

## member connection

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Steele-Waseca General Manager Syd Briggs updated the membership on the business of the co-op during the past year. He also introduced POWRE (pronounced Power, and the acronym for Power Optimized With Renewable Energy), the co-op's new distributed generation rebate program which includes residential members seeking to install renewable energy systems at their service location. For more information, contact Steele-Waseca's Steve Nordahl.

At this year's ACRE (Action Committee for Rural Electrification) booth, the newest members to join were: Debra Culshaw, Montgomery; Joe Elbert, Owatonna; and Diane Nelson, Blooming Prairie. Culshaw was randomly selected to receive a barbecue gift basket. Steele-Waseca Director Gerri Lienke spoke of the ACRE program to annual meeting attendees. ACRE participation supports elected officials who support legislation keeping electricity reliable and affordable for rural electric cooperatives.

This year's guest speaker was State Representative Pat Garofalo (pictured right) of Farmington. He highlighted local legislative efforts in getting funding toward the completion of Highway 14 from Owatonna to Dodge Center, praised the cooperative way of delivering electricity, and the benefits of the U.S. working toward energy independence.



The recipients of this year's Grand Prize drawings were: Fran Gernandt, \$300 Best Buy gift card; Larry Nechanicky, \$200 Lowe's gift card; and Cindy Thompson, \$100 Target gift card. In addition, drawings were conducted for the flowers displayed on stage during the annual meeting.

The Steele County Sheriff's Posse provided parking assistance and moni-



Steele-Waseca Communications Specialist Randy Sobrack presents certificates and special gift-filled backpacks to the co-op's 2018 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour delegates Jessica Pieper (middle) of Owatonna, and Mallore McCarthy (left) of Minnesota Lake. This year's Youth Tour took place June 9-14.



Steele-Waseca Board Director Gerri Lienke presented a barbecue gift basket to Debra Culshaw (pictured left) of Montgomery, for being randomly selected among the new members of ACRE, who joined during this year's annual meeting.

toring services during the meeting. Medical and safety assistance was provided by Gold Cross Ambulance of Owatonna. The Explorers of Owatonna provided general assistance throughout the entire meeting. Shuttle transportation was supplied by Miner's Outdoor & Rec of Blooming Prairie. 26559

Following the annual meeting, the Steele-Waseca board of directors conducted their reorganizational meeting where the following officers were re-elected: Gary W. Wilson of Owatonna, president; John R. Beal of Faribault, vice president; Renee J. Malecha of Dundas, secretary/treasurer; Ronald D. Sommers of Northfield, assistant secretary/treasurer; and Duane Edwardson, chaplain. **SWCE**

Staff with HyVee in Owatonna work the grill prior to the start of the annual meeting to prepare the smoked pork chops served at the conclusion of the meeting. The menu also included scalloped potatoes, corn, coleslaw, dinner rolls, coffee, white and chocolate milk, water, soda, and Dairy Queen Dilly® Bars.



The Early Bird prize drawing recipients for a \$250 travel certificate from 4-Seasons Vacations, Inc., of Albert Lea included Patricia (pictured left) and Jim Pagel (middle), Faribault; and Harold Montanye, Owatonna.



Those in attendance for Steele-Waseca's annual meeting had the chance to look over the electric vehicle on display provided by Great River Energy.



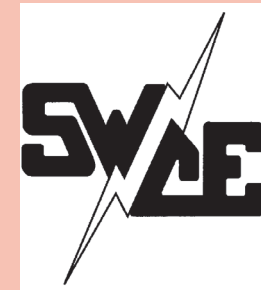
The co-op's annual meeting Grand Prize recipients this year included (left to right): Cindy Thompson, \$100 Target gift card; Larry Nechanicky, \$200 Lowe's gift card; and Fran Gernandt, \$300 Best Buy gift card.

### Litomysl Summer Festival

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna

**Sunday, July 29, 2018**  
**10 a.m. Polka Mass**  
**Festival 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Food, games & prizes for all ages  
Live Music with "Czech Lites" &  
"Dan Stursa Polka Band"  
Prune, Poppyseed & Apricot "Buchty"  
Silent Auction & Used-a-Bit Sale  
Something for the entire family  
Everyone welcome!  
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**SWCE office is closed**
- 11-15 Waseca County Fair
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Waseca Co. Relay for Life
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## Zion Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social

7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale  
Sunday July 15, 2018  
Serving 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs,  
potato salad, baked beans,  
homemade pies & more!

## Incumbents re-elected, Youth Tour delegates honored during co-op's 82nd annual meeting

General Manager Syd Briggs introduces POWRE rebate program

Three incumbent directors were re-elected to the Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric board, June 5, during the co-op's 82nd annual meeting at its headquarters in Owatonna.

Re-elected to three-year terms were District 1 Director PJ Duchene of Faribault, District 3 Director Duane R. Edwardson of Ellendale, and District 5 Director Rodney D. Krell of Blooming Prairie. Each were elected by acclamation since they were unopposed.

Co-op display booths, including an electric vehicle from Great River Energy (Steele-Waseca's wholesale energy provider for their legacy members), was available to the 725 members and guests prior to the start of the annual meeting.

Steele-Waseca collected non-perishable items with donors receiving an LED bulb. The co-op wishes to thank those who donated as 219 pounds and \$147 were collected and delivered to the Steele County Food Shelf.

Early Bird prize drawings were held for two \$250 travel certificates from 4-Seasons Vacations, Inc., of Albert Lea. The recipients were Jim Pagel of Faribault, and Harold Montanye of Owatonna. 18570

The annual meeting started with the Presentation of Colors (see photo below) featuring the Color Guard, Civil



Incumbent directors re-elected to a three-year term during the annual meeting, June 5, were (left to right): PJ Duchene, District 1; Duane Edwardson, District 3; and Rodney Krell, District 5.

Air Patrol, and Faribault Middle School students, with those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. "The Star-Spangled Banner," was sung by Caroline Nelson (pictured right) of Ellendale.

Steele-Waseca's 2017 Youth Tour delegates, Hannah Singh (pictured below left) and Brant Wieber (below right), both of Northfield, shared their experiences in Washington, D.C. The co-op's 2018 Youth Tour delegates, Mallore McCarthy of Minnesota Lake and Jessica Pieper of Owatonna, were recognized prior to traveling with Minnesota's Youth Tour delegation to Washington, D.C., June 9-14.

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### Board of Directors

PJ Duchene . . . . . District 1  
Geraldine Lienke . . . . . District 2  
Duane Edwardson, *Chaplain* . District 3  
Dennis Ringhofer . . . . . District 4  
Rodney Krell . . . . . District 5  
Gary Wilson . . . . . District 6  
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Renee Malecha . . . . . District 9  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

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Syd Briggs . . . . . *General Manager*

### Division Managers

Darla DeVries . . . . . *Office*  
David Lundberg . . . . . *Finance*  
Kim Huxford . . . . . *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.

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Phone 507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514  
Press “2” and leave message including name, account #, and phone # you can be reached at the following business day.

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

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric enjoyed sunny, warm weather, June 5, for the co-op's 82nd annual meeting attended by 725 members, family, and guests.

Steele-Waseca gave members in attendance a \$30 “Power Perks” gift certificate, which enables them to utilize a credit up to \$30 at a participating member-owned establishment.

Members in attendance at the annual meeting received a \$50 Energy Star® certificate. This incentive is to encourage members to purchase products with the Energy Star label to enhance energy efficiency in their home.

In addition, members attending the annual meeting received a Steele-Waseca spatula and a coupon for a free cookie at a participating Subway restaurant. Subway is partnering with Great River Energy cooperatives (of which Steele-Waseca is a member) to promote electrical safety, environmental or conservation education.

I wish to thank our members who brought a non-perishable item for a local food shelf this year. In return for your donation of an item or cash, Steele-Waseca provided you with an LED lightbulb. In all, 174 lightbulbs were handed out. The donations this year were delivered to the Steele County Food Shelf with totals consisting of 219 pounds of items and \$147 cash. 30457

I introduced to our members the co-op's new distributed generation rebate program, POWRE (see photo upper right), which includes residential members seeking to install renewable energy systems at their service location. Please contact Steele-Waseca for additional information.

We heard some great words from our director candidates on service to the members. This year, none of the three districts had more than one candidate vying for a seat on the board of directors. Our process of having a Nominating Committee at Steele-Waseca is a very important one. It is described in the co-op's bylaws, and having



elections and directors that represent our member-owners is unique in the business world, but is among the principles of a cooperative.

The process actually starts in November of each year, in which the members of the Nominating Committee will meet to start the process of interviewing and eventually nominating candidates. Each year the Nominating Committee, which starts with nine members (of which three new members each year replace the three members who have served a three-year term). Our attorney also asks for nominations from the floor during the annual meeting for each district up for election.

We also had a last minute opportunity to hear about energy issues from State Representative Pat Garofolo. We are privileged to have good support from many of our representatives in Washington, D.C., and St. Paul, and there have been a couple of times where they have requested to speak with our membership. Senator Amy Klobuchar and Representative Garofolo are the most recent.

Steele-Waseca has developed a great relationship with all of our representatives, federal and state, and has a great respect for each one, no matter what affiliation they maintain. Because the voting process at our meetings requires a major portion of our time, it is a privilege to be able to hear from them once in a while at the annual meeting, even when it needs to be brief. As always, we focus only on energy issues that affect our members, and encourage each member to research other political issues and candidates on their own, in order to make the best personal decisions and vote for the candidates of their choice.

If you would like to find out more information about the requirements of being a director for a future election, please contact our office, any member of the Nominating Committee, or any board member for details.



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## ad connection

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**2006 REDBALL 570 SPRAYER**, 80', 1200-gal., 46" tires, exc. cond., \$12,500. 381-8079.

**JD HAY RAKE**, PTO-driven; **PRIEFERT HORSE ROUND PEN**. 402-8082.

**2009 VW PASSAT**, leather seats, 2.0L, turbo, FWD, traction control, clean title, info. details, \$10,400. 835-2814/Kevin/leave message.

**1964 JD 3020 GAS TRACTOR** w/dual wheels, JD loader w/(2) buckets, 3-pt hitch, PTO, tire chains, stored inside. 835-5378.

**AQUA-MATE MACH II PADDLEBOAT**, like new. 451-1946.

**CASE 1816 SKID**, 36" bucket, gd running shape. 455-0900.

**'07 KEYSTONE SPRINGDALE 38' TRVL TRLR** w/(2) slide outs, sleeps 10, washr, dryr, full-sz fridge, kitchn area has a dbl sink & large counter area, big bathroom area w/full-sz shower, \$14,000. 451-9445.

**MANY LIGHTED BEER SIGNS; RECORD ALBUMS; WOOD SHELVING; BORDER COLLIE PUPS**, male, shots, wormed & rabies vaccinated. 612-827-6575.

**1950 CHEVY**, 2-ton w/grain box, hydraulic hoist, great rubber, new battery, runs great, \$3000; **SUPER A TRACTOR**, 60" woods mower, \$2800. 213-8823.

**HVY DUTY TRAILER**, 8'x16', (2) 7500-lb axles, new tires, \$1700; **1996 CHEVY SUBURBAN**, rebuilt transmission, \$750. 456-9145.

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

**AUGER**, 6"x40" w/intake hoppr, motr mount & pulley, \$895/obo; **RONK PHASE CONVRTR**, 3-ph. output, 50 KVA, 50 total HP w/rated workng 30 HP, incl. elec. box w/on-off throw switch & wire, \$2875. 317-2910.

**USED ENGINES, TRANSMISSIONS, AUTO & TRUCK PARTS**, 30-day warranty. 332-2300.

**SHINGLING; LIGHT CONSTRUCTION; TREE REMOVAL**. 456-0296/free estimates.

**SCREEN TENT**, 10x10, \$50; **DECK STEPS**, treated lumber, \$50. 528-2763.

**KATAHDIN HAIR SHEEP**, ewe & ram lambs, never shear sheep again, great mothers & disposition, great for beginners, organic & grass based. 451-2722.

**MM D CORN SHELLER** w/drag. 744-2871.



**SIMPLICITY LAWN TRACTOR FOR PARTS** w/gd 15-hp Briggs, \$100; **ALM TOOLBX**, \$75. 271-6592.

**90' WOODEN SECTIONAL DOCK** w/all hardware & poles, Lake Mazaska, \$200/obo. 763-218-2948.

**5-HP SHREDDER** in exc. cond., Kelly Lake, \$50. 952-897-1021.

**(2) JD B TRACTORS; FARMALL M TRACTOR; JD 3950 SILAGE CHOPPER**. 451-0653.

**SUN-LITE POP-UP CAMPER**, fits full-size pickup box. 451-5094.

**26' HAY ELEVATOR** on transport, OMC elec. motor, \$250. 210-4225.

**8-10 LB. BROILERS**, cut up, frozen, \$15/each. 380-4291.

**EXCAVATING WORK, DIGGING, DOZER, SKID LOADER, TRUCKING; 2005 GMC 3500**, ex-cab, long box, 163,000 mi., \$12,000. 332-8826.

**SHIPPING CONTAINERS**, store your stuff on your property, 20' & 40', rodent & moisture proof. 612-418-4375.

**STONEBOAT** to move heavy items. 384-7358.

**JD DIGGER**, 11', 3-point, like new shovels, \$275. 456-7614.

**(2) PORTABLE 6-GAL. FUEL TANKS** for a boat, \$45 for both; **TRAILER TIRE & 5-HOLE RIM**, new, 5.30x12, \$70/obo. 952-652-2661.

**VARIETY OF MEN'S & WOMEN'S OLD WEST/ FRONTIER CLOTHING** incl. hats, skirts, vests, frocks, shirts, trousers & accessories. 952-451-4821.

**SURGE 650-GAL. MILK BULK TANK, COMPRESSOR & WASHER**, everything working as of the last week of May, \$750. 455-0490.

**SHEETS OF TIN**, used; **JD 640 HAY RAKE**, exc. shape; **BETTER BILT VAC PUMP**, \$300; **K.G. JOHNSON FARROWING CRATES** w/feeders & waterers. 380-9580.

**JD 930 LAWN MOWER**, 60", zero-turn, exc. cond., \$5500. 332-7624.

**VIKING 6020 SEWING MACHINE**, exc. cond., \$75. 451-8888.

**BOURBON RED TURKEY CHICKS**. 334-5711.

**LUMBER**, all kinds; **PLAS. & STEEL BARRELS; TROLLING MOTORS**, rear mount; **TIRES & RIMS**. 664-9426.



**WHEEL HORSE C-161**, 8-spd w/50" newer deck, \$700. 451-6695.

**17' GRUMMAN CANOE; 12V WINCHES; PONTOON FISHING SEAT; WADERS**, sz 11; **PONTOON TUBES; SHORTWAVE ANTENNA**. 685-2515.

**GIANT ACAPULCO**, 18-spd, women's, \$50; **DIAMONDBACK CROSS COUNTRY**, 18-spd, 700x35, men's, \$100. 330-3178.

**1974 INT PICKUP**, 4x4, runs. 528-2443.

**13' MM DISC** w/hydraulic ram, \$500. 744-5322.

**CABIN** on French Lk, motivated seller, bargain price to be on the lake, leased land. 334-6362.

**1989 WINNEBAGO MOTORHOME**, \$3500; **1994 CHEVY SUBURBAN**, \$1700. 461-1865.

**6-BDRM HOUSE FOR RENT** on a farm 8-miles NW of Nfid, nice rambler w/2-car garage. 612-242-7322.

**WHEEL HORSE 418A GARDEN TRACTOR**, 18-hp Kohler engine, incl. 42" mower deck, hydraulic equip. lift, \$900. 952-836-6782/Bill.

**CENTURY WIRE FEED WELDER**, 110V, \$200; **4-TON HYD. PORTA PWR SET**, \$100; **FORD 4000** w/loader, new tires, \$3500. 330-3945.

**DINING CHAIRS**, set of (6), blk vinyl, swivel pedestal, vry gd cond., picture avail., \$55. 456-0202.

**20' ALUM. PONTOON** w/25-hp Johnson & trlr, \$2200; **30' TRAVEL TRLR** w/slide-out, \$5000; **2014 FORD FOCUS**. 210-4252.

**2003 H-D 883 SPORTSTER**, 8,039 mi. 456-1630.

**SHOREMASTER BOAT LIFT** w/canopy, 12V winch & wheel kit, French Lk, \$5000. 456-6549.

**(2) FEMALE GOATS & (4) KID GOATS; (3) EWE SHEEP**, make gd 4-H project. 339-0603.

**TRUCK & SNOW SYSTEM**, buy separate or together, 226,885 mi. on truck; **SM. CHEST FREEZER**. 583-2608.

**PRE-HARVEST AUCTION EVENT**, June 27, for more information, visit [IronPlanet.com/preharvest-sale](http://IronPlanet.com/preharvest-sale). 800-726-1655.

**WINCO PTO GENERATOR ON CART**, 18 kW, 570 RPM, \$800. 250-4428.

**GRASS HAY**, large rounds & sm. sq. 475-1392.

**2012 H-D DYNA SWITCHBACK**, exc. cond., 8xxx mi., 6-spd, \$9800. 838-5620.

### Medford "Truck Touch"

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric Safety Coordinator/Member Service Representative Jack Schwab had one of the co-op's bucket trucks at the Medford School parking lot, May 12, as part of the Medford Early Childhood Family Education & Preschool Truck Touch involving various vehicles and equipment displayed during the Medford Color Run. Jack was allowing youth to experience sitting in the cab of the truck (far left photo), and handing out "bouncy balls" that lit up when bounced (middle photo).



ad connection

give away

GRAVEL. 402-8082.

BARN KITTENS born May 1. 455-3506/call or txt.

COCKER SPANIEL to gd home, 11-yrs-old, male, neutered, cages & all, doesn't shed, gd w/kids & cats. 334-5961.

FREE ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS, you place & remove your own ad on SWCE's website, [swce.coop](http://swce.coop), these are separate from Sparks & will not appear in Sparks unless mailed, delivered, faxd or emailed to SWCE.

KITTENS, variety of colors, to a gd home, can be outdoor or indoor. 339-9146.

wanted

SMALL OLDER FARM TRACTOR, Farmall B or other w/belly mower. 227-5750.

HORSE, well trained, rides & drives single. 581-0470.

JUNK & UNWANTED APPLIANCES, no TVs or computers, free drop-off. 210-6728/Dan/lv. msg.

CRAFTERS for 19th Ann. Christmas for Veterans Homemade Craft & Bake Sale, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Trinity Luth. Church in Owat., booth rentals are \$30/booth, incl. tbl & chairs. 455-2755.

JUNKERS OR REPAIRABLES: trucks, cars, pickups, most constr. & farm equip., top \$ pd. 332-2300.

TANKS, 200-500 gal., any cond. 271-6592.

WILL TAKE DOWN BARN, GRANARY &/OR OUT-BUILDINGS to repurpose lumber, old tin & barn siding. 330-0258/Tim.

CHEVY OR DODGE DANA 60 FRONT AXLE & 60.5 8-BOLT RIM w/bead lock, 2- or 4-rims. 451-7091.

DRIVERS w/CDL Class A for veg. hauling, pd by hr. 456-1181.

WHEEL HORSE 520H GARDEN TRACTOR in gd cond., preferably w/48" mower deck & 2-stage snow-blower. 451-5617.

CONCRETE SILAGE BUNKS, H-frame style; METAL/POLY PLASTIC ROUND BALE FEEDER; ALUM. UPRIGHT SHOWBOX &/OR FAN CAGE for cattle shows. 213-0059.

UNWANTED BIKES & LAWN MOWERS, \$ pd on delivered. 330-3178.

Sparks Free Classified Ad Form for all SWCE Members

Ads need to be received in our office by July 5 to ensure being printed in the August 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 5th will be printed in the September issue.

☐ For Sale ☐ Wanted ☐ Give Away

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and mail to: SWCE, PO Box 485, Owatonna MN 55060-0485, or fax to: (507) 446-4242 or email your ad to: [sparks@swce.coop](mailto:sparks@swce.coop).

All area codes are 507 unless otherwise noted

REAR BAGGER ATTACHMENT for 195cc Lawn Boy push mower. 334-5711/leave message.

for sale

ROUND GREEN TREATED POSTS, 4"x8" & 5"x7", \$3/each; T-POSTS, steel, 5' & 6.5', \$1.75/each. 612-910-0041.

ACCEPTING LEAVES/GRASS/BRUSH, CLEAN CEMENT/ASPHALT, 1478 NW 26th St., Owat., M-F/8-4:30 & Sat/8-12, [smccompost.com](http://smccompost.com). 455-1851.

PRONTO PWR WHEELCHAIR, exc. cond., best offer. 475-2322.

MINI STORAGE UNITS, Blmg Prairie. 456-2957.

2000-BU. HOLD. TANK, \$800; SPIKE DRAG SECT., \$50/ea.; SLEEPER for Pete 379, \$850; 500-BU. CORN DRYR, \$850; IH 800 CYCLO PLANTR. 456-1181.

SONY CAR STEREO w/speakers, AM/FM/CD/MP3, new \$150; TV CONVERTER BOX, \$40; FLARE BOX, exc. shape, \$675. 455-3881.

1957 JD 720 D, best offer. 330-6485.

15.5-TON CAPACITY DUMP TRUCK AVAIL. for all your hauling needs: rock, gravel, dirt, etc. 456-7774.

2004 CHEVY 2500HD, 4x4, service body, \$4500; SKID STEER BUCKETS, \$700; 2002 APACHE PICKUP CAMPER, \$5100. 402-7679.

GE MICROWAVE, vry clean & vry well taken care of, only 4-yrs-old, \$75. 456-7757.

WINDSOR REED ORGAN, antique, late 1890-1900, walnut case, exc. keyboard, plays well, ideal for historical museum or church, \$100/csh/obo. 451-7626.

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

JANOME SERGER, never used, \$300; (12) SPOOLS SERGER THREAD, not used, \$15. 239-2289.

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

ALKOTA 2162 HOT WATER PRESS. WASHER, used, 2 gpm@1600 psi, 115V, single phase, \$2495. 583-2703.

GOLDSTAR DEHUMIDIFIER, Energy Star®, hardly used, \$80. 451-5456 after 5 p.m.

MINI STORAGE UNITS FOR RENT in Ellendale. 456-1460.

'93 16.5' NORTHWOOD FISHING BOAT w/trlr & '95 75-hp Mercury O/B, gd cond., \$3000. 332-7594 or 323-0013/cell.

(2) FORD TRACTOR SUITCASE WEIGHTS, 75-lbs each; (2) WEIGHTS, unknown make, 100-lbs each. 456-0348.

1972 CHEVY STEP VAN, setup for farmer's market sales, \$500. 451-8036.

1995 LUND BOAT w/trailer & trolling motor, no leaks. 744-3704.

CLIMATE CONTROLLED UNITS FOR RENT, 11'x9' to 16'x10'. 332-4623.

LT. OAK-COLORED DINING ROOM TABLE & BUFFET/HUTCH w/(6) upholstered chairs (extra leaf). 612-298-9693.

WILL DO: TILLING, PLOW, BLADE & BUCKET WORK w/compact tractor. 451-6046.

(2) COIL ROOFING NAILERS: Bostich, \$90; Paslode, \$70 (both work great). 952-652-2933.

FORTUNE CREEK TRL LOTS, the covenant allows for a pole shed, starting at \$75,000. 838-5033/John.

SONY HT-CT780 TV SOUND BAR w/wireless sub-woofer, \$225. 456-2060.

MAHOGANY SNIPE SAILBOAT w/trailer & sails, \$400; CEDAR STRIP CANOE w/(2) paddles, \$200. 527-2229.

BOAT & PONTOON STORAGE, Forest Township. 612-423-4500.

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travel

HEART OF ALASKA, July 12-19. Round trip air from Mpls to Anchorage, 13 meals incl. Alaskan Salmon Bake, Riverboat Discovery Cruise, Chena Indian Village & more! \$3,379 pp dbl occupancy.

ALASKA TOUR & CRUISE (2018 PASSPORT REQUIRED), Aug. 3-15. Round trip air, Riverboat Discovery, Gold Dredge #8, Denali, Alaska RR, 7-night cruise on Coral Princess. \$4,499 pp dbl occ.

ALASKA CRUISE ONLY ('18 PASSPORT REQ.), Aug. 8-15. Rnd trip air, 7-nt cruise on Coral Princess, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Hubbard Glacier & Glacier Bay Cruising. \$2,979 pp dbl occ.

GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY IN DOOR COUNTY, Aug. 18-21. Deluxe motor coach, 3-night resort on Lk Mich., Sister Bay Boat Tour, Northern Sky Theater, winery tour & more! \$619 pp dbl occupancy.

Call 4-Seasons at 800-328-4298 and reserve space today! Be sure to tell us you are Steele-Waseca members!



member connection

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric awards scholarships to 15 high school graduates in 2018

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric in 2018 has awarded \$500 scholarships to 15 high school seniors graduating this year.

A portion of the funds to support these scholarships come from unclaimed capital credit equity.

Steele-Waseca's scholarship program has awarded \$166,750 in scholarships since the program was established in 1954. 1023005

The recipients are a dependent of a Steele-Waseca member and will be attending a two- or four-year technical school or college this fall. This year's recipients include:

• **Laurell Reuvers**, Bethlehem Academy, the daughter of Gregg and Jamie Reuvers, Faribault.

• **Ethan Arett**, Blooming Prairie, the son of Bob and Michelle Arett, Blooming Prairie.

• **Rosalyn Chmelik**, Faribault, the daughter of George and Kim Chmelik, Faribault.

• **Kelly Johnson**, Hayfield, the daughter of Thomas and Karen Johnson, Hayfield.

• **Sam Eustice**, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, the son of Keith and Kelly Eustice, Waseca.

• **Amber Schuster**, Maple River, the daughter of David and Sue Schuster, Minnesota Lake.

• **Amanda Honsey**, Medford, the daughter of Jeff and Tracy Honsey, Medford.

• **Emma Iverson**, New Prague, the daughter of David and Melissa Iverson, Lonsdale.

• **Matthew Juberien**, Nicollet, the son of Michelle Daniels, LeSueur.

• **Kyra Possin**, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva, the daughter of Brent and Lianne Possin, New Richland.

• **Carl Ludewig**, Northfield, the son of Christopher Ludewig and Tammy McDonough, Northfield.

• **Nicole Schuette**, Owatonna, the daughter of Bruce and Mary Schuette, Owatonna.

• **Matthew Strobel**, St. Clair, the son of Greg and Robin Strobel, Pemberton.

• **Tommy Witte**, Tri-City United, the son of Bridget Leirer, Lonsdale.

• **Mason Koehler**, Triton, the son of Russell and Lynn Koehler, Claremont.



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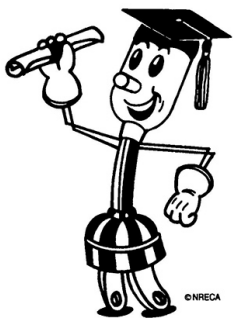
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## cookin' connection

### Quick Salmon Patties

Rita Dornquast

Owatonna

- 1 can salmon (drain reserve liquid; may substitute tuna)
- 1 egg
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 1/2 c. seasoned bread crumbs (can use plain crumbs)
- 1 Tbsp. oil

Mix ingredients. Add reserve liquid if mixture is too dry to form patties. Brown both sides and serve.

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



Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric's solar subscribers will see a 52 kWh credit per panel on this month's statement for energy generated during May 2018. Learn more about community solar and The Sunna Project by visiting Steele-Waseca's website, [swce.coop](http://swce.coop).

## Was your account number in Sparks?

Each month five account numbers are printed in *Sparks* and a total of \$35 in energy credits is divided among however many of those numbers are found. For example, if all numbers are found, a credit of \$7 will be applied to the members' following month's electric bills; or, if only one number is found, that member receives the full \$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 7th of the month following receipt of the *Sparks*, or the amount will be forfeited.

## June issue of Sparks

### Numbers found:

No members found their acct #

### Numbers not found:

Kelly Ellis  
Craig Joecks  
Dean Nechkash  
Kim Tysdale  
Duane & Lois Aitchison



## 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](http://www.swce.coop). By entering your Steele-Waseca username and password you can also view a 13-month history of your account.

• **If you have changed or added phone numbers**, please contact SWCE to update your contact information.

• **Need a new water heater?** For information about our Westinghouse Electric Water Heater Program, phone Cindy Butterfield at our office between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 446-4204 / 800-526-3514.

• **May temps** – The average high temperature for May was 76°F, while the average low was 55°F. This resulted in 112.5 Heating Degree Days and 112.5 Cooling Degree Days. They compare to last year's average high of 67°F and average low of 47°F, which resulted in 273.5 HDDs and 29.5 CDDs.

• **ENERGY STAR® Rebates** – In 2018, all ENERGY STAR refrigerators/freezers (with recycling), electric clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, central air conditioners, air and ground source heat pumps, light emitting diode (LED) bulbs purchased (limit 5) are eligible to receive rebates (may not be combined with special promotions). Rebate request forms must be submitted within 90 days of purchase. Rebate forms are available at [swce.coop](http://swce.coop). For more information or to receive a rebate request form, phone Cindy Butterfield at 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 / 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](http://www.minnesotastrayvoltageguide.com).

## health & safety connection

### Complying with Minnesota law when you plan for projects that require digging

Whether you plan to dig posts for a deck, plant a tree, or trench in electric lines for an outbuilding, it is important to understand, utilize, and comply with Gopher State One Call (GSOC) before starting your project.

The GSOC system is designed to notify utilities, in accordance with state law, who may have underground facilities in the area where digging is planned. That call needs to be made at least 48 hours (ex-



cluding weekends and holidays) before you plan to dig. **If a homeowner hires a contractor to do the work, then by law the contractor must obtain the ticket that allows digging to proceed.**

The type of information GSOC will need when you submit a ticket to locate whether by phone, or online at [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org), includes your telephone number, your name (do not submit a ticket under someone else's name), mailing address, email address, alternate contact name and phone number, type of work, duration of work, if explo-



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

Private underground facilities are those installed behind or after the meter. Also, if overhead distribution lines serve the property and the power is distributed by underground service facilities, those facilities may be considered private. If a homeowner's electric meter is located on the property line, then the electric line from the meter to the house is considered privately owned and will not be located. 1034846

**Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric does not locate buried wires that are the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner will need to hire and pay a private locator to determine the location of those buried wires.**

A list of private locators are available at [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org). Move your cursor over the "ABOUT US" tab on the home page, click on "Industry Directory," and "PRIVATE FACILITY LOCATORS." This list is by no means an exhaustive list or a list of locators recommended by GSOC. For additional locators, consult a search engine like Google or the Yellow Pages under "Utilities Underground - Locating." **Remember, private locators will charge a fee for their services.**

**GSOC will not locate private facilities, which means the homeowner is responsible for hiring a qualified professional to locate their private underground facilities, which comes with a cost to the homeowner.**

Examples of other private facilities include: natural gas farm taps, natural gas or propane gas underground piping to buildings, private water systems, data communication lines, and invisible fences.

**N**o one should ever remove flags before work is completed for the safety of all digging in the area. If you come in contact with an underground utility, evacuate the area and notify your utility provider.



## Be Safe

Always call before you dig

**CALL 811  
BEFORE  
YOU DIG.  
IT'S THE  
LAW.**

**UNDERGROUND POWER LINES** can be just as dangerous as overhead power lines. Avoid serious injury and property damage by calling 811 before you dig to have underground facilities marked.

- Call Gopher State One Call at 811 at least two business days prior to a dig.
- Dial 811 or 1-800-252-1166 during normal business hours; this service is free for homeowners.
- Minnesota state law requires you to call.
- If you damage a line, you may be financially responsible for repairs.

You may also submit your dig information at [gopherstateonecall.org/submit](http://gopherstateonecall.org/submit).