in the outside drop box. 	<b>AUTO PAY</b> Set up automatic payments from a checking or savings account. Simple. Easy. Convenient. 
<b>SMARTHUB</b> Total online account access from your computer, smart phone, or tablet at <a href="http://www.northstarelectric.coop">www.northstarelectric.coop</a> 	<b>PAY BY PHONE</b> Make a payment 24/7 by phone through our secure, automated system. Call 855-874-5354. 	<b>ONLINE BANKING</b> Convenient monthly payment options are offered through many financial institutions. Check with your bank to set one up. 

## OPERATION ROUND UP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31

The deadline to submit Operation Round Up grant applications is May 31. Community organizations may apply for a grant by completing and returning an application form. Forms are available on North Star's website. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit or community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our region (242-13-005-01, David Zaitz). We would like to say THANK YOU to all the North Star members who are participating in the Operation Round Up program. About 80% of the membership is contributing to this great cause to help our local communities.



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## CURRENT ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

State law requires that every new electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall file a certificate for inspection and be inspected by a Minnesota electrical inspector. For more information, go to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industries website ([dli.mn.gov](http://dli.mn.gov)) and go to the electrical page.

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## HOME COOKING

### TACO PIE

A quick, easy meal that is very filling. Some people will also top it with regular taco toppings, i.e. lettuce, tomatoes, black olives, etc. It also is great as leftovers for lunches!

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time	Servings
15 mins	30 mins	45 mins	8 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 medium onion (chopped)
- 1.25 oz. envelope taco seasoning
- 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 16 oz. can refried beans
- 8 oz. can crescent dinner rolls
- 1 cup tortilla chips (crushed)
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Brown ground beef and onion; drain.
3. Add back to frying pan and stir in taco seasoning, tomato sauce and refried beans; mix well.
4. Press unrolled crescent dough onto bottom and up the sides of 9" pan.
5. Sprinkle 3/4 cup crushed chips into prepared pie pan.
6. Spread beef mixture over chips.
7. Bake for 15 minutes.
8. Add shredded cheese and top with remaining chips.
9. Bake 15 minutes longer or until crust is brown.

*From the kitchen of M'liss Erickson*



Receive a \$20 energy credit if you submit a recipe and it is selected to run in a future issue of the *Enlightener* newsletter.



## COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

*North Star Electric Co-op donates unclaimed capital credits to local charitable organizations*



Mike Hanson, North Star board director (*left*), presents an unclaimed capital credit check to Christina Daniels, assistant director for the Koochiching Food Shelf.



Mike Hanson, North Star board director (*right*), presents an unclaimed capital credit check to Betsy Loop (*left*), director of the Chemotherapy and Infusion Center, and Robert Pastor (*middle*), CEO of the Rainy Lake Medical Center.

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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MAY

North Star Electric's offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

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JUN

North Star will hold its next monthly board meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, if you wish to speak to the board.

### OFFICE HOURS | 7:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. | MONDAY - FRIDAY

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