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CLP Crew Responds to Call of Assistance

Sidni Hendren, Temporary Member Service Representative

When Hurricane Helene swept through the Southeastern United States from September 24-29, millions of homes in the region lost power. Helene was rated Category 4 with winds reaching 140 mph, the deadliest hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland since Katrina in 2005. The South Carolina Rural Electric Association contacted the Minnesota Rural Electric Association, asking for crews to assist Laurens Electric Cooperative with cleanup efforts and power restoration following the hurricane. Cooperative Light and Power teamed up with Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative to create a group of five linemen to respond to the call for help.

Chase Peterson and Rick Heath were selected to represent CLP on the mission, and they left on October 3rd. Neither Heath nor Peterson had known what to expect. “We got there and found out we had a hotel, food, and water; that was a good feeling,” said Peterson. As some linemen from other crews were staying on cots in YMCAs and similar buildings,

Heath said they kept their luck with getting a hotel “on the down-low.” By the time the Minnesota crew arrived, about 60,000 homes had been without power for eight days. Peterson recalled how locals got by without electricity: “Pretty much everyone was just sitting on their porch, cooking on propane burners. Just kinda hanging out”. Around 600 utility poles were broken, and 600 linemen were working at Laurens Electric Cooperative’s two offices. There were guys from Cooperatives and contractors as far as Colorado and all the states surrounding South Carolina.

Most of Helene’s damage was downed trees and broken power poles; luckily, few houses in the Laurens area were harmed. Tree crews cleaned up first so the linemen could get straight to work changing out poles and restoring power to homes. Peterson and Heath noted how thankful people were to have help getting power restored. Peterson noted that the work was similar to what we do at CLP, but he and Heath also mentioned navigating



CLP linemen Chase Peterson (left) and Rick Heath (right)

a new ecosystem: “There were a lot of geckos. You’d go up to work on a transformer, and there was a gecko running around,” Heath said. “Stay away from the shaded areas, stay away from the pine trees, stay away from dead trees’... We were pretty nervous just walking around in the woods, but we got used to it after a while,” Peterson laughed.

By the time their trip ended on October 12, Heath and Peterson had not only tried grits and catfish for the first time but also helped restore power to thousands of homes.



Celebrating 21 Years of the CLP Toy Drive

Joel Janorschke, CEO

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Caring Loving People (CLP) Toy Drive! CLP initiated this local toy drive two decades ago to address the holiday needs of our community when no other initiatives were in place.

How the CLP Toy Drive Works

Lake County residents who need extra support during the holiday season apply through the Lake County Chapter of the Salvation Army. Applicants provide a "wish list" of items for their children. The Salvation Army then shares these wish lists with the CLP Toy Drive, ensuring that the identities of the applicants remain confidential.

CLP collaborates with local businesses to gather donations by setting up toy col-

lection bins throughout the county. Each bin includes tags listing specific wish list items, allowing generous donors to select a tag and purchase a corresponding gift. Donors simply attach the tag to their new, unwrapped toy when placing it in the collection bin. Additionally, CLP welcomes cash donations, which are used to purchase items that may not be donated.

Before the toy distribution date, CLP collects the donations, sorts them by family, and strives to ensure that every child receives at least one item from their wish list. Member account number seven hundred thirty thousand two hundred twenty seven.

Kickoff and Drop-off Details

We are excited to kick off this year's CLP Toy Drive on Monday, November 11th! We will be collecting toys and donations

until Monday, December 16th. A list of local drop-off locations for the CLP Toy Drive is below. Member account number seven hundred twenty nine thousand ninety five. We extend our gratitude to these businesses and drop-off sites for their vital support in making the CLP Toy Drive a success each year.

CLP and the Lake County Salvation Army sincerely thank everyone for their continued support!

Two Harbors:

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Bodies in Balance
- Castle Danger Brewery
- Cedar Coffee Company
- Cooperative Light & Power
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- First Impressions
- Holy Spirit Catholic Church
- KTWH Radio
- Park State Bank
- Lake View Clinic, Hospital, & PT Louise's Place
- North Shore Federal Credit Union
- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Seagren's Home Hardware Outdoors
- Two Harbors Federal Credit Union
- Two Harbors Moose Lodge
- Two Harbors Public Library
- Two Harbors Wells Fargo

Silver Bay:

- Adam's Auto
- J&H Garage
- Julie's Hardware
- North Shore Federal Credit Union

Brimson:

- Hugo's

Notice of Load Management Program Rate Adjustment

To continue providing reliable energy services while addressing increasing costs, CLP will implement a rate adjustment effective November 1, 2024. The load management rates for our electric members will increase, and these changes will be reflected on your December 2024 statement.

Freedom Heat & Hot Water-\$0.077 per kWh, Storage Heat & Hot Water-\$0.063 per kWh, and Dual Fuel-\$0.063 per kWh

This decision was not made lightly. We strive to maintain competitive pricing while ensuring the safety and reliability of our services. The increase is necessary to cover rising costs associated with energy production passed on to CLP by Great River Energy, as well as for maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

We understand that any rate increase can be challenging. We are committed to supporting our customers during this transition.

Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166 or 811
it's the law!

Call 800.252.1166 to locate underground wires. You must call at least 48-hours in advance before any excavations (this notice does not include weekends, holidays or emergencies).

CLP will only locate the underground wires that are owned by CLP, we do not locate or take responsibility for locating wires beyond the meter location.



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Cooperative Light & Power Receives \$195,122 Federal Grant for Grid Upgrades to Mitigate Wildfire Risks

Cooperative Lights & Power (CLP) has received \$195,122.00 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to enhance wildfire protection and resilience in the communities it serves by making critical upgrades to its electric system.

CLP is a member of a consortium of 38 electric co-ops and other rural utilities selected to receive federal funding through the Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks project, or “WARN.” Member account number seven hundred fifty two thousand three hundred seventy six.

CLP will use its funding to replace 3.3 miles of existing overhead line with underground cable. The newly installed underground cable will reduce the area’s risk of fire and strengthen the grid

against wildfires.

Led by Holy Cross Energy in coordination with NRECA Research, WARN will provide more than \$145 million in wildfire mitigation funding to co-ops across 16 states in the central and western United States to drive energy resilience in high-risk rural areas.

“Electric cooperatives are focused on leveraging innovative solutions to meet tomorrow’s energy needs,” said NRECA CEO Jim Matheson. “This infrastructure funding is an important step as electric co-ops work to harden systems against wildfires and enhance the reliability of the grid. These projects hold tremendous potential for local communities as their co-ops unlock new ways to use technology to help mitigate wildfires and keep the lights on.”

Working together, consortium members will share lessons learned and expertise and provide real world data to create an advanced analysis tool to identify the likely impacts of utility-ignited wildfires on regional electricity supplies and local communities.

WARN funding comes from DOE’s Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Don’t Trespass!

When enjoying your outdoor activities, remember a right-of-way (ROW) is NOT public property! CLP uses ROWs to build and maintain our power lines. Please respect property owners and don’t trespass.

Easy Apple Crisp

From the Kitchen of: Vicki Johnson

2 ½ cup apples (peeled & sliced)	½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup flour	¼ tsp. salt
1 cup white sugar	½ cup softened butter

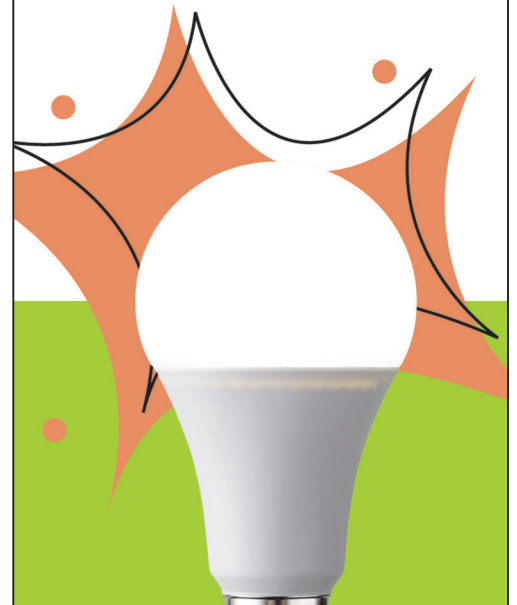
Arrange apple slices evenly in 8-inch greased baking dish. Mix flour, sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Sprinkle over apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Submit your favorite recipe! If your recipe is printed in an issue of “Powerlines” you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you’re heading out of town during the holiday season, remember to set your home to vacation mode. You can save energy while you’re away by lowering your thermostat a few degrees or creating an “away” schedule with a smart or programmable thermostat. Newer water heaters include a vacation mode setting to help you save on water heating costs, or you can simply lower the temperature manually.

Small actions can also stack up to energy savings. Unplug devices that consume energy when they’re not in use, including phone chargers, toothbrush chargers, TVs and gaming consoles.



Read Your Board Meeting Summary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) was called to order on August 28, 2024, at 9:01 a.m. at the CLP office. All directors, four staff members, the CLP attorney, and one member were present for the meeting.

The following actions were taken at the August 2024 Board Meeting:

- Approval of the modified Agenda
- Approval of the July 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the Financial Report
- Acceptance of the Secretary Certificate Resolution
- Acceptance of the Capital Credit Resolution
- Approval of the Operation Round-Up By-laws
- Approval of Board Policy I-1, Raincoats & Safety Glasses, changes
- Approval of Board Policy I-5, Holidays, changes
- Approval of Board Policy I-13, Employee Vacation, changes
- Approval of Board Policy I-26, Cooperative Light & Power Wellness Area, changes
- Approval of Board Policy II-11, Member Complaints, changes
- Approval of Board Policy IV-23,

Safety Rules and Operating Procedure, changes

- Approval of Board Policy IV-24, Organization Chart, changes
- Blake Prince, CLP's new Master Electrician was introduced. Member account number six hundred fifty six thousand three hundred twenty.

The following reports were given:

- Finance Report
- Member Services/HR Report
 - Emergency Response Plan
 - Pancake Breakfast/Annual Meeting
 - Energy Fair at the Harvest Festival
 - District Meetings
- Energy Services Report
 - State Parks charger update
 - DG/Community Solar update
 - Heat services/Load Control update
- Operations Report
- CEO Report
 - MREA Energy Issues Summit
 - Grant updates
- President Report
 - GRE Special Meeting
 - MREA Board Chairs Roundtable

Closed Meeting to discuss confidential GRE information.

Discussion on Articles of Inc./Bylaws.

Adjournment was at 1:30 p.m.

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Aug-24</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 8,138,457	\$ 9,675,209	\$ 10,319,216	
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 5,158,891	\$ 5,009,972	\$ 5,393,880	
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 2,650,147	\$ 4,258,184	\$ 4,493,960	
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 7,809,038	\$ 9,268,156	\$ 9,887,840	
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 329,419	\$ 407,053	\$ 431,376	
Interest Income	\$ 65,140	\$ 76,385	\$ 52,748	
Other Margins	\$ (39,911)	\$ 14,951	\$ (16,679)	
Capital Credits	\$ 15,588	\$ 27,257	\$ 38,480	
Total Margins	\$ 370,236	\$ 525,646	\$ 505,925	
kWh Purchased	74,602,510	69,361,588	66,454,016	
kWh Sold	70,078,103	66,475,533	63,810,331	
Line Loss	6.06%	4.16%	3.98%	
Members Billed	5,997	6,488	6,499	
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,135	1,029	980	
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 132.44	\$ 153.53	\$ 158.47	
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1167	\$ 0.1492	\$ 0.1617	
Interest Expense	\$ 271,658	\$ 251,952	\$ 242,602	

Dates to Know...

- Nov 11:** CLP CLOSED
Veteran's Day Observed
- Nov 25:** CLP Bills Due
- Nov 27:** CLP Board Meeting
- Nov 28/29:** Thanksgiving Holiday
CLP CLOSED
- Dec 13:** CLP Holiday Open House

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:
<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:
Call CLP at 834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

BEFORE calling, please check your breakers. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

SPOT YOUR NUMBER:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.
Credits claimed for September: None
Credits not claimed: James & Karen Garrison, Robert Sogge, Adam & Kaia Abrams, and Peter Krzewinski

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

September Donations: \$1,627.58.
Year-to-date Donations: \$14,436.00
Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at www.clpower.com.

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