

# Concern for Community *in Action*

Concern for Community is one of the seven cooperative principles, and Wild Rice Electric Cooperative members continue to put that principle into action through Operation Round Up.

Recently, the Wild Rice Electric Trust Board met to distribute funds to local organizations and projects throughout our service territory. Operation Round Up is funded by members who voluntarily round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. These individual contributions add up to create a meaningful impact across the communities we serve.

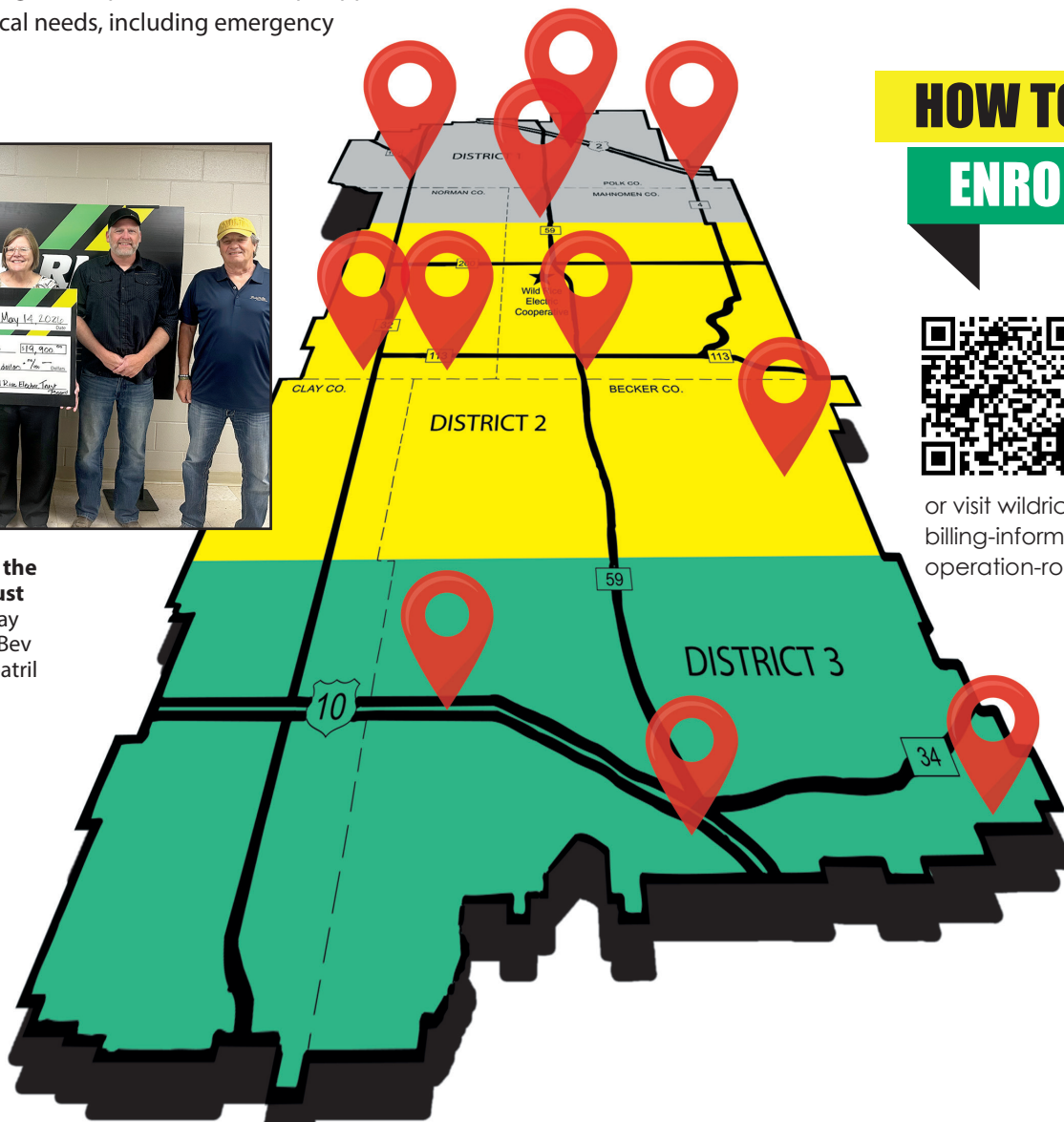
Funding from Operation Round Up supports a variety of local needs, including emergency

responders, educational programs, food pantries, youth activities, and other community-focused initiatives. Additional funding from unclaimed capital credits helps extend the reach of the program even further.

The map highlights Wild Rice Electric Cooperative's service territory along with the pins of recent grant recipients, showcasing how members' contributions are helping strengthen communities throughout the region. Through Operation Round Up, our members continue to make a supportive difference in our communities.



**Current members of the Wild Rice Electric Trust Board** (left to right) Kay Oakland, Rick Morris, Bev Schoenborn, Ryan Opatril and Daryl Halvorson



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

by Mike Wade

## Highlights from the Board Room:

The Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on March 30, 2026. During the meeting, the Board heard presentations on Minnkota's Excess Energy Rate, the Cost of Renewables, and Sectionalizing Devices.

A quorum of directors was present and the following actions were taken:

- **Approved** the board minutes and financial reports and statements for February 2026
- **Approved** the allocation of 2025 margins
- **Approved** the capital credit estate retirement discount rate
- **Accepted** the Policy Review Committee Report
- **Accepted** the management department reports
- **Accepted** the Minnkota Power report
- **Accepted** the MREA report

The June regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

June is finally here, and I hope you are starting to get outdoors and make the most of your summer plans. After a winter that seemed like it would never end, it's great to see the grass turning green and hearing the sound of lawnmowers in the distance. With more time spent outdoors, it's important to remember safety around electricity. Whether you're mowing the lawn, starting a home project, or digging in the yard, always keep a safe distance from power lines. And remember to call 8-1-1 before you dig. A little extra caution goes a long way in keeping everyone safe this summer.

Our construction season is in full swing, and we'll be busy across the system throughout June and into the fall. Our crews are already in the field building new services and performing needed system maintenance. Our vegetation management contractor, Friest Tree Experts, will be focusing on our right-of-ways out of the Richwood substation throughout the month. They'll be trimming branches, clearing brush, and making sure trees are safely away from our overhead power lines. Thanks for your patience and understanding while we work to keep the

system safe and reliable.

This month, our pole contractor, Legacy Power Line, will be hard at work on our annual pole replacement cycle in the Fosston and Lengby areas. With over 476 poles scheduled for replacement this year, both our contractor and construction crews have a significant workload ahead. This work is part of a 10-year pole inspection and replacement program designed to ensure the reliability and safety of our electric distribution system. Also in June, we will be replacing underground cable near Height of Land Lake, just east of Detroit Lakes. Additionally, we'll be partnering with Arvig to convert overhead lines to underground in the Cormorant Lakes area. We sincerely appreciate your patience while our crews are working in your area.

This summer, we will begin the expansion of the storage yard at our office to give us additional room for equipment and distribution material. This

project includes expanding our fenced yard area and installing new concrete pads to create additional space for storage. This is a project we have discussed for some time, so it is great to see dirt being moved and we look forward to the added space.

Our Operation Round Up Trust Board met in May and we want to highlight the good work they are doing in our communities to support local organizations. The volunteer members of the trust board help distribute funds from our rounded-up member contributions to worthy local charitable organizations. Thank you for your service to our cooperative. You can read more about their work in this month's edition of Rural DeLight.



### June is National Safety Month, and safety starts at home

Take a few minutes to help prevent electrical hazards by:

- Checking appliances, cords, and plugs for damage
- Using child-safety outlet covers
- Choosing appliances tested by labs like UL
- Using the correct wattage lightbulbs
- Avoiding long-term use of extension cords
- Keeping cords out from under carpets to prevent over heating and fire risks

**SAFETY TIP**



Welcome Eli and Carter as our Summer Apprentice Linemen. We're excited to have them join our team and look forward to supporting them as they gain hands-on experience in the electric utility industry this summer.



## Happenings Around Wild Rice Electric Cooperative



Wild Rice Electric lineworkers completed pole top rescue training recently to sharpen emergency response skills and reinforce safe work practices.



Ron Visser of Riverview Dairy accepts a "Watch the Wires" safety packet from Tommy Houdek. Visit [watchthewires.com](http://watchthewires.com) to learn how to stay safe around overhead and underground power lines.

Wild Rice Electric employees recently had their annual Dip Contest, and this year's event was a flavorful success. After all votes were tallied, the winning dip was Debbie's hot pizza dip. Give it a try!



### Winning Recipe Hot Pizza Dip

- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese softened
- 1-tsp Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1-cup mozzarella cheese
- ¾ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 can 8oz Pizza sauce

Mix cream cheese, Italian and garlic seasoning together and spread on bottom of serving dish. Layer with mozzarella and parmesan cheese & pizza sauce, ending with a layer of mozzarella cheese.

Bake at 350 in oven until top layer is golden brown.

This recipe is for a 9x9 pan

# Ads

## For Sale

Minn Kota Endura 50 Tiller Trolling Motor - \$100.00 OBO. 100 # LP tank with regulator & hose - \$100.00 OBO. New barn thermostat-controlled exhaust fan - \$100.00 OBO. Call or text at (701) 541-1234.

Hustler Raptor SD mower 48-inch deck less than 9 hours run time like new \$4,500, call (218) 686-6592.

General Electric window air conditioner, 6000 BTU w/ remote, \$150. 25" wood counter stools w/ backs, \$125, (701) 238-8678.

Culvert, 16in x 20 ft. Black plastic, single wall, 15in ID / 17inOD. You haul away. \$100 OBO, (701) 516-4740.

Little Golden children's classic books have large selection, good condition. 6 ft Erskine snow blower, 3 pt hitch was on Allis Chalmers WD 45 tractor. 3 decorative chrome floor lamps w/ 5 different colored shades, 66 in tall. Two bronze bakers rack, on w/ collapsable racks. Small 23 1/2 wide medium oak oval end table w/ open bottom, (701) 866-7851.

4'x 42' dock, located on Union Lake, (502) 431-0757.

172 Smoker Craft fish/ski boat 115 Mercury 4 stork, 4 seat, Lawrance depth finder, Minn kota I pilot trolling motor. Dual bank battery charger, Smoker Craft trailer, Hewitt boat lift w/ Boss 12/24V winch solar charger, sell as package or

individually, (218) 841-4343, lv message 20 Road Island Red pullet chickens. 13 weeks old. Will start laying in June. \$18 ea, \$15 each if you take all, (218) 847-7085, Detroit Lakes.

Gull wing crossover full size pickup truck tool box, black textured aluminum, \$160. Boat, 14-foot Alumacraft, just the boat. \$250. Drill Press Central Machinery, heavy duty shop model. Used very little \$200. Call or text (701) 367-9614.

Dart gun for treating cattle. Crosman model 178B pump up air gun, includes 5 practice darts, & 5 10cc hypodermic darts, \$350, call (218) 841-2688.

Set of 4 aluminum wheels off a 2004 chevy trailblazer. The all-season tires mounted need replacing, (218) 234-6116. text only please.

New & used Jenkins brand skid steer attachments. Various types of grapples, pallet & hay forks, brush mowers, Stump buckets and grinders, post hole augers, Mahanomen, (701) 261-3574.

Ford N9 tractor in good condition, starts & runs great has 7' blade attached, also has front end loader, snow bucket, dirt bucket & 3 pt dirt bucket for rear & cultivator, \$1,500 or best offer, (218) 849-8410.

2016 Cub Cadet / Hisun 4-wheeler, side by side with or without snow blade. New battery, new tires, new starter. 975 miles. Runs good. Asking \$4,200, obo. Call or text (218) 329-0755.

Hewitt Aluminum boat lift #3500 120" wide new lift cable. Wide enough for pontoon, located on Island Lake, Lengby, \$1,000 (218) 280-6939.

Medium sized dog, must be good with kids. Maybe there is someone needing to rehome their pet (218) 841-2167.

Need a dependable Handyman, 20yrs on experience carpentry, home repairs, small landscaping and tree service, call or text (612) 910-9744.

Hewitt Slide-N-Go Jet Ski Lift/Shore. Easy drive-on/load-off design & well maintained. Located on Cotton Lake. \$800/obo, call (701) 306-3712.

2003. 4 stroke horse Yamaha boat motor, stored in garage, have original owner's manual, (218) 849-9829. 2-9' oak log 19"-22" diameter, \$100 per log or best offer, also big popple & bass logs make offer, (218)-849-5607.

7x9 steel garage door, 2 Cabinet pull-down shelving system wall accessories, 24 inches, (218) 483-4203.

## Wanted

2 ladies 26-inch bicycles, any condition, (218) 791-8993.

Buying guns, estates, taxidermy and other hunting related items. Paying cash. Call or text (701) 866-7246.

2-year-old (open) black angus heifer. Someone to do knots on square baler, #3 Masey Ferguson, (218) 584-4603.

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- No real estate or commercial ads will be accepted.
- Ads must be typed or in clear readable print. We reserve the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Ads will be abbreviated at the coop's discretion.
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# Capital credits

You may have money waiting for you!

Take a moment to see if your name, or the name of a friend or family member, appears on our list of uncashed capital credit checks.

Simply visit [www.wildriceelectric.com](http://www.wildriceelectric.com) and click on the "Capital Credits" link under the Member Advantages page, or scan the QR code. If you find your name (or someone you know), give us a call at (800) 244-5709, we'll be happy to help!



### Example of what will be on your June statement

2025 CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION STATEMENT			
CAPITAL CREDIT NUMBER			
	PRIOR YEARS	2025 ALLOCATION	CUMULATIVE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,065.37</b>	<b>\$104.56</b>	<b>\$3,169.93</b>

The 2025 capital credit allocation has been completed. Active members will receive notice on their bill that's mailed in June. Inactive members that had allocation for 2025 will be mailed out a statement on June 1st.



**Wild Rice Electric Cooperative**

**will be closed on Friday, July 3**

**in honor of Independence Day.**



# Recent grant recipients

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## Minnesota State Electrical Inspectors

Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, **Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work.** A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. For more information visit [dli.mn.gov](http://dli.mn.gov) and go to the electrical page.

● **Mahnomen, Clearwater, East Becker counties:**

Andy Bozovsky, (218) 340-0926

● **Norman/ West Becker, East Clay & SW Polk counties:**

Adam Sorensen, (218) 340-1902

● **Polk County:**

Todd Knaack, (763) 516-0344

● **Clay County:**

Brent Pierarski, (651) 420-0588

● **District Representative**

Terry Lane, (218) 340-0532

● **Tribal Trust Inspector**

Don Dakota, (218) 401-4244

### ORGANIZATIONS

Brawler Booster Club	\$1,000	Youth wrestling warm-up sets
City of Winger Playground Fund	\$1,500	Swing set for playground
Detroit Lakes HS Robotics Team	\$1,500	CNC machine to design and create robot components
Fertile Fire Deptment	\$2,500	New helmets for volunteer firefighters
Flom & Area Lions Club	\$1,500	Playground equipment pieces for playground
Frazee Area Community Club	\$1,500	Nets and posts for pickleball court
Indigenous Little Free Library	\$500	Books for Little Free Libraries in Naytahwaush and the White Earth clinic
Mahnomen-Waubun Wrestling Club	\$1,500	Suples Dummies and Bulgarian Bags
Norman County East Trap Club	\$1,000	New target system and clay back stops
North Country Trail-Laurentian Lakes	\$400	Trail counters and SD cards/batteries
Sunnyside Care Center	\$1,500	Heating blanket warmer for residents
Twin Valley Fire Deptment	\$3,000	Electric ventilation fan
Win-E-Mac Baseball	\$1,000	New protective nets for drills and practice
Woods & Wheels ATV Club	\$1,500	Youth helmets for ATV Youth Safety Training

## Herbicide Application Notice

Wild Rice Electric Cooperative (WREC) is preparing for a busy herbicide application season. As part of our vegetation management program, we apply herbicide to all power line rights-of-way to control invasive tree growth. This practice encourages the growth of native grasses, wildflowers, milkweed, and other natural ground cover that helps prevent future tree encroachment.

In accordance with WREC policy, herbicide will be applied to all rights-of-way. However, we do offer an option for members who request not to have herbicides used on their property. To opt out of the herbicide program, please contact our office as soon as possible to receive the specific details, program specifications, and compliance requirements.





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