



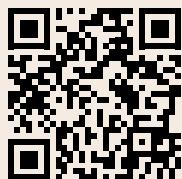
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# Feeding hope one backpack at a time

BY BRITTNEE WILSON

**D**uring the school year, many low-income children have access to nutritious meals through their school's free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs. Unfortunately, the same children can go without adequate food on the weekends.

Many North Dakota individuals and families continue to face challenges in accessing affordable food. To combat childhood hunger locally, the Kidder County Food Pantry created a backpack program in 2015 by providing weekend food support throughout the school year to students in need.

The Kidder County Food Pantry, which began in 1984, is currently operated by a five-person volunteer board. The board members, with help from other volunteers, pack seven nutritious meals into grocery bags delivered to the Kidder County Elementary School weekly. The school, which is a co-op of towns in Kidder County including Steele, Dawson, Robinson, Tuttle, Tappen and Pettibone, has a student enrollment of 239 students in preschool through sixth grade.

The filled bags are given to in-need students who are selected by teachers and counselors who interact with the children daily. The names of the recipients remain confidential. The teachers discretely place the bags in the selected students' backpacks every Friday afternoon, so they will have food items throughout the weekend.

The weekly packed bags consist of food items children can prepare themselves. Bags include meals of two breakfasts, two lunches, three dinners, snacks and beverages. The food items vary depending on availability, but typically consist of soups, macaroni-and-cheese cups, fruit cups, Jell-O or pudding cups, boxes of juice and shelf-stable milk, cereals and a variety of snacks, such as protein bars, peanut butter and crackers.

## Full bellies, happy brains

The backpack program does far more than just satisfy an empty stomach. It improves a child's social, emotional and physical well-being. Research has shown a direct correlation between hunger and a student's performance at school. When basic needs are met, children can thrive.



*The Kidder County Food Pantry board of directors meets to pack weekend meals for the Backpack Program, which gets distributed to students in need every Friday. Left to right are Brenda Schultz, Deb Abbott, Jake DeBoer, Jean Titlbach and Connie Barnick.*

## The pressures of the pandemic

The Kidder County Food Pantry Backpack Program currently packs 27 bags weekly for those needy children in grades kindergarten through sixth. Each bag ranges in cost from \$18 to \$20.

"Pre-COVID, the bags cost an average of \$12 per bag," says Deb Abbott, the Kidder County Food Pantry secretary/treasurer, who has been volunteering on the board for 13 years. "As we are all aware, our economic status is changing and historically our

number of distributed bags have continually increased throughout the years."

Prior to COVID-19, the Great Plains Food Bank of Fargo, which functions as a food recovery and distribution center, had a wide variety of items to offer the pantry, including many items that were beneficial for the backpacks. Due to the crisis of food supply, distribution, cost and equitable access/availability, this is sadly no longer the case.

"We continue to struggle with supply chain issues, which deeply affects our ability to maintain available items for our weekly distribution," Abbott says. But the pantry has been very diligent in searching for backpack items it now purchases. It is the Kidder County Food Pantry's goal to continue purchasing locally to support local businesses and grocery stores. The community is great about helping with monetary and food donations, including organizing food drives, Abbott said.

Incoming monetary donations for the program

also includes an annual or biannual donation from Northern Plain Electric Cooperative's (NPEC) Operation Round Up program. Every year, NPEC's Operation Round Up board dedicates funds to food banks and backpack programs in 11 counties. Nearly 300 kids in the co-op's service area benefit from their local backpack programs.

"It takes a community to raise children and provide for the less fortunate," Abbott says. "And our communities have been so very supportive! We can't thank them enough."

Due to the continued efforts of the Kidder County Food Pantry and the Kidder County community members and businesses, every child can go to school on Monday nourished, with an appetite only for learning.

For those interested in donating or volunteering at the Kidder County Food Pantry, please contact Brenda Schultz at 701-214-3320. ■

# *Light the holiday with safety*

As you light your holiday with shining stars and shimmering snowmen, be sure to decorate safely. For a happy and safe holiday, follow these tips from Northern Plains Electric Cooperative.

## BEFORE YOU DECORATE

- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- Determine how many outlets are available and where they are located. Plan your displays accordingly.

- Use lights approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.

## WHILE YOU DECORATE

- Follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions accompanying electrical decorations.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can overheat and cause a fire. Never connect more than three strands of incandescent lights together.
- Make sure cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's

- insulation.
- Do not mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

# Support local businesses

This past October, for the fourth consecutive year, Northern Plains Electric Cooperative held a contest to celebrate the local businesses around our service area. We asked members to write about their favorite locally owned business. Ten entries were drawn and gifted a \$50 gift certificate to the business they wrote about.

We want to thank those members who submitted their entries and shared such nice things about the communities we serve. We enjoyed sharing them with businesses who were selected. ■



## Co-ops Love Local contest winners

The following members won a \$50 gift certificate to the listed local business:

Francis and Delores House, Grace City .....	Lioness, Carrington
Candace Kreiter, Heaton .....	Bowdon Café, Bowdon
Merita Dablow Aldayel, New Rockford.....	Bakers Dozen, New Rockford
Dale Munson, Grace City .....	Schoolhouse Café, Grace City
Barb Orr, Ypsilanti .....	Orriginals, Jamestown
Lane Pederson, Cando .....	Harvest Grill, Cando
Roberta and Bill Mathiason, St. John .....	Cottage Charm, Rolla
Myron Butterfield, Maddock .....	Old 281 Tavern, Minnewaukan
Lori Morin, Jamestown .....	Dakota Store, Jamestown
Bonnie L. Olson, Leeds .....	Tracy's Market, Maddock



### By shopping local, you are:

- Creating jobs
- Keeping money in the local economy
- Investing in entrepreneurship
- Nurturing a sense of community
- Supporting the environment by reducing waste and conserving energy

# Do you have money waiting for you?

The following people have capital credit checks at Northern Plains Electric Cooperative for which we do not have a current address. Please notify us if you have a current address for any of these people or if you are entitled to the capital credits in the case of an estate. Please contact us by Jan. 31, 2024. Call us at 800-882-2500 and ask for Tami.

Abrahamson, Richard Jr.	Ft Totten	Cass Clay Creamery	Fargo
Akewanzie, Marvin	Belcourt	Center for Solutions	Devils Lake
Allard, Carol S.	Belcourt	Charboneau, Sheila	Belcourt
Allen Enterprises	Jamestown	Charboneau, William	Belcourt
Ample, Paul A.	Burtrum, Minn.	Church Antochia Cemetery	Churchs Ferry
Antunez, Debra	New Rockford	Clark, Christine	Cando
Archer, Doug	Maddock	Clark, Lucille	Fargo
Ask, Daniel	Imperial, Neb.	Commnet Cellular Inc.	Greenwood Village, Colo.
Azure, Barbara A.	Rolla	Communications Network	Rugby
Azure, Veronica	Rolla	Correa, Linda L.	Albuquerque, NM
Azure, Christy	Belcourt	Craig, Dr. James	Red Cloud, Neb.
Azure, Heidi	Belcourt	Cree, Pamela	Belcourt
Babeck, Jody	Belfield	Crissler, John	Belcourt
Backman, Donna	Minot	Crissler, Kelly	Belcourt
Backmeier, Mary A.	Sheyenne	Cromwell, Jim	Harvey
Baker, David A.	Belcourt	Cyphers, Lisa	Belcourt
Bakken, Brandon	Barnesville, Minn.	Dacotah Frontier Valley	Wahpeton
Bauer, John E. Jr.	Louisville, Neb.	Dahlen, Jeff	Park River
Bear, Kim M.	Belcourt	Dakota Anglers - Jeremy Wentz	Jamestown
Beerbower, George	Pingree	Daniels, Charles	Carrington
Belgrade, John P.	Belcourt	Daniles, Judy	Cando
Belgarde, Raymond R.	Belcourt	Dauphinais, Estelle	Belcourt
Belgarde, Richard J.	St. John	Dauphinais, Tammy L.	Belcourt
Belgarde, Sherry	Belcourt	Davis, Alexis	Belcourt
Belgarde, Stephanie	Valley City	Davis, Jeff	Belcourt
Bellele, Michael	St. Michael	Davis, Shelly	Rapid City, S.D.
Bercier, Bryne	Belcourt	Dawkins, John	Dunnellon, Fla.
Bercier, John W.	Bentonville, Ark.	Dawson, Danny	Rolla
Bjornson, Merv	New Rockford	Dearton, Donna R.	Mandan
Black, Connie	Ft. Totten	Decoteau, Connie	Jamestown
Black Cloud, Ivan	Ft. Totten	Decoteau, David W.	Rolla
Blackman, Chris	Harvey	Decoteau, Doris	Bismarck
Blair, Keith R.	Manhattan, KS	Decoteau, Gloria L.	Belcourt
Bonn, Lawrence	Rolla	Decoteau, Lorrylyn	Belcourt
Bonn, Le A.	Rugby	Decoteau, Michael J.	Belcourt
Bower, Mae	Fargo	Decoteau, Tamra M.	Belcourt
Breiner, James W.	La Pine, Ore.	Delonais, Nicole	Belcourt
Brooks, Luxton	Jamestown	Delong, Faron M.	Belcourt
Brown, Roberta	Bismarck	Delorme, Debora	Belcourt
Brown, Stacie M.	St. John	Delorme, Kristy	Rolla
Brown, Twyla D.	Ft. Totten	Demarce, William	Devils Lake
Brunelle, Charles	Belcourt	Demery, Darren	Cando
Brusven, Tom	Moorhead, Minn.	Demery, Myron	Grand Forks
Buchmiller, Dustan	Bowdon	Demontigny, Clark	Belcourt
Buchta, Don	Leeds	Demontigny, Denise	Belcourt
Bull, Della	Ft. Totten	Demontigny, Leanne	McGregor, Minn.
Burkhart, Lester Jr.	Devils Lake	Desjarlais, Martin	Belcourt
Burlington Electric	Burlington		
Carrington, Rita B.	Belcourt		
Case, Glenn	Jamestown		
Devore, Virginia	Dawson		
Dewold, Jamie	Great Bend		
Didier, Cindy	Jamestown		
Didier, Larry	Jamestown		
Dietrich, Opal	Madison, Fla.		
Dobler, William	Lewisville, Texas		
Dockter, Imogene	Fargo		
Dornacker, Jon E.	West Fargo		
Dubois, Michelle G.	Belcourt		
Dubois, Paula	Belcourt		
Duda, Laura	Carrington		
Ebentier, Richard	Moorhead, Minn.		
Eggl, Donald	Cando		
Eli, Adam	Glenfield		
Elton, Larry	Jamestown		
Engebretson, Dan	Ray		
Equip S. Frontier Cordell Roeszler	Nisland, S.D.		
Erickson, Ronald E.	Walker, Minn.		
Falcon, Deanna	Belcourt		
Farmers Mutual Ins.	Cando		
Fashingbauer, Mary	Grand Forks		
Fassett, Mark L.	Ft. Totten		
Feather, Misty B.	Bismarck		
Fetsch, Jon	Robinson		
Fettig, Elizabeth	Jamestown		
Fitterer, Jessica	Bismarck		
Flick, Jessica	Bismarck		
Folmer, Paul	Bismarck		
Formo, Teresa	Jameston		
Fossum, John	Minot		
Foster, Daryl	Rugby		
Francis, Gregory	Carrington		
Frederick, Eric	Mandan		
Frey, Leroy	Jamestown		
Friestad, David	Rugby		
Fry, Nancy	Selz		
FSC Cargill	Fargo		
Fuchs, Heather	Cando		
Gable, Jason	St. John		
Gailfus, Olivia	Rolla		
Garnaas, Pearl	St Paul, Minn.		
Geloff, Verlla	Bismarck		
Gibbens, Nellie	Cando		
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 Simpson, Anna ..... Cando  
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 St Germaine, Cecelia ..... Belcourt  
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 Thompson, Tracie ..... Robinson  
 Thompson, Wayne ..... West Fargo  
 Tirpak, Joseph ..... Cando  
 Tolson, Dian ..... Eagle Bend, Minn.  
 Topp, Roger ..... New Rockford  
 Tracked Side ..... Sutton  
 Tuenge, Karen K. .... Cando  
 Tufte, Dennis ..... Devils Lake  
 Unruh, Julie ..... Kensal  
 Urquhart, Glenn ..... Edina, Minn.  
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 Vangsnes, Delores ..... Fargo  
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# Northern Plains Electric announces scholarship

**N**orthern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) believes strongly in the future of area students and takes pride in helping develop future leaders. Together with Basin Electric Power Cooperative, we are offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2024-25 school year.

Basin Electric is a consumer-owned-and-controlled regional cooperative responsible for supplying wholesale electric power to nine Midwestern states. Each of the 141 electric cooperatives that make up Basin Electric, including NPEC, receives \$1,000 from Basin Electric to award a scholarship to a qualifying dependent of an NPEC member, who will be enrolled as a college freshman or college sophomore for the upcoming school year.

The scholarship program, which is in its 33rd year, recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of students in the region. It also serves as an investment in the economic future of rural areas.

## Who is eligible?

To qualify, an applicant's parents or guardians must be members of NPEC. Applicants must be a high school senior or college freshman enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2024.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on



academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, an outside appraisal and a written essay.

## How do I apply?

Scholarship applications are available for download on the cooperative's website, [www.nplains.com/scholarship](http://www.nplains.com/scholarship). Applications are also available by emailing [justask@nplains.com](mailto:justask@nplains.com) or calling the office at 800-882-2500.

## Deadline

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2024. ■



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