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VOLTS & VIEWS

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Roseau Electric BUS TOUR

Roseau Electric Cooperative members enjoyed an educational and entertaining bus tour on June 24-25 to Minnkota Power Cooperative headquarters, the power plant in Center, North Dakota, and the BNI coal mine. Thank you to those who attended this year, and we hope anyone interested in the tour will consider joining us next year!



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Inspector list is subject to change at any time.

The State of Minnesota has high wiring standards, which are in the best interest of you and your family or business. Improper wiring can damage your home, your property and equipment, and injure or kill the people you love. Currently, the state does allow homeowners to do their own residential wiring; however, it is critical that the current electrical code is followed. 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 and go to the electrical page.

Gopher State One Call
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www.gopherstateonecall.org



Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires the 48-hour notification so that buried telephone line, television cable, pipelines, utility electrical lines, municipal water and sewer lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Roseau Electric Cooperative is committed to providing its member-owners low-cost, high-quality, safe and reliable electricity with friendly, efficient and knowledgeable service.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ROSEAU COUNTY FAIR RECAP

2026

Roseau Electric Cooperative and NorthStream Fiber prize winners

\$50 GIFT CARD

(Paradise - Strathcona)

MARY LOU JOHNSON

\$50 GIFT CARD

(Northern Resources Cooperative - Roseau)

KAROLYN ROSEEN

\$50 GIFT CARD

(Farmer's Union Oil Company - Grygla)

LINDA HEDLUND

\$50 GIFT CARD

(Lee's Store - Wannaska)

MICHELLE KNOCHENMUS

\$200 GIFT CARD

(Springsteel Resort & Marina - Warroad)

LYNN ANDERSON

ECHO DOT

ZACH BYFUGLIEN

**Congratulations to all the winners and
thanks to all who stopped by our booth!**



KID'S TRIVIA CHALLENGE WINNER

Solvej Hellerup

(Electric Scooter)

Congrats Solvej, and thanks to all who participated! For curious minds, here are the answers you've been looking for.

- Birds and squirrels have caused **34 outages** so far this year
- A new bucket truck costs around **\$325,000**
- A lineworker puts on a total of **7 pieces** of safety equipment before starting work each day
- The bucket on the bucket truck at the fair was raised **50 feet** into the air
- Roseau Electric takes care of **36,358 poles**

MINNKOTA'S SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS

Brandon Greene & Seth Baune

(Minnkota Power Cooperative)

Thanks to everyone who attended the presentations. For more information, please visit watchthewires.com.



SOLAR SAM AND LED LUCY APPEARANCES



UNDERSTANDING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

ALEX MCMILLIN, ASSISTANT MANAGER

August is typically one of the warmest months of the year, and that means air conditioners across our community are working overtime to keep homes comfortable. During periods of extreme heat, many members may see an increase in their electric bill and wonder what factors contribute to the cost of electricity.

At Roseau Electric Cooperative, we believe understanding your electric bill is an important part of being an informed member. While the total amount due may seem like a single number, it actually reflects several different costs associated with delivering reliable electricity to your home or business.

The largest factor is often the amount of energy you use. Electricity is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh), and the more energy your household consumes, the higher your bill will be. During the summer, air conditioning is typically the largest driver of increased energy use. When temperatures climb into the 90s or higher, our cooling systems run longer and more frequently, consuming significantly more electricity than they do during milder weather.

Another major factor is the cost of generating or purchasing electricity. Like many cooperatives, Roseau Electric Cooperative purchases power from Minnkota

Power Cooperative. The cost of producing electricity fluctuates based on fuel prices, including natural gas, coal and other energy resources used to generate power. Changes in wholesale power costs influence the price of electricity delivered to members.

Transmission costs also play a role. Before electricity reaches your home, it must travel across a network of high-voltage transmission lines that connect power plants to local distribution systems. Transmission equipment requires ongoing maintenance and upgrades to ensure reliability, especially as electricity demand continues to grow.

Closer to home, Roseau Electric Cooperative maintains the local electric distribution system — utility poles, power lines, transformers, substations and other essential equipment that safely delivers power to members. Maintaining this equipment is covered through the monthly facility charge. This is a flat monthly fee all members pay, regardless of how much electricity they use. This fixed fee ensures all members pay a fair share of the basic operational costs required to keep the power grid reliable and ready to serve your home or business. Whether a member uses a little electricity or a lot, we must maintain infrastructure and have crews, equipment and resources available to provide electricity around the clock.

Summer temperatures can also influence costs in less obvious ways. When the demand for electricity is high across a region, wholesale power prices can increase. Utilities and grid operators must ensure enough generation is available to meet peak demand, and those costs can be reflected throughout the electric system.

The good news is that simple steps to lower energy use can make a meaningful difference. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher when you're away, replacing dirty HVAC filters, using ceiling fans, sealing air leaks and avoiding the use of major appliances during the hottest parts of the day can help reduce energy consumption, lower your bill and reduce strain on the local grid during peak demand.

Roseau Electric Cooperative's mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity while being transparent about the factors that impact energy costs. We understand every dollar matters, and we are committed to making smart investments that keep the lights on and support the communities we serve.

If you ever have questions about your electric bill or co-op programs designed to help you save, please reach out. We're here to help you make informed decisions that work for your household.

Thank you for allowing Roseau Electric Cooperative to serve you.

THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL IMPORTANCE OF POWERING DATA CENTERS

Data centers are a part of our future. So much of our daily lives now depend on digital infrastructure, from storing information in the cloud to using AI to make our days more productive. Our reliance on data centers is only growing, and the United States has an opportunity to harness all the benefits that come with that development.

Are we ready for it?

Yes, data centers need a lot of electricity to work their magic. But if we're able to create a system of sustainable, reliable and financially fair power to support them, just look at the power our nation – and our local communities – receive in return.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- U.S.-based data centers create high-paying technical jobs in rural communities where such opportunities wouldn't otherwise be available.
- Companies from outside of the region (even outside of the U.S.) may be attracted to set up operations near data center-rich areas, boosting and diversifying the local economy.
- Data centers can actually stabilize local electric rates, as the data center carries more of the burden of the fixed costs of maintaining the area's electric infrastructure.

NATIONAL SECURITY BENEFITS

- Hosting data domestically allows greater control over government and military data.
- Having data centers nearby offers stronger cybersecurity oversight.
- Ultimately, local data centers help us gain resilience in times of geopolitical tension.

RURAL INDUSTRY BENEFITS

- Data center-driven AI is supporting higher levels of patient care in rural health care systems by allowing providers to do more with less.
- AI is also leveling up the precision of agriculture, enhancing local yields and creating safer farm environments.
- Weather forecasting also benefits from AI, an effect that ripples out to flood control, aviation, agriculture, unmanned aerial systems and other industries important to North Dakota and Minnesota.



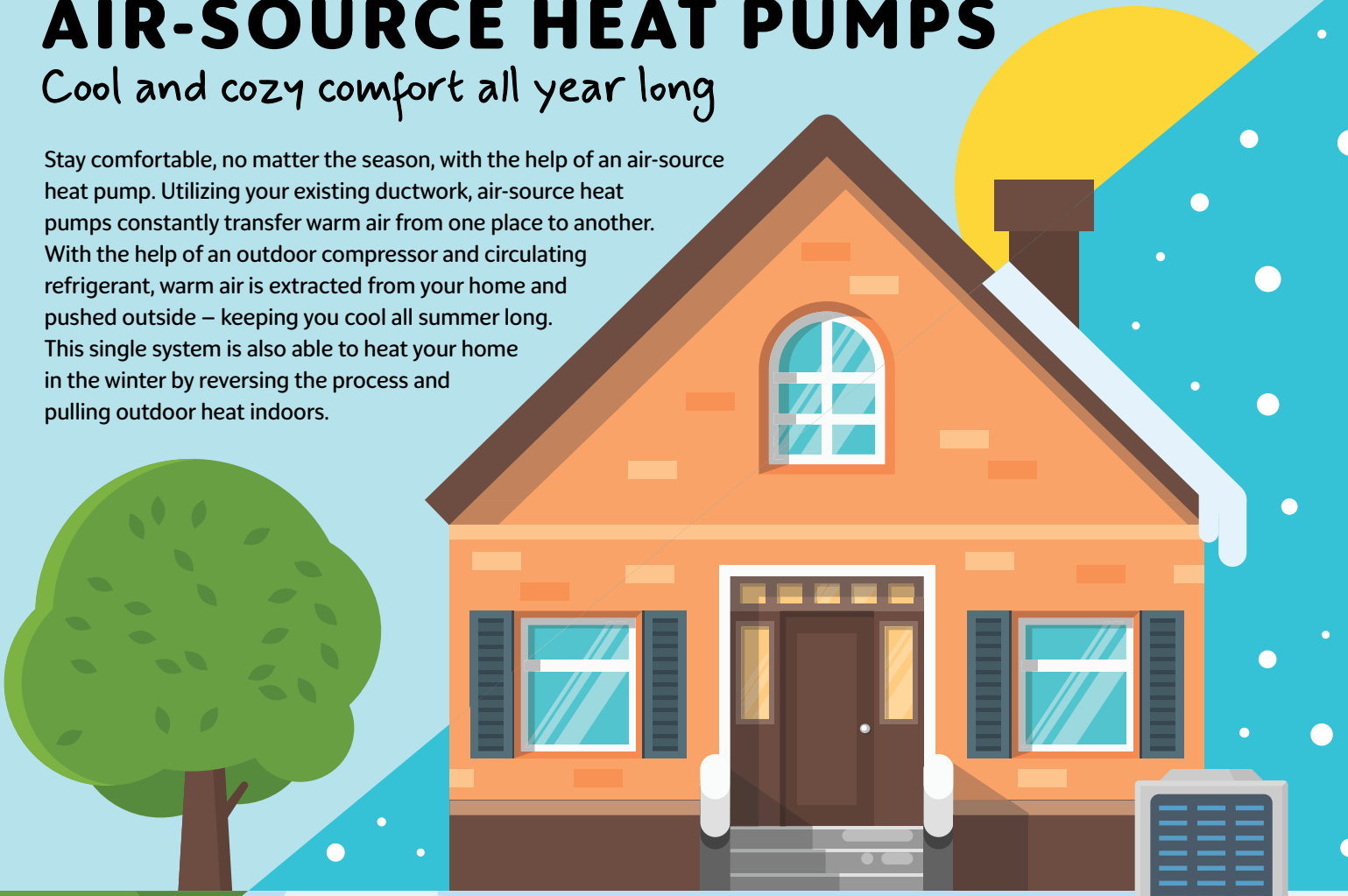
We need to be ready for the promise of data centers. We need **REAL POWER NOW**

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AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

Cool and cozy comfort all year long

Stay comfortable, no matter the season, with the help of an air-source heat pump. Utilizing your existing ductwork, air-source heat pumps constantly transfer warm air from one place to another. With the help of an outdoor compressor and circulating refrigerant, warm air is extracted from your home and pushed outside – keeping you cool all summer long. This single system is also able to heat your home in the winter by reversing the process and pulling outdoor heat indoors.



As a cooperative member, you're eligible for equipment rebates **up to \$800/ton**, plus nearly **HALF OFF** the standard electric rate, when you enroll in Roseau Electric's off-peak heating program. Learn more at valueofelectricity.com!



GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

AUG. 31, 2026

To be considered at the September 2026 meeting, grant applications must be received by **Aug. 31, 2026**.

Grant applications are available at the REC office or by visiting our website at roseauelectric.com.



*** **HAPPY** ***
LABOR DAY

Our office
will be closed
Monday, Sept. 7,
in observance
of Labor Day.

*In case of an outage,
call 1-888-847-8840*

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Dillion Thompson, Roseau Electric journeyman lineman, and his 4-year-old daughter, Karysn, participated in the Roseau County Fair parade.

member connection

ENERGY TIP

August heat can put your air conditioner to the test, making it a great time to check your system's air filter. A dirty, clogged filter restricts airflow, forcing your cooling system to work harder than necessary to keep your home comfortable. That extra strain can reduce efficiency, increase energy use and contribute to unnecessary wear and tear on equipment. Inspect your filter monthly during periods of heavy air conditioner use and replace it if it appears dirty. A clean filter supports efficient operation and can even enhance indoor air quality – helping you stay cool and comfortable during the hottest days of summer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 21

Electric bill is due

August 22

Grygla Fall Festival

September 7

Labor Day; Office is closed

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PAY BY PHONE

1-877-999-3412

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<https://roseauelectric.smarthub.coop/>

WEBSITE

roseauelectric.coop

OPERATING STATISTICS

	Monthly		Year to Date	
	June 2025	June 2026	June 2025	June 2026
Members	6,733	6,738	6,733	6,738
kWh purchased	9,100,731	9,411,613	78,192,762	79,718,184
% change		3.42%		1.95%
Revenue	1,431,852	1,535,287	10,188,070	11,136,101
Cost of power	845,492	927,696	6,008,546	6,547,980
Other expenses	578,320	683,564	3,526,955	4,076,215
Operating margins	8,040	(75,973)	652,569	511,907
Non-operating margins	22,371	(17,764)	65,581	(93,794)
Patronage dividends	-	19,683	137,033	103,007
Total margins	30,412	(74,053)	855,183	521,120



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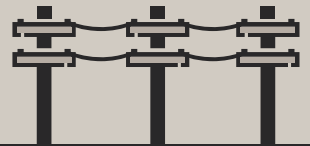
REMEMBER TO WATCH THE WIRES THIS SUMMER

As you tackle outdoor projects this summer, always be aware of overhead power lines. Whether you're repairing your roof, cleaning gutters, flying a drone or trimming trees, take a moment to look up and identify any nearby electrical lines before getting started.



Learn more about
power line safety at
WatchtheWires.com.

WHEN SHOULD YOU LOOK OUT FOR OVERHEAD POWER LINES?



WHEN WORKING ON YOUR HOME



Before beginning any project on your roof or near the exterior of your home, check for overhead power lines. Severe weather can damage utility poles and cause lines to sag lower than normal. Always walk around your work area before starting and maintain a safe distance from any electrical equipment.

If you notice a power line that appears to be sagging or damaged, contact Roseau Electric immediately.

WHEN FLYING DRONES



Whether you're flying a drone for work or fun, be sure to check your surroundings for overhead power lines. Contact with electrical lines can cause outages, equipment damage and serious safety issues. Always operate drones away from power lines and other utility infrastructure.

WHEN TRIMMING TREES



Summer is a popular time for yardwork and landscaping projects. Before trimming trees or removing branches, look up and identify any nearby power lines. Never attempt to trim trees that are growing near electrical equipment yourself. If branches are close to power lines, call Roseau Electric for guidance or assistance.

**This summer, remember to watch the wires
and stay safe while working outdoors.**