

# Reliable power for today and tomorrow

BY SETH SYVERSON, GENERAL MANAGER



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**R**inging in a new year sparks a sense of renewed hope and optimism about the future. As the general manager of Northern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC), it's a time to reflect on where we are and where we are going. At the heart of this reflection, I think about ways we can better serve you, the members of the cooperative.

Our team at NPEC is always looking ahead, exploring ways to innovate and utilize new technologies to improve our services. As our nation increasingly relies on electricity to power the economy, keeping the lights on has never been more important. We're committed to powering - and empowering - our communities at a cost local families and businesses can afford.

So, how are we working to ensure reliable and affordable power, while adapting to a changing energy landscape and the evolving needs of our communities?

One critical component of reliable power is the mix of energy resources used to generate the electricity that keeps the lights on across our entire service area. You may not realize it, but NPEC doesn't generate electricity. Instead, we purchase it from our energy provider, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, then we distribute it to our members' homes and businesses. Basin Electric's current generating portfolio is made up of 24% wind, 17% natural gas, 4.3% hydro, 38.7% coal and the remaining 16% from market purchases and smaller sources.

We're increasingly using more electricity generated from renewable energy sources, but we still depend on a diverse energy mix to ensure reliable power is available to our members whenever they need it.

In addition to managing a reliable energy mix, NPEC is using technology to enhance our local grid, limit service disruptions and improve outage response times.

Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) enables two-way communication between the cooperative and members. In the event of a power outage, AMI helps pinpoint the exact location of the outage and can even analyze damaged or tampered meters. AMI helps your cooperative save money with real-time data and ultimately improves power reliability for the communities we serve.

Proactive tree trimming and line inspection programs are another way we limit service disruptions and reduce costs. Problem areas are identified prior to causing infrastructure damage and extended outages. The cooperative's technology continues to make advancements, with improved mapping, work management and outage software. This allows the cooperative as a whole to operate more efficiently.

One of the best methods for improving our services to you is monitoring trends and leading practices from other electric cooperatives in North Dakota and across the country. Learning from other cooperatives is one of the many benefits of the cooperative business model, because it's about cooperation, not competition.

As we turn our focus to 2024, NPEC will continue working to provide the reliable, affordable electricity you expect and deserve - for today and tomorrow. The NPEC family would like to wish you a happy New Year and we thank you for your membership in your electric cooperative. ■

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# Deadlines nearing for student opportunities

**T**ogether with Northern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC), Basin Electric Power Cooperative is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2024-25 school year. To qualify, the primary residence of the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s) must be served by NPEC. Applicants for the scholarship 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 applications are available for download at [www.nplains.com/scholarship](http://www.nplains.com/scholarship) or scan the QR code. Applications must be received/postmarked by Jan. 31.

## Youth Tour essay contest

High school sophomores and juniors, win the trip of a lifetime! You could win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 15-21. Check out the essay contest guidelines at [www.nplains.com/youth-tour](http://www.nplains.com/youth-tour) or scan the QR code (above). The deadline is Jan. 19. ■

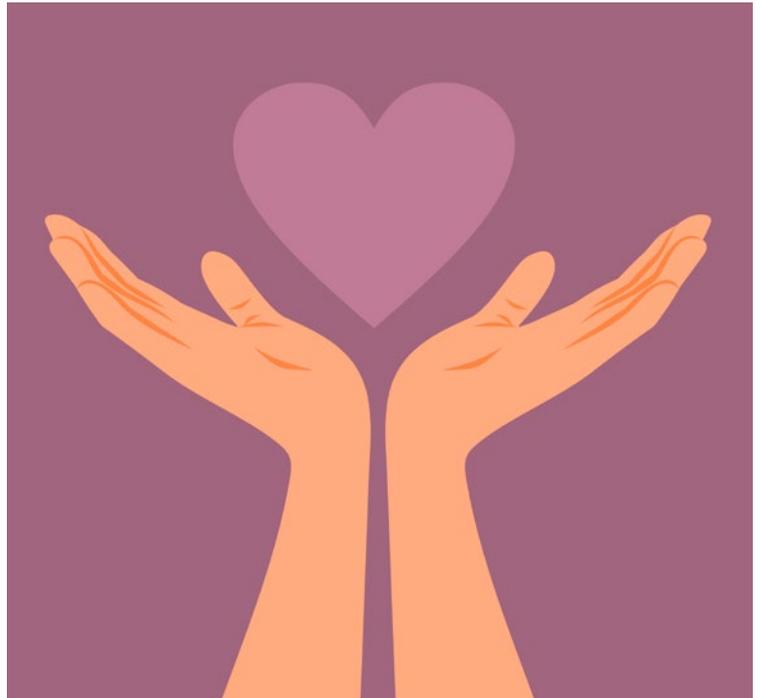


## Donation drive brings basic needs items

**N**orthern Plains Electric Cooperative thanks those members who donated to the basic needs drive in November. Drop-off locations were situated at the Cando and Carrington headquarters, where over 125 items were collected. The items were distributed to the Leeds Community Food Pantry and the Hungry Free Food Pantry in New Rockford in December.

Members who dropped off items were able to register for a gift basket drawing that included a North Dakota bamboo cutting board and knife set. The lucky winner was Virginia Pedersen from Carrington.

“We held this same type of drive last year and it was well received. We are happy to collect and distribute items, such as laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant and diapers, that don’t typically get donated, but are in demand,” said Communications Specialist Brittnee Wilson. ■



## NPEC employees donate \$250 prize money to local backpack programs

**I**n October, 125 electric cooperative employees across the state participated in a Co-op Bingo Challenge sponsored by the N.D. REC Benefit Trust. Over the four-week challenge, bingo cards were distributed weekly to challenge players to expand and enrich their sense of overall wellness by checking off tasks. Cards had a variety of challenges focused on social, financial and physical health.

Eighty participants won individual prizes, such as coolers, wireless earbuds, wireless speakers, massage guns, water bottles and a \$50 donation to a charity of the winner’s choosing. Charitable donations totaled \$2,000. Four Northern Plains Electric Cooperative employees were lucky enough to be selected and distributed their winnings to these charities.

- \$200 – Carrington Daily Bread’s Backpack Program, donated by Blaine Hulbert, Josh Calber and Tami Aljets
- \$50 – Cando Area Food Pantry’s Backpack Program, donated by Cheryl Belle ■





Position portable generators at least 25 feet outside the home, away from doors, windows and vents that can allow carbon monoxide to enter the home.

**S**torm season is upon us, which means greater potential for power outages. If you're planning to use a portable generator in the event of an outage, Northern Plains Electric Cooperative reminds you to play it safe.

With proper use and maintenance, portable generators can provide great convenience during an outage. However, when generators are used incorrectly, they can be extremely hazardous. In a 2022 report, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated 85 U.S. consumers die every year from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning caused by gasoline-powered portable generators.

Here are 10 do's and don'ts to keep in mind when using portable generators:

#### **Do...**

- Install backup CO alarms.
- Keep children and pets away from portable generators at all times.
- Position generators at least 25 feet outside the home, away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to enter the home.
- Ensure your generator is properly grounded. Use a portable ground-fault circuit interrupter to prevent electric shock injuries.
- Use three-pronged extension cords that are rated to handle the load of the generator. Inspect extension cords for cuts, frays or other damage before use.

#### **Do not...**

- Never operate a generator inside your home or an enclosed (or partially enclosed) space. Generators produce high levels of CO, which can be deadly.
- Do not open windows or doors while the generator is running.
- Don't rely on generators as a full-time source of power. They should only be used temporarily or in emergency situations to power essential equipment or appliances.
- Do not overload generators. They should only be used to power essential equipment. Make sure your generator can handle the load of the items you plan to power.
- Do not connect generators directly into household wiring unless you have an appropriate transfer switch installed. If a generator is connected to a home's wiring without a transfer switch, power can backfeed along power lines and electrocute utility lineworkers making repairs.

While generators provide convenience during power outages, they can quickly become hazardous – even deadly – if improperly operated. Before you operate a portable generator, be sure to thoroughly read the owner's manual for important safety information and tips. ■

# 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 by calling 800-882-2500.

Abrahamson, Richard Jr..... Ft Totten  
 Akewanzie, Marvin .....Belcourt  
 Allard, Carol S .....Belcourt  
 Allen Enterprises ..... Jamestown  
 Ample, Paul A .....Burtrum, MN  
 Antunez, Debra.....New Rockford  
 Archer, Doug ..... Maddock  
 Ask, Daniel ..... Imperial NE  
 Azure, Barbara A.....Rolla  
 Azure, Christy.....Belcourt  
 Azure, Heidi.....Belcourt  
 Azure, Veronica.....Rolla  
 Babeck, Jody..... Belfield  
 Backman, Donna..... Minot  
 Backmeier, Mary A ..... Sheyenne  
 Baker, Elvera.....Langdon  
 Bakken, Brandon ..... Barnesville, MN  
 Bakken, Gunder.....Rugby  
 Bauer, John E Jr ..... Louisville, NE  
 Bear, Kim M.....Belcourt  
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 Belgrade, John P .....Belcourt  
 Belgarde, Raymond R .....Belcourt  
 Belgarde, Richard J ..... St John  
 Belgarde, Sherry .....Belcourt  
 Bellele, Michael ..... St Michael  
 Bercier, Bryne.....Belcourt  
 Bercier, John W ..... Bentonville, AR  
 Bjornson, Merv .....New Rockford  
 Black, Connie ..... Ft Totten  
 Black Cloud, Ivan..... Ft Totten  
 Blackbird, Jerome ..... Ft Totten  
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 Blair, Keith R..... Manhattan, KS  
 Bonn, Lawrence.....Rolla  
 Bower, Mae..... Fargo  
 Breiner, James W..... La Pine, OR  
 Brooks, Luxton ..... Jamestown  
 Brown, Roberta..... Bismarck  
 Brown, Stacie M..... St John  
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Burkhart, Lester Jr ..... Devils Lake  
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 Carrington, Rita B.....Belcourt  
 Case, Glenn ..... Jamestown  
 Cass Clay Creamery ..... Fargo  
 Center for Solutions ..... Devils Lake  
 Charboneau, Sheila.....Belcourt  
 Commnet Cellular Inc... Greenwood Vlg,  
 CO  
 Communications Network .....Rugby  
 Craig, Dr. James .....Red Cloud, NE  
 Cree, Pamela .....Belcourt  
 Cromwell, Jim ..... Harvey  
 Cyphers, Lisa .....Belcourt  
 Dacotah Frontier Valley..... Wahpeton  
 Dahlen, Jeff.....Park River  
 Dakota Anglers -Jeremy Wentz.....  
 Jamestown  
 Daniels, Charles..... Carrington  
 Daniles, Judy ..... Cando  
 Dauphinais, Estelle .....Belcourt  
 Dauphanais, Tammy L .....Belcourt  
 Davis, Alexis .....Belcourt  
 Davis, Jeff .....Belcourt  
 Davis, Shelly ..... Rapid City, SD  
 Dawkings, John ..... Dunnellon, FL  
 Decoteau, Connie ..... Jamestown  
 Decoteau, David W .....Rolla  
 Decoteau, Doris Grandboise .....Belcourt  
 Decoteau, Gloria L .....Belcourt  
 Decoteau, Lorrylyn .....Belcourt  
 Decoteau, Michael J .....Belcourt  
 Decoteau, Tamra M.....Belcourt  
 Delonais, Nicole .....Belcourt  
 Delong, Faron M.....Belcourt  
 Delorme, Darlene..... Minot  
 Delorme, Debora.....Belcourt  
 Delorme, Kristy.....Rolla  
 Demarce, William..... Devils Lake  
 Demontigny, Clark.....Belcourt  
 Demontigny, Denise .....Belcourt  
 Demontigny, Leanne ..... McGregor, MN  
 Desjarlais, Martin .....Belcourt  
 Dewold, Jamie .....Great Bend

Didier, Cindy ..... Jamestown  
 Didier, Larry ..... Jamestown  
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 Dubois, Paula.....Belcourt  
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 Ferch, Jeanette ..... Circle, MT  
 Fetsch, Jon .....Robinson  
 Fettig, Elizabeth ..... Jamestown  
 Flick, Jessica ..... Bismarck  
 Folmer, Paul ..... Bismarck  
 Fossum, John ..... Minot  
 Foster, Daryl .....Rugby  
 Francis, Gregory ..... Carrington  
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 FSC Cargill..... Fargo  
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 Gable, Jason..... St John  
 Garnaas, Pearl..... St Paul, MN  
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 Glenfield  
 Gomez, Evagelina..... Cando  
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 Gourneau, Arla J .....Belcourt  
 Gow, Brian.....Nepean, ON  
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Grant, Frank H Sr .....	Rolla	Juntunen, Eldon .....	Rolla	Mc Lellan, Thomas C .....	Rugby
Grauman, Mary .....	Fessenden	Keplin, Krystal.....	Belcourt	McMahan, Thomas .....	Barneveld, WI
Gray, Carla.....	Wahpeton	Kettle Kafe Corner .....	Robinson	Mc Vay, Michael.....	Modesto, CA
Grieb, Judy K .....	Oakes	King, Michael .....	Cando	Miller, Sandra .....	Devils Lake
Grosgebauer, Gary.....	Fargo	Kirk, Margie.....	Sisseton, SD	Miller, Tom G.....	Carrington
Gourneau, Richard Jr.....	Belcourt	Koenig, Marvin .....	Fessenden	Mitbo, Argane .....	Mountain Home, AR
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Guthmiller, Leland .....	Herminston, OR	Kopperud, Ross .....	Jamestown	Moline, Donna.....	Willow City
Haddaway, J L .....	Edmore	Knecht, Elroy H .....	Cleveland	Moore, Michelle.....	Jay, OK
Hansen, Shannon.....	Sidney, MT	Kost, Delores .....	Fessenden	Morin, Lora .....	Moorhead, MN
Hansen, Ronald .....	Liberal, KS	Kraft, Allen.....	Minnewaukan	Morin, Rhonda L .....	Belcourt
Hanson, Dorothy.....	Fargo	Kraft, Sherri .....	Carrington	Morin, Tia .....	Dunseith
Hare, Karen .....	Springfield, OR	Kukuk, Doreen.....	Cando	Moseley, Bobby .....	California, MO
Harrington, Beulah .....	Underwood	Kunz, Dallas H .....	Bowdon	Muir, Ryan .....	Salt Lake City, UT
Heap, Joseh.....	Jamestown	Laducer, Mary .....	Belcourt	Mutschler, Fred.....	Spiritwood Lake
Helgaas, Maynard.....	Jamestown	La Fleur, Nathan .....	Churchs Ferry	Myers, Lawrence.....	Belcourt
Hendershot, Braden.....	Menoken	Lafountain, Emily .....	St John	Nadeau, Bruno S.....	Belcourt
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Henke, Mark.....	Mandan	Lafromboise, Ashley .....	Rolla	Nelson, Chad.....	Ankeny, IA
Herald, Marlin.....	Fargo	Lafromboise, Ella Jane .....	Ft Totten	Nerby, Ken C .....	Reynolds
Herman, Roger .....	Ft Totten	Lafromboise, Larry .....	Belcourt	Neufeld, Christopher .....	Rolla
HJJ Services LLC .....	Heimdal	Lafromboise, Mindy.....	Belcourt	Nelson, Darlene.....	Bloomington, MN
Hoeckle, Myron .....	Jamestown	Larson, Stephen .....	Bismarck	Neuharth L A Trust .....	New Rockford
Hoffart, Vicki .....	Monango	LaRocque, Lynn Patrick .....	Belcourt	Neuman, Marsha.....	Carrington
Hoffman, Sarah.....	Carrington	Lassonde, James B.....	Rolette	Newman, Wayne .....	Cando
Hoksina, Stephen .....	Ft Totten	Leapaldt Const.....	Jamestown	Norris, Laurie .....	Belcourt
Holbrook, Hazel (Jmst Campground) .....	Jamestown	Lee, Dokyoung.....	Savoy, IL	Norton, Jennifer Lauth.....	Mountain Lake, Mn
Hollingsworth, Betty .....	Havre, MT	Lee, Jayson.....	Carrington	Olson, Rebecca .....	Cando
Holte, Dustin.....	Jamestown	Lee, Randy C .....	Minot	One Bear, Michael .....	Ft Totten
Hoffart, Frank.....	Browns Valley, MN	Leppke, Robert.....	Renton, WA	Onstad, Vera.....	Belcourt
Houghton, Bud .....	Willow Lake, SD	Lien, Bette.....	Jamestown	Onweiler, Karen .....	Leeds
Howard, April.....	Rolette	Linstaedt, Seth .....	Jamestown	Otten, Sarah.....	Carrington
Houle, Sheldon J .....	Belcourt	Littleghost, Lisa.....	St Michael	Ouellette, Lillian .....	Rolla
Hulla, Steven J .....	Grants Pass, OR	Longie, Clayton.....	Belcourt	Pal m, Scarlet.....	Lacon, IL
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Iverson, James.....	Minot	Mack, Jeff .....	Fargo	Peltier, Richard J.....	Dunseith
Jackson, Amanda.....	Ft Totten	Malaterre, Kristy .....	Dunseith	Pepple, Joyce .....	Carrington
Jaeger, Jack L.....	Dewey, AZ	Marcellais, Ruban.....	Belcourt	Petersen, Cherish .....	Jamestown
Jamestown L P Gas .....	Jamestown	Martin, Earl .....	Belcourt	Peterson Construction.....	Grand Forks
Johnson, Delores .....	Fargo	Martin, John F .....	Belcourt	Peterson, Marc.....	Hillsboro
Johnson, Linda M.....	Glenfield	Martin, Todd .....	Aberdeen, SD	Pfaff, Tim.....	Jamestown
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Johnson, Stacy J .....	Devils Lake	Matthiesen, Jimmy .....	Jamestown	Pierson, Jason .....	New Rockford
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Reinert, Zane.....	Pingree		
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Roca, Eric M .....	Cando		
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Roeszler, Cordell.....	Nisland, SD		
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# NPEC hires Lovin as staking engineer



**Lovin**

**C**arson Lovin is the newest employee at Northern Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC). In November, Lovin was hired full time to work out of the Carrington office as a staking engineer for the southern half of our system.

His responsibilities include working with members on requests for new services,

line conversions and capacity increases, along with identifying projects to improve system performance and the accuracy of the cooperative's mapping system.

Lovin, a native of Devils Lake, was first hired by NPEC in June with our Cando line crew as temporary help during our construction season. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting and playing hockey.

Congratulations, Carson, NPEC is happy to have you on our team! ■

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