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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

a monthly newsletter from Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric

April 2026

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric members who had their billing from the 12th of the previous month to the 12th of the current month will see their billing period change to the 1st of the month to the last day of the calendar month starting May 1, 2026. **FOR ALL MEMBERS:** SWCE bills will be due on the 1st starting in June 2026, unless you're on auto pay, which remains the same.

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Steele-Waseca's Nominating Committee announces board candidates for 2026

The Nominating Committee for Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric have announced their selection of candidates for the board seats up for election in Districts 7, 8, and 9, as election results will be announced at this year's annual meeting scheduled Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the co-op's headquarters, 2411 W. Bridge St., Owatonna.

The committee first met Nov. 19, 2025, at Steele-Waseca's headquarters.

Attorney Tricia Lancaster reviewed the duties of the Nominating Committee as stated in the co-op's bylaws, the activities and conduct of individual board members policy, the qualifications for eligibility for service on the co-op's board of directors' policy, campaign policy, the director election filing form and affirmation of director qualifications, and questions concerning qualifications for director.

Board President Rodney Krell highlighted areas of the board of director position description with the committee. He also addressed potential questions a candidate may have, highlighting the time commitment it takes to be a board director.

General Manager Syd Briggs reviewed the selection process with the committee. He explained the nominating committee policy and the rotation plan for the committee which works on a rotation system always keeping six experienced members on the committee, and adding three new members each year.

A list of members in each district was handed out and reviewed. It was suggested that committee members from each district meet together to search for candidates and review the information given to them.

Nominations for committee chairperson for the January meeting were opened, and Daniel Maas was nominated by Doug Starks. After the nomination was seconded, Briggs declared Maas nominating committee chairperson. After no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Nominating Committee con-

ducted their second meeting, Jan. 13, at Steele-Waseca's headquarters.

Maas called the meeting to order and appointed Executive Assistant Jenifer Shimpach as recording secretary.

Lancaster reviewed the director duties, standard of conduct policy, and qualifications for eligibility for service on the board of directors' policy.

Briggs reviewed the director position description, highlighting director responsibilities, board-manager relations, board-cooperative member relations, and board-community relations.

The names of the following candidates were announced. They will appear on the mail-in ballot sent during the week of April 27 to members, and mailed back by members so they are received at the return mailing address by 10 a.m., Friday, May 29:

- **District 7:** Daniel J. Maas, Faribault.
- **District 8:** Ronald D. Sommers (incumbent), Northfield.
- **District 9:** Scott J. Carlson (incumbent), Faribault.

A profile of each candidate will appear in the May 2026 *Sparks* newsletter. Additional candidates may be listed on the ballot if they obtain the signatures of 200 Steele-Waseca members and submit it within 50 days (April 13) of the annual meeting. 78535

This year's Nominating Committee consisted of the following Steele-Waseca members: District 7—Matt LaCanne, Faribault; Daniel/Stacy Maas, Faribault; and Casey/Natalie Roeker, New Richland; District 8—Ralph/Leann Miller, Owatonna; Ron/Kay Keller, Faribault; and Bert Wiersma, Ellendale; District 9—Douglas Starks, Owatonna; Lonna Selkirk, Faribault; and Bruce Rumpza, Blooming Prairie. 

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- Neil Schlaak District 3
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- John Beal District 7
- Ronald Sommers District 8
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- Scott Carlson District 9
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Syd Briggs *General Manager*

Division Managers

- Steve Nordahl *Member Services*
- Jon Stelter *Finance*
- Dan Meier *Operations*

Office Hours

8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

Operations Office Hours

8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

For Customer Service, Billing Questions and Power Outages Phone:

507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514

Before calling to report an outage

1. Check fuses and circuit breakers in your home and on meter pole.
2. Check with your neighbors to see if they have power.
3. Look for possible causes such as a tree branch on wires, a broken pole, twisted wires, etc.

To leave a non-emergency message whenever SWCE's Office is closed:

Phone 507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514 and listen to the prompts. Please have your account number, phone number, and name on the account available.

Call *Before* You Dig
Gopher State One Call
811 or 800-252-1166

48-hour notice required for ALL underground cable locations

manager connection



By Syd Briggs,
General Manager

April and May can be a time of extreme weather in southern Minnesota,

and so it is most appropriate to pause and recognize our Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric lineworkers and all lineworkers in the nation with a National Lineworker Appreciation Day on Monday, April 13.

Our lineworkers are committed to keeping the lights on for our members by always being ready to answer the call, day or night, to keep our homes and businesses electrified. And the commitment started early; all lineworkers have to go through a four-year apprenticeship program before being classified as a journeyman lineman.

When storms or unexpected circumstances impact the communities in our service area and outages occur, many members experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most—leaving family dinners, working through the night and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is they aren't just restoring power to a system—they're restoring power to a community. It may be where they live or raising their family. They understand electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life,

to local businesses, to schools, farms, commercial and industrial companies, and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

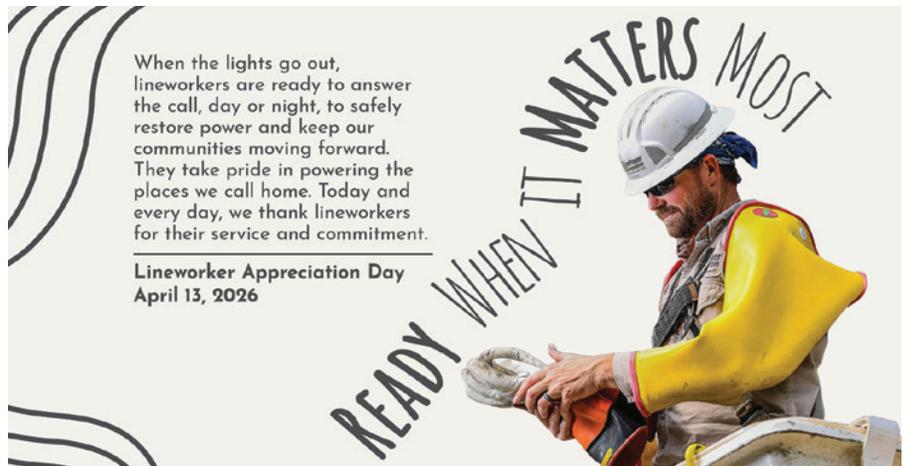
Electric cooperatives like Steele-Waseca were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes.

At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, Steele-Waseca crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops—sometimes close to home, and sometimes across state lines—to help restore power. This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

We understand any time the lights go out can be frustrating, bringing everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, it can be dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them. 1095085

On Monday, April 13, we will recognize National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and dedication, which are the backbone of our cooperative.

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When the lights go out, lineworkers are ready to answer the call, day or night, to safely restore power and keep our communities moving forward. They take pride in powering the places we call home. Today and every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and commitment.

Lineworker Appreciation Day
April 13, 2026

lineworker appreciation connection



National Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 13

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) has recognized the second Monday in April as National Lineworker Appreciation Day since 2015. Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric is recognizing our lineworkers for their dedication in serving the co-op and its member-owners. The line crew with their Steele-Waseca experience includes (front row, left to right): Line Technician Mike Ableman, May 2025; Line Technician John Olson, June 2023; Assistant Line Foreman Marshal Madery, September 2016; Assistant Line Foreman Jake Jablonski, September 2013; Line Foreman Kevin Kjersten, October 2012; Line Technician Collin Wencil, May 2020; Assistant Line Foreman Carlos Cruz, September 2016; Line Foreman Troy Pederson, June 1999. On the truck (left to right): Apprentice Line Technician Riley Grunwald, October 2024; Line Technician Tanen Holzem, July 2019; and Line Foreman Adam Davis, July 2013. Not pictured is Line Foreman Pete Hines, October 2012. 18536



SWCE bids deadline for truck is April 1

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric (SWCE) is conducting a sealed bid auction (minimum bid \$25,000) for their 2016 Ram 5500, 109,550 miles, 6.7 Cummins, 6 Speed auto 4x4 dump truck with a T. L Woods I-Box backpack and 9' Crysteel contractors' box. Sealed bids must be received at Steele-Waseca's office, 2411 W. Bridge St., Owatonna, by noon Wednesday, April 1. If you would like to see the truck, please call SWCE at 507-451-7340 to schedule an appointment with Matt. If you have questions, please call SWCE at the phone number above and ask for Matt. The person with the winning bid will be notified by phone by the end of the day Thursday, April 2.

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Is my off peak/dual fuel being controlled today?

Visit Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric's website at swce.coop, move your cursor over "MEMBERS" and click on "Are We Controlling Today".

Need a history of controls? Click on "History" on the "Load Management" page.

cookin' connection

Lemon Refrigerator Cake

Mary Bakken

New Richland

1 pkg. lemon cake mix	(2) 3 oz. pkgs. lemon Jell-O
1.5 c. boiling water	1.5 c. lemon-lime soda
(1) 3.5 oz. lemon instant pudding	1.5 c. cold milk
1 c. whipping cream whipped	

Prepare and bake cake as directed in 9x13 pan. Dissolve Jell-O in hot water, stir in soda. Chill in refrigerator while cake bakes. While cake is hot, poke holes in cake with fork. Spoon cooled Jell-O into holes. Refrigerate. Beat lemon pudding with milk until thick. Fold with whipped cream and spread on cake. Chill.

Please use a 3 x 5 card when submitting your recipe. The member whose recipe is published will receive a \$7 energy credit. 1105395



Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric's solar subscribers will see a 32 kWh credit per panel on this month's statement for energy generated during February 2026. Learn more about community solar and The Sunna Project by visiting Steele-Waseca's website, swce.coop.

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Was your account number in Sparks?

Each month five account numbers are printed in *Sparks* and a minimum bill credit of \$15 is awarded among however many of those members find their account number. For example, if all numbers are found, a credit of \$15 will be applied to the members' following month's electric bill; or, if only one member finds their number, that member receives a \$35 credit. Members finding their numbers who have a load management receiver on their dual fuel, electric water heater, air conditioner, or genset will receive an additional \$7 credit. When you find your number, phone our office no later than the 3rd of the month following receipt of the *Sparks*, or the amount will be forfeited.

March issue of Sparks



Numbers found:

James Bye

Numbers not found:

Richard Flynn
John Krell
Kelly Paul
Cory Utech



Sparks in brief . . .

• **Want easy energy payments?** Sign up for **EnergyPay Plus**, our automatic payment plan, or **Energy Prepay**, our discounted advance payment plan. Contact our office for details. You may also pay your bill online at www.swce.coop, or register your account with SmartHub. For instructions to use SmartHub, visit swce.coop/smarthub.

• **If you have changed or added phone numbers**, please contact SWCE to update your information, or change it through your SWCE SmartHub account.

• **Need a new water heater?** For information about our Westinghouse Electric Water Heater Program, phone the SWCE office weekdays between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or email rebates@swce.coop.

• **February temps** – The average high temperature for February was 36°F, while the average low was 17°F. This resulted in 1,075 Heating Degree Days (HDDs) and 0 Cooling Degree Days (CDDs). They compare to last year's average high of 25°F and average low of 6°F, which resulted in 1,394 HDDs and 0 CDDs.

• **ENERGY STAR® Rebates** – For a complete list of residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural rebates, and their respective rebate form, visit swce.coop/rebates/. For more information or to receive a rebate request form, email rebates@swce.coop, or call 507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514.

• **SWCE's tree service contractor** – Carr's Tree Service, Inc., is contracted to do SWCE's tree trimming. To report a tree concern, phone:

**507-451-7340 or
800-526-3514**

LIVESTOCK OWNERS

If you have questions or concerns regarding stray voltage in your livestock confinement building(s), or are planning an addition, or constructing a new one, call Steele-Waseca at 507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514. Steele-Waseca will work with you and your electrician to eliminate potential stray voltage problems. You may also visit: www.minnesotastrayvoltageguide.com.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



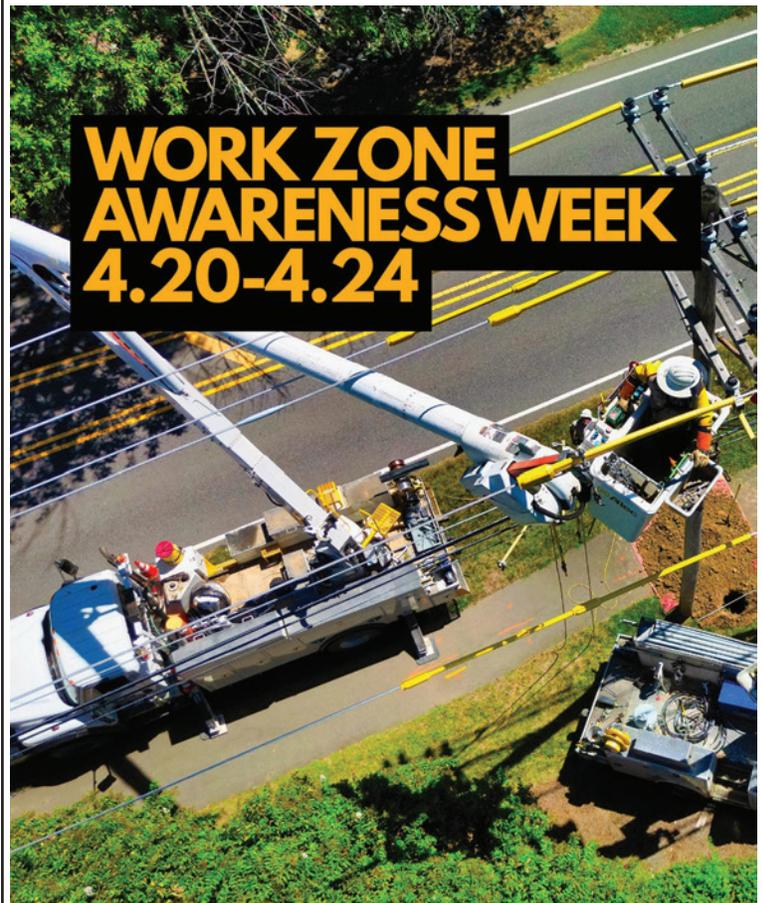
5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



National Safe Digging Month recognized during April

Gopher State One Call is not responsible for contacting locators to paint or flag your private facilities. Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric also doesn't locate private underground facilities that are the homeowner's responsibility. Private underground facilities usually include any that serve outbuildings, hot tubs, security lighting, pools, and natural gas grills. Other private facilities include natural gas farm taps, private water systems, data communication lines, and invisible fences. The contact information for a number of locating companies who will locate privately-owned underground facilities on your property can be found in the Resource Center at www.gopherstateonecall.org/homeowners, then click on "Private Locator Directory." This list is by no means an exhaustive list or a list of locators recommended by GSOC. For additional locators, utilize an internet online search engine. Remember, private locators will charge a fee for their services. 🌐 #swceLIFE+



give away

FIREWOOD, cut up, ready to burn, ash, maple, located in New Richland area. 317-4335.

CHOP STRAW/HAY in the barn. 213-1277.

WOOD. 213-7978.

FREE ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS, you place & remove your own ad on SWCE's website, swce.coop. These are separate from Sparks & will not appear in Sparks unless mailed, delivered, or emailed to SWCE.

wanted

FREE DROP-OFF FOR JUNK & UNWANTED APPLIANCE. 210-6728/Dan/Fbo/leave message.

BARN, GRANARY &/OR OUTBUILDINGS, I remove to repurpose the lumber; **OLD TIN; BARN SIDING; LUMBER**. 330-0258/Tim.

GUNS; AMMO; JD MOWERS; TACKLE; ESTATES. 279-0431/Mark.

TDR TRANSFER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS in Erin & Forest Twsp, CPI vs. CER calculation, are you losing them? Sell & transfer off before deadline. 612-756-0271/Dan.

RETIRED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT WILL ASSIST CLIENTS w/exercises, personal cares, errands, meal prep., & light housekeeping. 456-0076.

FORD DIESEL SKID STEER. 330-1849.

30'-40' ALUM. LAKE DOCK. 720-299-0937.

LOOKING FOR CARPENTERS & REMODELERS! Flexible hrs, full- or part-time work, no experience needed, must have a valid driver's license, \$18-25 an hour. Set up an interview w/Eric. 676-4886.

JUNKERS & REPAIRABLES, top \$ paid for cars, pickups, trucks, farm tractors & newer repairable. 332-2300.

for sale

HINIKER 1300 TRACTOR CAB, JD 4020 mounts, \$650; **DELTA 6" LONG BED JOINTER**, industrial grade, \$350; **JET DRILL PRESS**, 3/4" chuck w/slow speed attachment, \$300. 330-3945.

MINI STORAGE UNITS, Blmg Prairie. 456-2957.

GRASS HAY, sm. sq. bales by Waldorf. 327-3672.

All area codes are 507 unless otherwise noted

GERMAN SHEP. PUPS; PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSOR; DIAMOND T TRUCK; FORD 550 LOADER; TRACTOR; RV FRAME. 402-7679.

WOODEN BABY CRIB; ROCKING HORSE, call after 5 p.m. 451-5456.

(11) 12' PCS WHITE DRIP EDG.; 2+ ROLLS SNO & ICE BARR.; 3/4 BX 1.25" COIL ROOF. NAILS; EST. 25 PCS BRWN STEP FLASH.; EST. (9) 12' PCS OF WH. & BRWN ALUM. FLASH., all for \$75.475-3777.

RENTAL, Izaak Walton League Bldg., 4 mi. south of Owat., seats 100, full kitchen, grill, Wi-Fi, \$175. 451-7946.

BUHLER/FARM KING 8' 3-POINT HITCH BLADE, like new. 612-749-8431.

BOAT/RV STORAGE FOR RENT; 1999 CRESTLINER, 1-yr-old trailer, \$6900/obo; **SMALL STRAW & HAY BALES**. 475-2322.

'89 TC BY MASERATI, Italian convertible, 2.2 turbo, auto, Chrysler based, rare project car, \$975/obo. 952-652-2933.

55-GAL. PLASTIC & STEEL BARRELS w/covers, \$5-\$15; **220-GAL. POLY TANK** w/valve in forklift frame, \$75. 421-2521.

GRASS HAY BALES, full size, small square, no rain. 451-2978.

CUSTOM ROLLING for 2026 soybean season, \$7/acre. 475-1498/New Richland.

HOMEGROWN HERITAGE RASPBERRY PLANTS, \$20/dozen. 465-8593.

TRACTOR TIRE, 16.9x38 on rim with tube, \$65. 390-5999.

FORTUNE CREEK TRL LOTS, the covenant allows for a pole shed, starting at \$75,000. 332-4623/John.

'21 BASS TRACKER, 16', red ext., gray int., 40-hp 4-str. Merc. outbrd, Trailstar galvanized trlr, Minn Kota Terrova i-Pilot & App, 2000#, lots of stor., 2 seats can be moved, other xtras, \$13,500. 339-1190.

TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, & STUMP GRINDING, professional climber & aerial lift to U of M guidelines; **2007 FRONT CHROME BUMPER** for an F-650, new. 456-1609.

HUNTING BLINDS, weather/rodent proof, insulated & more. 330-2452.

1939 CHEVY PICKUP CAB ONLY, front bumper, hood, front fenders, running boards, \$2500; **CHAINS FOR TRACTORS**, #2, 10'4" long, 28" wide, \$200. 451-4565.

BEACHFRONT VACATION CONDOS FOR RENT in Fort Myers Beach, South Padre Island & Mexico, visit www.sandysbeachfrontcondo.com for details & photos. 612-865-9604/Sandy.

1983 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, V6, auto, red w/white top, rust free, Carfax, 85,000 mi., power steering, new shocks, \$4000. 334-4175.

SHINGLING, LIGHT CONSTRUCTION, free estimates. 456-0296.

SEASONAL CABIN by French Lk, back patio, front 2 level decks, bunkhouse & large shed, updated, nice, incl. travel trailer. 479-0576.

JD 8RX TRACTOR, 18 wts & bracket, \$3000; **ANTIQUÉ 1-BTM PLOW**, \$250; **275-GAL. FUEL BARREL** w/stand, \$100; **HYD. CYLINDERS**, \$25/ea. 330-3750.

AIR FRYER; WOODEN TV TRAYS, set of 4; **3-PC BLK LUGGAGE** on wheels; **HEADBOARD** w/reg. size bed. 451-2687.

NH 165 MANURE SPREADER, exc. cond.; **FEATHERLITE LIVESTOCK TRAILER**, 6x16, exc. cond.; **GEHL 125 MIXER MILL**, exc. cond. 838-8583.

(3) PATIO HEATERS; VANITIES; BATHROOM SINK. 581-3901.

10 JD SNOWMOBILES, all in exc. cond. 581-0470.

A-C WD, recently painted, loader, newer tires, needs some wrk, \$795; **GRAVITY FUEL BARREL**, 300 gal., great shape, \$160; **(2) PET CARRIERS**, large/\$30, small/\$15. 455-3881.

STANDING GRASS HAY FOR RENT, Richland Township, taking bids. 210-1158.

(2) DOWNHILL ROSSIGNOL SKIS. 678-978-7444.

16' BOAT, TRAILER & MOTOR; LAWN MOWERS. 213-7978.

(8) BRIGHT GALVANIZED RAISED-RIB SHEETS, 36"x18", used 1 yr, \$100. 676-0927.

HAY, 4x5 round bales from last yr, \$35-55; **55-GAL. METAL BARRELS** for burning, \$12. 390-0600 or 676-6094.

FARM-FRESH EGGS, \$3. 213-7410.

USED MOTORS, TRANNYS, BODY PARTS, TRUCKS & CARS, over 900 vehicles. 332-2300.

SCHWINN WOMEN'S MTB, alum., 21 spd, F.S. Fork, \$100; **TREK 7100**, F.S. Hybrid, 700x35c, 21 spd, \$150; **RALEIGH M-40**, men's, 18 spd, 26x175, \$50. 330-3178.

Sparks Free Classified Ad Form for all SWCE Members

Ads need to be received in our office by **April 2** to ensure being printed in the May Sparks. Please print neatly or type your ad of **20 words or less** on this form. We reserve the right to edit ad copy to allow space for more ads. Ads received after the 2nd will be printed in the June issue. 33840

For Sale Wanted Give Away

Phone # _____ Account # _____

Name _____

Clip and mail to: SWCE, PO Box 485, Owatonna MN 55060-0485, deliver to the SWCE office, or email your ad to: sparks@swce.coop.

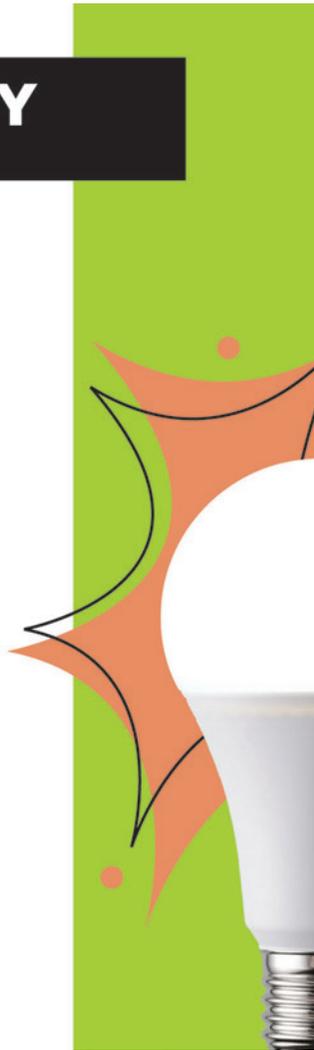
Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric (SWCE) assumes no liability for the content of, or reply to, any item posted. The party posting any advertisement assumes complete liability for the content of, and all replies to, any advertisement and for any claims against SWCE as a result thereof, and agrees to indemnify and hold SWCE harmless from all costs, expenses, liabilities and damages resulting from, or caused by, any advertisement or reply thereto.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

As we prepare for the seasonal shift, remember to set your ceiling fan rotation accordingly. In winter months (or whenever your home heating system is running), fan blades should rotate clockwise, which produces an updraft that pushes warm air down. In summer months (or whenever your home cooling system is running), blades should rotate counterclockwise, which produces a downdraft or windchill effect that makes you feel cooler. When used correctly, ceiling fans can boost comfort and allow you to adjust the thermostat a few degrees for energy savings.

Source: energy.gov



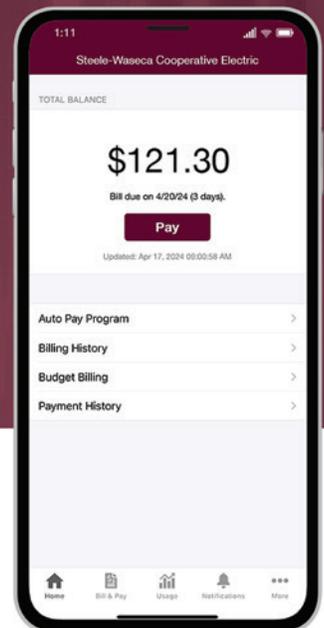
Certificate of Appreciation

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric Member Services Supervisor Randy Sobrack (pictured right) was recognized with a certificate of appreciation during the Lions District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention Saturday, Feb. 14, in Mankato. Sobrack was recognized for distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions International with his efforts in serving 5M-2 and the Owatonna Lions Club. Presenting the certificates and medallion was Lions Club International Director Gary Steele.

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SIGN UP FOR AUTO PAY



Save time and money by automating your bill payments to avoid late fees.



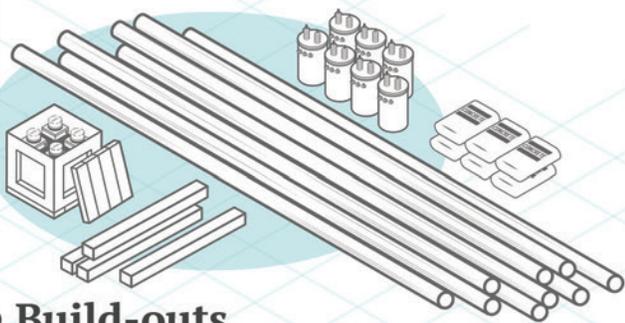
Visit swce.coop/smarthub for more information

Cost Increases

The past five years have been a period of exploding costs for the electric utility industry and for broadband providers, pushed by soaring demand, supply chain challenges, raw materials shortages, increased labor costs and tariffs. The impact has been rapid increases in the cost of producing power, longer and more unpredictable project timelines and the need for more financing, all of which have driven electric rates up for residences, businesses and other end-users. Here's a look at what's contributing to the trend. **Percent increase since 2020:**

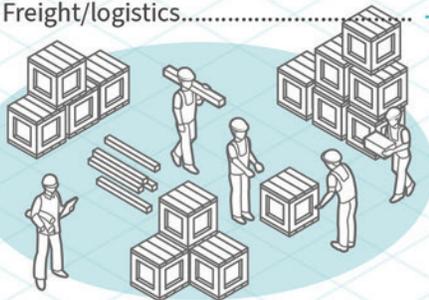
● Infrastructure

Utility poles (wood, steel, composite)	+25-40%
Crossarms & braces (steel/wood)	+20-35%
Conductor wire (aluminum/copper)	+30-50%
Transformers	+70-100%
Grain-oriented electrical steel	+80-100%
Oil/dielectric fluids	+25-40%
Copper wiring	+50%
Concrete	+25-35%
Smart meters	+20-35%
Pad-mounted switchgear	+25-40%
Circuit breakers/reclosers	+20-35%



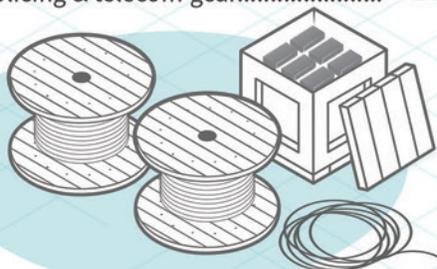
● Build-outs

Utility construction labor	+20-40%
Freight/logistics	+30-60%



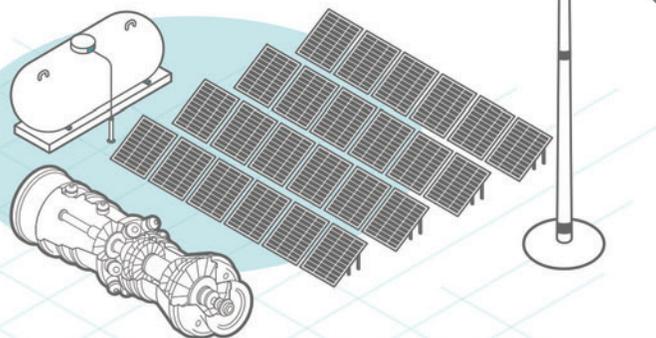
● Broadband

Fiber-optic cable	+25-40%
Splicing & telecom gear	+20-30%



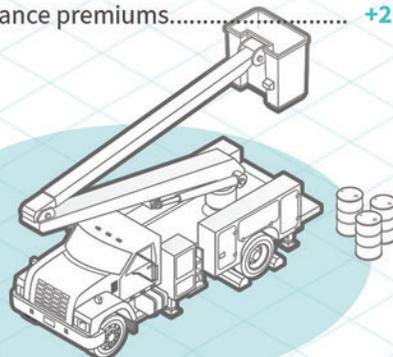
● Generation

Diesel gensets	+20-40%
Gas turbines	+20-30%
Solar PV systems	+25-35%
Wind turbines	+25-35%
Hydropower components	+20-30%
Battery storage	+25-40%
SCADA/EMS systems	+20-30%
Inverters	+20-30%
Relays & switchgear	+25-40%
Natural Gas	+20-120%
Coal	+30-60%
Diesel/fuel oil	+40-70%



● Fleets

Light trucks	+25-40%
Bucket trucks, digger derricks	+20-50%
Fuel costs (especially diesel)	+20-30%
Maintenance	+15-25%
Insurance premiums	+20%



Sources: BLS; energynews.com; Reuters; Wood Mackenzie; NREL; IEA