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# Congratulations

## 2024 North Star Electric Cooperative Knowledge Scholarship winners!



**Marie Hanley**  
Littlefork High School  
\$500 scholarship



**Megan Hanley**  
Littlefork High School  
\$500 scholarship

North Star Electric Cooperative would like to thank the students who took the time to study and take the Knowledge Scholarship test, which was about North Star Electric Cooperative and rural electric cooperatives. This year we had 25 students take the test between four schools, and Marie and Megan Hanley tied for first place. These scholarships were made possible from funding of unclaimed capital credits. Congratulations to the 2024 scholarship winners!



**Taylor Fish**  
Lake of the Woods High School  
\$500 scholarship



**Daniel Sopkowiak**  
Lake of the Woods High School  
\$500 scholarship



**Kayman Sonstegard**  
Lake of the Woods High School  
\$500 scholarship



**Ashley Splett**  
Littlefork High School  
\$500 scholarship

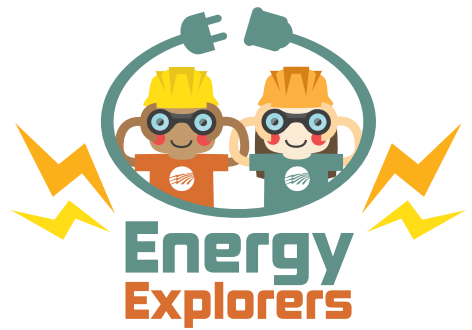


**Samuel Decker**  
New Prague - Rainy Lake  
\$500 scholarship

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

To improve the lives of our member-owners by providing reliable electric energy services while maintaining the very highest standards of performance and member satisfaction.

# Safety Ambassador Checklist



Practicing safety near electricity can save lives, and we want you to spread the important message of safety.

With the help of an adult, complete the checklist below then cut out the badge to show you care about electrical safety.



## TASK

## COMPLETED

Electrical outlets are not overloaded with multiple power strips and devices.

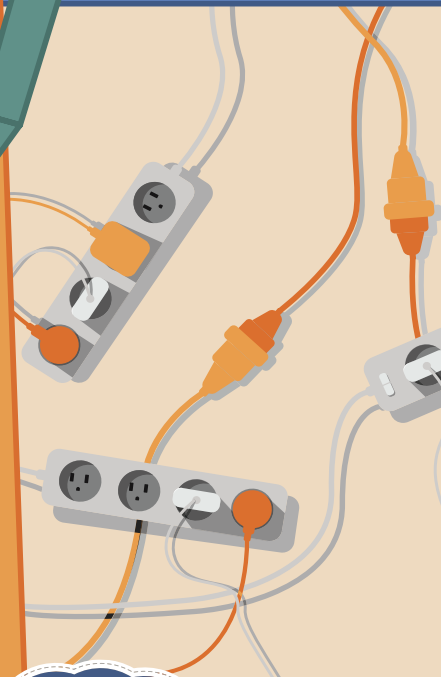
Electrical cords are not causing a trip hazard or placed under rugs or carpet.

Smoke alarms are working.

Smoke alarms are installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the house.

All light switches are working properly.

## SIGNATURE



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARDROOM

These are the highlights from the Feb. 28, 2024, regular board meeting. All board members were in attendance. In addition to routine actions, the board voted to select Mike Hanson as the North Star representative on Square Butte Electric Cooperative's board of directors, and to select Steve Arnesen as the North Star representative on Minnkota Power Cooperative's board of directors.

Staff reports included the safety report, the monthly financial report, workers' compensation, interest rates on loan funds, the newly redesigned SmartHub® website, service additions, service upgrades, idle service retirements, pole changeouts, right-of-way clearing, 2024

work plan projects in the Ash River Trail and Morris Point areas, outages, Minnkota outages and blinks, winter load control, ripple receiver inspections and repairs, solar inquiries, off-peak installations, merchandise sales, rebates and distributed generation.

Detailed minutes are available at the cooperative for member review (445-20-001-03, Rodney Lofgren). 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.



## Operation Round Up® 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. We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all the North Star members who are participating in the Operation Round Up program.



### ENERGY SAVING TIP

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer, and plant evergreen trees and shrubs to the north and northwest to block winter winds.

Over the past five years, your electricity prices have remained stable while the average U.S. chicken prices have increased **30%**.

**ELECTRICITY – DELIVERING A POWERFUL VALUE EACH AND EVERY DAY.**

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

**President**  
Steve Arnesen

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Randy Bergan  
Tom Smith  
Douglas King

**General Manager**  
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### DIGGING SOON?

One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked and helps protect you from injury and expense. Safe digging is no accident.

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: 811 or 800-252-1166.  
VISIT [WWW.CALL811.COM](http://WWW.CALL811.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

Past issues of the Enlightener are on our website at

[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 their current mailing address. Thank you for your assistance.

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SIMONSEN, JOE

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FROLANDER, JIM  
FUNK, RUSSELL W.  
GENDE, JOSEPH F.  
GENERAU, HARRY  
HASKIN, STEVEN  
HERBOLD, JOE  
HESS, DON  
HEWITT, DON  
HOFFMAN, FRANK J.  
INFELD, EARL (EST.)  
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KLOPP, JIM  
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LALLI, MAT  
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PLUTOWSKI, NICK  
QUINN, DOROTHY B. (EST.)  
RAWLS, JEFFREY  
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SCHEMPP, DAVID  
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SCOTT, KEVIN  
SERBINSKI, MICHAEL  
SOISETH, KEVIN W.  
SOOTER, TOM L.  
SPAULDING, JEFFREY L.  
STANTON, JAMES F.  
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CHWIALKOWSKI, DAVID  
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HILL, CLIFTON F. (EST.)  
IMBLEAU, JUANITA  
PATCH, KEVIN D.

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PORTER, MICHAEL J.

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LEPAGE, JEFF

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FOUNTAIN PROPERTIES LLC  
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HOLDEN, AMUND (EST.)

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SIMS, DON  
SOBOLESKI, TIMOTHY

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HARTLEY, LUVERNE L.

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OLSON, GREG A.

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PETERSON, E. A.

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EMMERT, MARY JO (EST.)

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CAMP, MARLIN H.

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MERKLING, STEVEN R.  
RINEHART, HOWARD (EST.)

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**EDINA**  
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LUXFORD, HARVEY

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WARNER, HUGH R.  
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PEARSON, VERNE W. (EST.)  
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BIRCH, SHANE

**HIBBING**  
HACKEY, JACK (EST.)  
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FRIESZ, CHAD K.  
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MARTIN, CLYDE  
MORGAN, JAMES R.  
NALAND, ROB  
OPITZ, DANIEL  
PITMAN, JOEL  
RAHMAN, FAIZUR  
SAMPSON, DIANA (EST.)  
SATER, ELVA  
SILVER, VICTOR  
TIMMER, RAYMOND E.  
WOOD, SEAN  
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WILSON, DONALD  
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CROMER, PAUL J.

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**MINNEAPOLIS**  
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SUNDT, LEROY

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**MOORHEAD**  
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STEPP, CHRIS

**MOOSE LAKE**  
SCHWOCHERT, JACQUELIN  
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CURTIS, ALLISON

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MELVIE, GAYLAN

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EBY, GENE

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**RED WING**  
MULLER, THOMAS L.

**REDWOOD FALLS**  
HOPPKE, SHAWN

**RICHFIELD**  
REID, VALORIE

**ROCHERT**  
NOLAN, BARBARA

**ROCHESTER**  
BANDEL, THOMAS

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KLINDT, ZOE

**SIDE LAKE**  
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MOE, CARMEN

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AHLBECK, CLAYTON

**WARROAD**  
BROWN, STACEY  
CARLSON, CONNIE  
HELMSTETTER, EVERETT  
(EST.)  
HUD  
JARVA, SCOTT  
JOHNSON, JOE  
MCLAUGHLIN, JEAN  
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HOEFLER, VINCENT F.  
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KETOLA, ARTHUR  
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NAGEL, DAVID  
NASH, PAUL  
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RAMSEY, ROGER D.  
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WALKER, WILLIS F. (EST.)  
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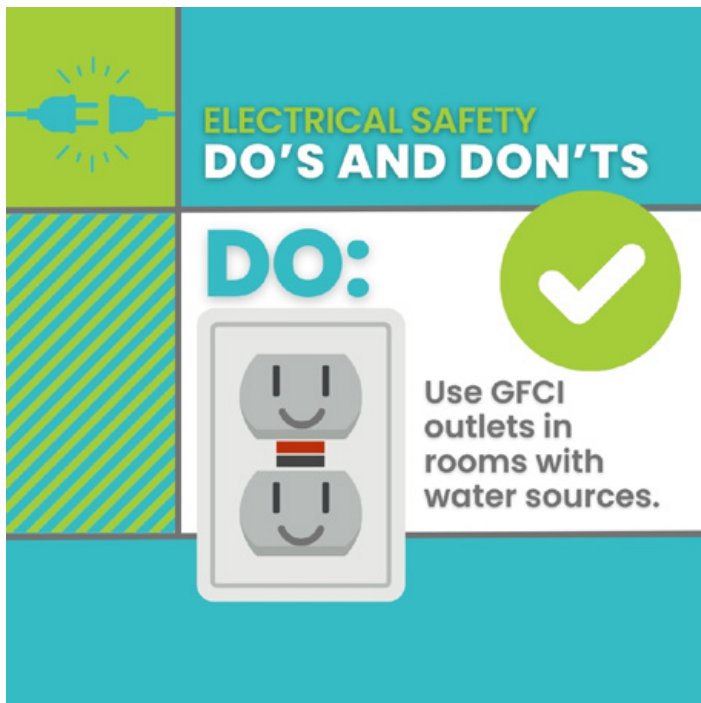
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VERCHOTA, PHIL

**WINDOM**  
SMITH, ROSELLA


**WINONA**  
ALEXANDER, JEFFREY


**WOODBURY**  
MOYER, GEORGE W.

**ZUMBROTA**  
ZIELSDORF, HAROLD (EST.)



**ELECTRICAL SAFETY DO'S AND DON'TS**

**DO:** 

 Use GFCI outlets in rooms with water sources.



**ELECTRICAL SAFETY DO'S AND DON'TS**

**DON'T:** 

 Overload outlets with too many devices.

# 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  
218-634-2642

### 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  
218-283-7000

### KOOTASCA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.

Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3984  
Toll free 877-687-1163  
Direct 218-999-0800  
Fax 218-999-0220

### ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AGENCY

703 3rd Ave S  
Virginia, MN 55792  
800-662-5711

# STAFF REPORT – WE’RE HERE TO SERVE YOU



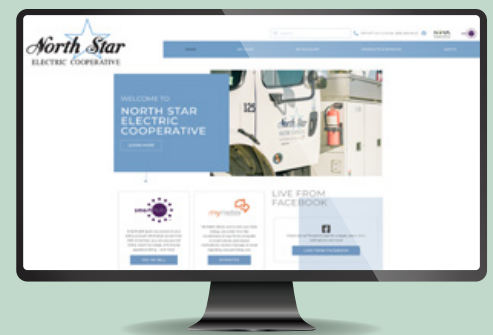
**Robyn Sonstegard**  
*Manager of Finance*

“We’re here to serve you.” We’ve all heard this phrase countless times. These words may sound generic, but to us – your local electric cooperative – they mean everything.

North Star Electric Cooperative was created to serve our community. Back in the day, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. That mission-focused heritage is the thread that is woven throughout our history.

Today, we are continuing to power the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today’s energy landscape and consumer expectations are far different than they were decades ago (111-04-013-12, Lindsay George). That’s why we’re adapting, to keep pace with changing technology, evolving needs and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy advisor means we want to help you save energy (and money) and provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics. For example, if you’re looking for ways to save energy, check out our website ([www.northstarelectric.coop](http://www.northstarelectric.coop)) for energy-saving tips and ideas to increase the energy efficiency of your home. Consider scheduling a discussion with our member services department to identify ways you can save energy at home. You can monitor your usage through SmartHub® to gain a greater understanding of how your home uses energy, thereby keeping more money in your wallet.



If you’re considering a solar installation, we would be happy to give you an unbiased view of the pros and cons. Investing in a solar system is a major decision, and it’s important to fully understand the costs, responsibilities and potential energy savings. Unlike a solar company that has one objective – to sell their products and services – we will look at the total energy picture and help you determine the best options for your home. We understand that homeowners must undertake their due diligence, and we’re here to help you through that process.

In a similar vein, we recognize that some members are considering electric vehicle options. North Star can provide information about charging and electrical requirements so you can make informed decisions about EVs. No matter what our members drive, we want to help you achieve energy savings.

Most people don’t know everything about electricity, and that’s why we’re here to serve you. There are no investors making profits here. Just knowledgeable people with local jobs, working for our neighbors to ensure there is electricity available when you need it. Contact us, and we can work with you to find more ways to save energy – and money.



# Member Appreciation Days

**Thursday, June 6, 2024**  
**Littlefork: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Friday, June 7, 2024**  
**Baudette: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Member Appreciation Days are approaching fast and we would love for you to join us! There will be refreshments with brats, chips, cookies, popcorn and cotton candy (251-24-134-06, Scott Steil). Adults can register for DOOR PRIZES and we will also have a KIDS DRAWING.

There will be face painting, electrical safety demos, balloons and bucket truck rides. We will also have some of the tools and equipment that our linemen need to use to perform their work safely and efficiently.



**DOOR PRIZES  
 AT MEMBER  
 APPRECIATION  
 DAYS!**

## 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.

### ST. LOUIS and KOOCHICHING COUNTIES

**Keith Tillotson**  
 218.245.9087

Call to set up an appointment  
 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Monday - Friday

### LAKE OF THE WOODS and ROSEAU COUNTIES

**Ronald Ditsch**  
 651.368.2195

Call to set up an appointment  
 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Monday - Friday

## HOME COOKING

### Pork Fried Rice

A quick, flavorful and satisfying way to transform rice into a complete meal for a winning dish that the whole family will enjoy.

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time	Servings
10 mins	15 mins	25 mins	2

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tbsp butter
- 6 ounces ground pork (*or chicken*)
- 1 green onion, *chopped*
- ¼ cup carrot, *chopped*
- ¼ cup frozen peas
- 1 egg, beaten

- 1 cup cold cooked rice
- 1½ Tbsp soy sauce
- ⅓ tsp garlic powder
- ⅓ tsp ground ginger

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add ground pork, green onion, carrot and peas. Cook until pork is cooked through.

2. Stir egg into skillet and scramble. Add rice, soy sauce, garlic powder and ground ginger.
3. Cook and stir until heated through and serve.

\* This recipe makes about 2 servings. Feel free to double the recipe, or substitute ground chicken for pork.

*From the kitchen of Faye Barrett.*



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 Cooperative donates unclaimed capital credits to local charitable programs and organizations*



Mike Hanson, North Star Electric board director (*right*), presents an unclaimed capital credit check to Elizabeth Loop, director of the Rainy Lake Medical Center Infusion Center.

*"Commitment to community is a driving force behind your cooperative as we support programs that improve the lives of those who live in the communities we serve."*

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

27  
MAY

North Star's Baudette and Littlefork offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

05  
JUN

North Star will hold its next monthly board meeting on Wednesday, June 5. Please contact us ahead of time if you would like to be added to the agenda.

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

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