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## Exede Is Best-in-Industry in Meeting Its Speed Promises, Says FCC Report

In case you missed it, the FCC recently published a report that showed that Exede, more than any other broadband provider, consistently delivered higher-than-advertised speeds. Exede high speed internet service is offered locally by McLeod Cooperative Power of Glencoe. The Cooperative is glad to be able to offer rural residents the same or higher internet speeds previously available only in town. Here's an excerpt from our NRTCconnects article:

NRTC members offering the Exede satellite broadband solution claim that the service delivers "up to" 12 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream. According to a new Federal Communications Commission report, 2013 Measuring Broadband America, Exede subscribers get what they pay for and significantly more. The Commission's test results reveal that the Exede service offered through ViaSat Corp. delivers 137 percent of its advertised rate –

better performance than all other Internet providers included in the report.

Exede also performs well during the Internet's highest-traffic hours. "In our testing, we found that during peak periods 90 percent of ViaSat [Exede] consumers received 140 percent or better of the advertised speed of 12 Mbps. In addition, both peak and non-peak performance was significantly higher than advertised rates," the FCC said.

### Exede Breaks a World Record!

In similar news, ViaSat-1 was honored with a Guinness World Record for the highest capacity satellite in operation. The spacecraft provides 100 times the throughput of a Ku-band satellite and 10 times that of a Ka-band satellite.

At the time of its 2011 launch, ViaSat-1 had more capacity than all North American communications satellites combined.



## Students at Lester Prairie School tune in to safety

An Electric Safety Presentation was given on April 16, 2013 for 66 students in grades 3, 4 and 5 at the Lester Prairie School. The safety presentation included the showing of a 15 minute safety video called "Safety World", discussing dangerous situations and the

appropriate actions for students to take. MCPA lineman Craig Marti also explained the safety gear used by line workers and a student was able to try on some gear. This year the program is sponsored by Dairy Queen, meaning each participant received a DQ Blizzard coupon.

## You may receive a survey

Great River Energy and McLeod Co-op Power are conducting a survey that will help us better serve your future needs. Through a random selection process, you may be asked to help. If you are selected, you will receive the survey in early June by mail. We ask that you take time to complete the survey, as the information is valuable to us.

### More on the survey:

This survey is conducted approximately every four years to track appliance usage patterns as well as the saturation of appliances within our service territory. This information is used primarily to help determine our long-range load forecast needs, but is also used to better understand what types and ages of appliances exist within our service territory. We appreciate your willingness to take this survey and thank you in advance for your participation.



## Operation Round Up drawing winners

At the Annual Meeting on April 9, two members won a \$25 electric bill credit, as thank you for participating in Operation Round Up. **Francis Burch of Lester Prairie** was the member drawn from all the 2012 Operation Round Up contributors. **Jonathan and Mary Lemke of Glencoe** were the winners from the new sign-ups on April 9. A hearty thanks to all members who round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar to contribute to Operation Round Up.



MCPA office will be closed  
**Mon., May 27** in  
observance of Memorial Day.

Electric outage calls are answered 24  
hours a day at 1-800-927-5685.

## Power line worker scholarship awarded

Joel Getzke of Hutchinson has been selected to receive a \$500 scholarship. Joel plans to attend Minnesota West Technical College in Jackson, MN in the power line worker program. He will be a graduate of Hutchinson High School. He is the son of Michael and Mary Getzke. They are MCPA members from rural Hutchinson. Congratulations Joel.



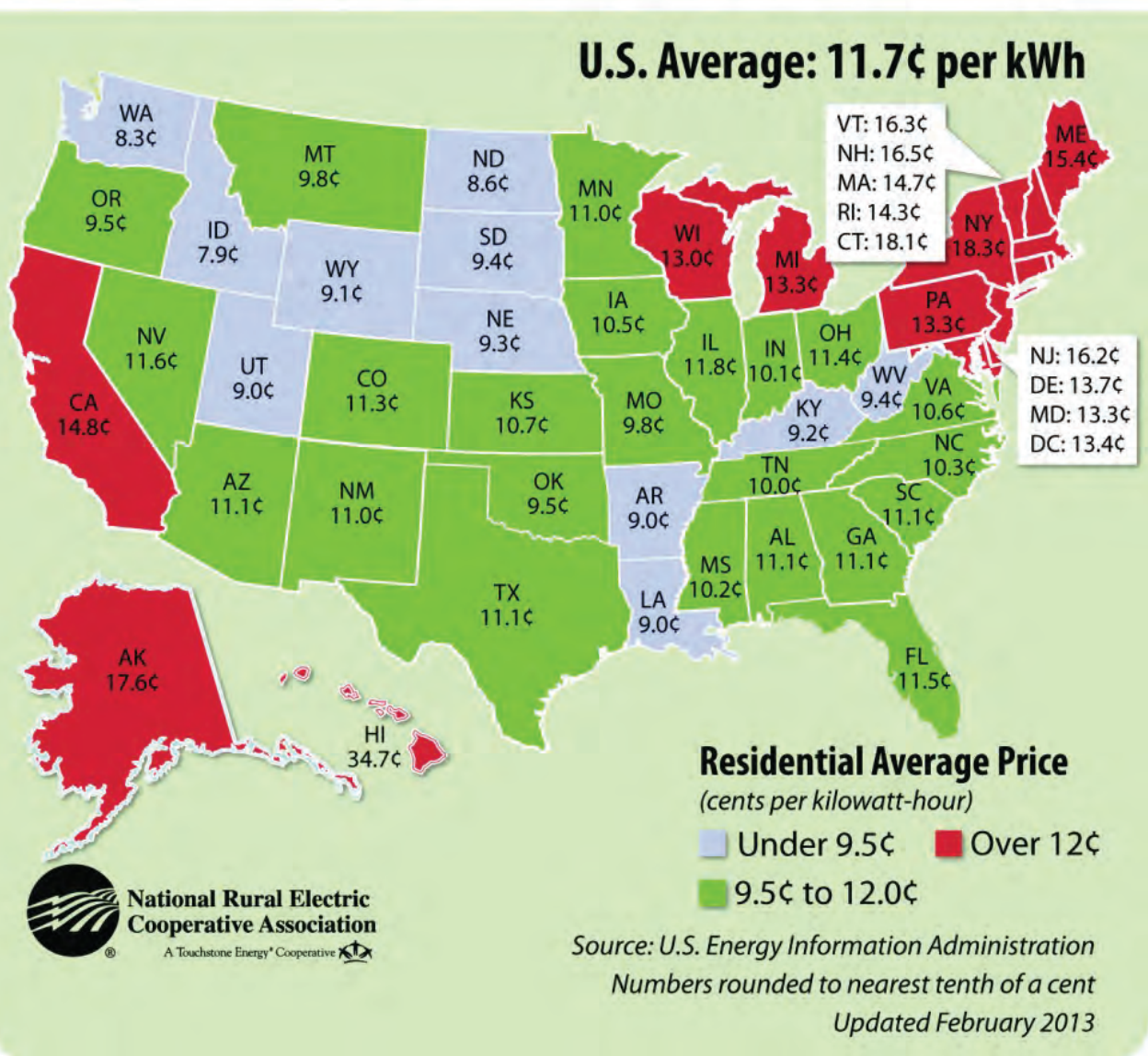
## Pole testing scheduled in Buffalo Lake area in May

If you live in the rural area surrounding Buffalo Lake and Stewart (those served by the Preston Lake Substation) you may see some people drilling near our poles during May. The Co-op has contracted with Mi-Tech, a pole testing company based in Green Bay, WI, to check the condition of our poles in that area.

We always encourage our members to call us anytime you have questions or concerns regarding people working on or near our facilities. You are the Co-op's eyes and ears out in the field and we greatly appreciate it when you report anything unusual to us.

## Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2011 figures, in cents per kWh



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# What to do if your neighbor's power comes back on and yours does not

If you have called in to report a power outage and several hours later power is restored to your neighbors but your lights are still out, please call the Cooperative again to let us know you are still out. Occasionally, crews will repair a line outage affecting several homes, and after it is repaired one of those homes may still be off because they

also have an individual outage caused by a tree on a line going up their driveway or a blown fuse or some other cause affecting only their residence. However, the line crews are not aware that someone is still out unless you call. Your cooperation is appreciated. We want to make sure everyone gets their lights on promptly.



Tune up your cooling unit and receive a \$25 credit

Announcing the 2013 air conditioning tune-up program.

Just schedule a tune-up of your central air conditioner or air source heat pump (unit must be at least 5 years old and in working condition to qualify) and when your licensed professional HVAC contractor performs the service work, have them complete the rebate coupon below. Send the completed rebate form to the Cooperative with a copy of the contractor's invoice. His tune up must include the items on the coupon. After the Co-op receives your documentation, we will credit your electric bill \$25 within 4-6 weeks.

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### Air Conditioner/Heat Pump Check List

Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company doing Tune-Up \_\_\_\_\_  
 Technician's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHECK LIST

Brand Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Model # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Serial # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons/BTU Rating \_\_\_\_\_ SEER Rating \_\_\_\_\_

- Clean Outdoor Unit
- Clean and Inspect "A" Coil
- Check Blower Belt
- Compressor Motor Amp Reading Check
- Compressor Amp Reading Check
- Blower & Oil
- Blower Motor Amp Reading Check
- Check Filter
- Check Refrigerant Level & Pressure
- Blow Out Drain Line
- Visual Inspection of Cooling System

Recommendations \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Technician Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## The Perfect Mother's or Father's Day Gift

**Do you worry about your parents getting older?**  
**Do you worry about mom or dad living alone?**

The First Alert emergency pendant from McLeod Co-op Power may be just the thing they need to help you worry less while they live on their own. One press of the button will call the 24-hour medical dispatch center, which will send a family member, neighbor or police over to help.

The pendant allows them to work outside in the garden or go to the mailbox, and still summon help if they need it. Emergency pendants are reasonably priced and make a perfect Mother's Day or Father's Day gift.

**Call McLeod Co-op Power at 1-800-494-MCPA for more information.**




 Hwy. 22 & Ford Ave  
 Glencoe, MN  
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# Dassel couple glad they switched to Heartland Security

North Carolina natives Carl and Charlotte Wilkins moved to Minnesota four years ago to be near their children who had relocated to the Minneapolis area earlier. The couple was well-acquainted with home moves resulting from his job as a hospital administrator and later as an upscale retirement community property manager. Charlotte is a retired registered nurse. But this was the first time handling a Minnesota winter with a dual fuel heating system that had no automatic backup heat.

“Carl had to stay in North Carolina that first winter and it would get so cold,” Charlotte said. “He called me his pioneer woman — I didn’t want to be a pioneer woman!” In 2011 the couple installed a heat pump system with an automatic gas back-up furnace that keeps them plenty warm.

One of the things the couple brought with them from North Carolina was their security contract with ADT. “We had a two-year contract with ADT so when we moved we gave them a call in the cities and they sent someone out to our home to hook up

the equipment.” Carl said. “However, we had some concerns with their monitoring. For instance, there was a time when we had to change phone carriers in order to get internet and we didn’t have phone service for two days. No one called from ADT to say ‘we noticed your service was interrupted, is everything okay?’ When I called to inquire, they told me that they don’t monitor for that. So if someone had cut our phone line to rob our home, we simply wouldn’t have had any security at all.” When their two-year ADT contract was up, Carl and Charlotte contacted Heartland Security.

“The employee who installed our system was so friendly and helpful,” Carl said. “He explained all our options and what each option would cost. He told us that for \$10 more a month we could install a wireless device so that if our phone service was ever down or our line was cut, we would still have security monitoring.”



Wireless security means greater security.

Charlotte and Carl were also impressed with the responsiveness of the monitoring center.



Charlotte and Carl Wilkins have their easy-to-use keypad right inside their garage door for quick and easy arming/disarming.

“Once in awhile I’ll forget the security system is on and I’ll open the door to let the dogs out,” Carl said. “Within a minute someone is calling from the monitoring center to see if everything is okay and asking for our password. When we accidentally set off the ADT system, no one ever called to follow up to see if we were alright.”

The Heartland easy-to-use keypad is located right inside the couple’s garage door for easy access for arming and disarming the system. Carl has a workshop where he says

he “makes sawdust and sometimes a table or some rubber band guns for the grandkids”. He’s planning to have a booster installed that will protect that building, too. “It won’t cost much more at all to have that added.”

Although the couple has two dogs that provide plenty of notice when someone is outside, they rest better knowing they also have Heartland.

“We feel very safe with Heartland Security,” Carl said. “It’s head and shoulders above what we had.”

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# May is Electrical Safety Month

During Electrical Safety Month, it's a great time to give your loved ones TLC with Safe Electricity's Teach Learn Care online videos.

Compelling stories told by people personally touched by electricity-related tragedies are just a mouse click away. And you don't have to travel far to see a live power line demonstration. Just log on to [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org) and click



**Ashley Taylor & Lee Whittaker (below right) did the right thing which saved their lives.**

on the Live Line Demo link. The 30 minute video-streamed program and other video productions are among thousands of resources available on the web site dedicated to educating people about electrical safety.

Accidents and fires involving electricity result in more than a thousand deaths and tens of thousands of injuries each year. Prevention of electricity-related tragedies is the goal of Safe Electricity.

The story of accident survivors Ashley Taylor and Lee Whittaker is this year's "Teach Learn Care" TLC feature. Taylor and Whittaker describe surviving a car accident involving downed power lines after the Ford Bronco they were riding in collided with a utility pole last winter.

Also available is the story of Caitlyn MacKenzie, a 12-year old girl who was killed in an electrical accident in 2007. Her story, shared by her family, was the focus of the 2008 Teach Learn Care TLC campaign and can also be viewed from the home page.

Shawn Miller's story, featured for the 2009 TLC campaign, is also available. Miller suffered 27 exit wounds, the loss of one hand, and a finger on the other after he came in contact with power lines while

decorating his mother's yard for Christmas.

The SafeElectricity.org Web site is a virtual library, an easy-to-use resource for children and adults, teachers, farmers, contractors and businesses, public safety officials, Hispanic consumers and more. The site is continually updated and provides thousands of pages of content, including enhanced offerings for educators and children.

The Electrical Safety World and Electric Universe are content and graphic-rich sections targeted to children and teachers, with a wealth of fun and interactive games, activities and exercises, teacher lesson plans and classroom experiments. The educator content meets National Science Education standards and compliments the many other youth resources on the site. Material is appropriate for grade school children through high school and beyond. "Kids surfing from home will



**Electricity and water don't mix.**

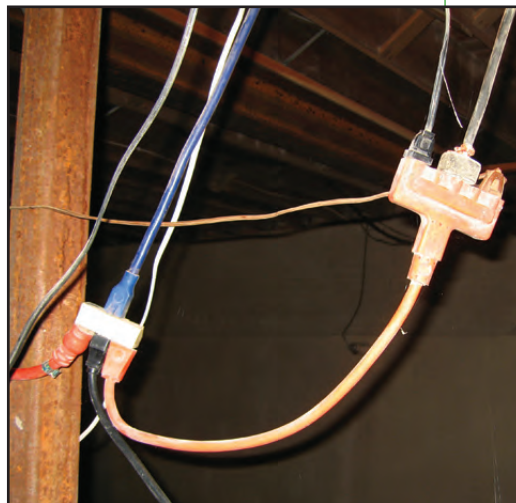
away with a lot more knowledge and healthy respect for electricity. They'll understand, for example, how a Mylar balloon on the end of a string can become an electrical danger to the child or person holding onto it – or why such a balloon floating into an electrical substation can knock out power to thousands of people with just one contact. Many more issues and circumstances are covered in the program.

In its commitment and increased efforts to reach Hispanic audiences, Safe Electricity has a Spanish section. Many elements of the Safe Electricity program materials, such as seasonal articles, news releases, radio and television public service announcements, have been translated into Spanish. The Spanish Web site section compiles all available Spanish electrical safety educational materials into one convenient online resource.

Safe Electricity salutes its many electric utility and educational partners from throughout the nation who voluntarily support the massive safety outreach effort.

The award-winning program was launched during National Electrical Safety Month in May 2001 as a joint safety effort of nearly three-dozen organizations, including electric utilities, electric cooperatives, and the University of Illinois. Program partners today number almost 400, underscoring a collective commitment within the electric industry and educator community to promote consumer safety.

For more information, visit: [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org).



**Overloading can cause house fires.**

find plenty to enjoy online, and they are excellent educational tools for teachers and schools," said Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension Educator. "They also make wonderful additions to after-school and summer day camp programs."

Kids young and old can get an electrifying education from the dramatic 30-minute live power line demonstration by a former utility lineman. The program demonstrates everyday situations, including live contact with 7200 volts. Those who see it will come

Safe Electricity is a public awareness program of the Energy Education Council, a non-profit organization allied with University of Illinois Extension and dedicated to electrical safety and energy efficiency education. Safe Electricity is supported by a coalition of hundreds of organizations, including electric utilities and other entities committed to promoting safe use of electricity.

To learn more about the Council and its programs visit: [www.EnergyEdCouncil.org](http://www.EnergyEdCouncil.org).

## INDUSTRY News

### Utilities win pole regulation case

A federal appeals court has handed electric utilities an important victory, dismissing a lawsuit that sought to bring tens of millions of utility poles under environmental regulations.

A federal court has ruled against an attempt to regulate utility poles as sources of pollution under the Clean Water Act and other federal law. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld a lower court decision, rejecting a claim that poles should be regulated because storm water washes chemical preservatives from them into nearby bodies of water.

"The panel affirmed dismissal of a citizen suit alleging that utility poles discharged wood preservative into the environment in violation of the Clean Water Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act," the court said April 3 in a 37-page ruling. The Ecological Rights Foundation, a California-based environmental group, initially filed suit against Pacific Gas & Electric and Pacific Bell in 2009. A U.S. district court sided with the utilities in 2011, leading to the appeals court decision.

"We are pleased at the common-sense decision issued by the appeals court. Requiring wood poles to be regulated under federal water and waste laws would have been time consuming, costly and completely unnecessary," said NRECA CEO Jo Ann Emerson. In conjunction with other trade groups, NRECA filed a brief in the case, saying that utility poles treated with preservatives did not constitute a "point source" that conveys pollutants under the meaning of the Clean Water Act.

Electric cooperatives own and maintain about 40 percent of the 37 million poles nationwide. Subjecting them to federal permitting and compliance standards would have created an administrative nightmare and had implications for the affordability of electricity, NRECA added.

The appeals court said the foundation failed to prove utility poles are point sources, which are constructed for the express purpose of storing pollutants or moving them from one place to another, among other definitions.

~Electric Co-op Today

### With natural gas costly, AEP burning more coal

Rising natural-gas prices mean American Electric Power is burning more coal and less gas compared with a year ago, according to the company's chief executive.

"Our coal generation has picked back up considerably," said Nick Akins, the president and CEO, in an interview. AEP is one of the largest users of coal in the country. But the coal industry has suffered as AEP and other utilities have made use of what had been less expensive natural gas.

The market price of natural gas bottomed out last year at about \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet. Since then, it has gradually risen, hitting \$4 last month. This is still a low price in the context of the past decade or so, but that is a substantial increase in the short term. Now, the price exceeds a level at which "you'll see the pendulum swing back toward coal-fired generation," Akins said.

~The Columbus Dispatch

# Coal Creek Tour cancelled

The Coal Creek Tour to North Dakota, planned for June 17-19, had to be cancelled as only few members signed up to go. We need a full bus to make the trip financially possible. Watch for a possible trip the summer of 2014.

## Limited rebates are on a first come first served basis this year

Rebates for load management, Energy Star appliances, and energy conservation grants will have limited funding for 2013. Rebates will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and when we run out of funding for 2013, rebates will cease. So do not delay if you are planning on making a purchase of an energy-efficient heat pump, refrigerator or other eligible product and you are counting on a rebate. Make your purchase and turn in your rebate paperwork early in the year.

Most rebates remained at the same dollar amount as the 2012 rebates. Changes include:

- 1) water storage rebates increased to \$300;
- 2) rebates on central air conditioners will not be offered in 2013, however rebates for air source heat pumps will remain the same; and
- 3) rebates will be limited to a maximum rebate of \$2,000 per consumer.

If you have questions on rebates for 2013 call the Cooperative at 1-800-494-6272. Visit our website at [www.mcleodcoop.com](http://www.mcleodcoop.com) to download rebate forms for ground source heat pumps and appliances. Forms for air source heat pump installations are completed by your certified installer.

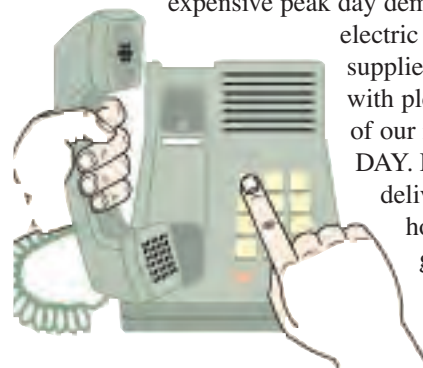
## COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATISTICS

ELECTRIC SERVICE	2010	2011	2012
Number of members	5,761	5,724	5,708
Miles of distribution line	1,885	1,886	1,889
Average number of consumers receiving service	6,574	6,578	6,597
Density of consumers per mile	3.49	3.49	3.49
Kilowatt-hours sold	173,692,386	168,755,843	173,316,094
Average KWH sold to residential consumer per month	1,476	1,464	1,404
Average bill per residential consumer per month	\$157.76	\$167.78	\$169.72

## Be ready for a phone call on an EXTREME PEAK DAY

If hot weather hits or the market price of electricity is very high, we could experience an EXTREME PEAK DAY. That is a day when the demand for energy is so high that we will ask our members to conserve energy. Whether you take action to conserve is totally voluntary. On such a day, the Cooperative will use an automated recording system to call your home and notify you that it is an EXTREME PEAK DAY. If you are home, please listen to the recorded message. It will provide the announcement that it is an EXTREME PEAK DAY. It will also tell you the hours of requested conservation and provide a list of ways you can conserve. If you are not home and you have an answering machine, we will leave you the same message. If you do not answer, the system will try to call you back later in the day.

By conserving energy for a few hours, you can help the Cooperative avoid expensive peak day demand and energy charges. This helps manage electric rates for all of our members. Our power supplier, Great River Energy, is able to supply us with plenty of energy to meet the power needs of all of our members, even on an EXTREME PEAK DAY. However, the price we may have to pay to deliver that energy during peak hours of the hottest summer days may be very high. It is the goal of McLeod Cooperative Power to keep rates as low as possible. We greatly appreciate any effort our members can make to conserve on these days.



## Changes to ENERGY STAR rebate program for 2013

Rebates for high-efficiency heat pumps will continue to require installation by a "registered contractor" which has been designated as a quality installer and is listed on the hvaceducation.net web site. A list of all "registered contractors" in Minnesota is on our Cooperative web site at [www.mcleodcoop.com](http://www.mcleodcoop.com).

**\$2000 maximum rebate per member. All 2013 rebates are on a first-come, first-served basis, while funds last. Refrigerator/freezer units will require recycling of the old unit to qualify for rebates.**

### 2013 Rebates

#### Ground Source Heat Pumps (controlled or uncontrolled)

Residential .....	\$400/ton
Commercial .....	\$400/ton

#### Air Source Heat Pump

13 SEER .....	\$330
14 SEER .....	\$480
15 SEER .....	\$580
16 SEER or higher .....	\$630

#### Ductless Air Source Heat Pump .....

\$300

#### Storage Space Heating .....

\$ 40/kW

#### ECM Motor .....

\$100

#### Uncontrolled electric water heater going on the Storage Water Heating

with high efficiency water heater\* .....

\$300

#### New construction or gas conversion to Storage Water Heating\* .....

\$300

#### Peak shave to Storage Water Heating\* .....

\$300

#### Heat pump water heater - new construction .....

\$100

#### Heat pump water heater replacing non-controlled electric .....

\$200

#### ENERGY STAR Refrigerator with recycling of old unit .....

\$75

#### ENERGY STAR Freezer with recycling of old unit .....

\$75

\*(Marathon or equivalent energy rated heater)

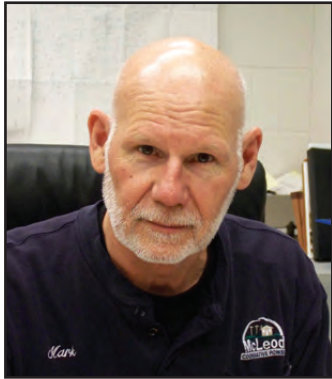
### On EXTREME PEAK DAYS we will ask you to:

- Do laundry early in the day or after 10 p.m.
- Wait until after 10 p.m. to start the dishwasher.
- Go out for dinner, cook in the microwave or on the grill, instead of using the stove or oven.
- Turn off or unplug the dehumidifier, computer equipment that is not being used, unnecessary lighting or rechargeable appliances until after 10 p.m.
- Turn your thermostat up a degree or two during the peak hours so your air conditioner run time is reduced.

Doing some or all of these conservation practices will keep your house cooler on hot summer days. Doing activities that add heat or humidity to your home on an extremely hot day requires your air conditioner to run longer and use more energy.



## Employees retire this spring



**Mark Walford** has served as Line Superintendent at McLeod Co-op Power since 1984. He is retiring the end of May after 29 years with the Cooperative. Mark has served as the Co-op's Safety Coordinator, as well as supervisor of the linemen.

Following his retirement, Mark is looking forward to more time for golfing, running races, and fishing.

**Pat Gavin** retired April 1. Pat worked at the Cooperative for ten years. She worked most of those years as Executive Secretary, and more recently as Human Resources and Benefits Coordinator.

Pat has a variety of hobbies, including traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.



## Legislative Update

**W**e would like to thank all members who contacted Governor Dayton and legislators regarding the solar mandate and net metering changes proposed in the Minnesota Legislature this session. Your contacts have helped. Our message to legislators remains "no mandates and sensible net metering reform."

Bills are amended and change daily as they work their way through the Minnesota House and Senate. At the time this newsletter is being printed, both electric cooperatives and municipal utilities are exempted from the proposed mandates.

### Focus on Operation Round Up recipient:

## Buffalo Creek BMX



Accepting the check for the Buffalo Creek BMX are left to right: Michael Meyer, Jamie Jackson, and Byron Jackson.

**O**n Tuesday nights mid-May through Labor Day, behind NAPA in Glencoe (near the creamery parking lot) about 50 kids gather to participate in BMX (bicycle motocross) racing. Youth age 5 and up participate. The average age is 12 years old. Youth are grouped in races by their age and skill level. It is a family-oriented sport that is gaining popularity. It has become a place for exercise and it gets people together in the community. It is free and anyone can come and watch. Some youth will also compete in weekend BMX events around the state.



The sport of BMX is gaining popularity. Youth are matched by their age and skill level with other bicyclists they compete against.

The Buffalo Creek BMX is a non-profit organization that draws participants and their families to the Glencoe track. Last year they had about 300 participants from McLeod and Sibley Counties that were served by the organization.

This year, the group applied for and was awarded a \$500 contribution from Operation Round Up to be used for the purchase of helmets and safety equipment, bicycles, and making track improvements that will make it a safer surface.

### Members may begin donating to Operation Round Up® any time of the year



*Members helping members and members helping their community = Operation Round Up*

**T**he few cents that our members give by rounding up their electric bill can multiply to dollars for local charities that build up our whole community. It is easy to sign up, painless to participate in, and a great opportunity for your small donations to make a big difference.

Members who sign up for Operation Round Up will have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar. The difference between the billing amount and the nearest dollar goes to the Operation Round Up Trust. Members on the program donate from -0- to \$.99 a month, depending on the amount of their electric bill. The average member donates \$6.00 a year to the program. Many worthwhile charities benefit from the proceeds of the trust each year. If you do not already participate, please fill out the form and return it to the Co-op. We will get you set up as an Operation Round Up participant.

**Yes,** sign me up for Operation Round Up. I understand that my bills will be rounded up to the next dollar amount and the proceeds will be used for local charitable programs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2013 Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Program



McLeod Cooperative Power makes bulb recycling easy and we'll even help pay the fee.

### Here's how it works:

- Free recycling of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) with coupon. Simply bring your used CFL and FREE recycling coupon to a participating retailer.

- **Beckler's Hardware Hank (Bird Island)**
- **Hite Hardware (Glencoe)**
- **Hutchinson Ace Hardware (Hutchinson)**
- **The Hardware Center (Gaylord)**
- **Thomes Bros. (Arlington)**

### Stores accepting CFL's only

- **Angvall Hdwe. & Mercantile (Lester Prairie)**
- **Gibbon Lumber & Hardware (Gibbon)**
- **Hector Hardware Hank (Hector)**
- **Hometown Hardware (Buffalo Lake)**
- **Home Solutions (Norwood Young America)**

- 50 cents off of the recycling fee for qualifying non-CFL lamps.\* Bring your used lamp and a 50 CENTS off coupon to a participating retailer.

- You must be an MCPA residential or small business member to participate.

- Limit 10 coupons per household.

\* Circular fluorescent tubes, U-bend fluorescent tubes, high-intensity discharge lamps, fluorescent tubes up to eight feet in length.

While fluorescent lamps are environmentally preferred over incandescents, they do contain a small amount of mercury and if improperly disposed of can be harmful to the environment. It is illegal to place them in the trash.



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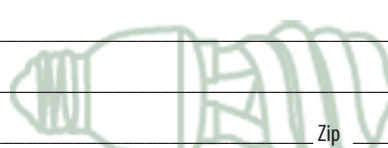


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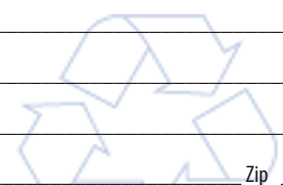


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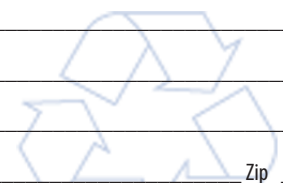


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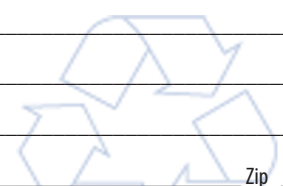


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