



Osceola Electric Cooperative

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FIND YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER

Three account numbers are hidden within the newsletter. Notify us if you find your number and we'll credit your account \$5. Confirm your account number on the top of your statement. Account numbers must be yours to claim.

OEC RECIPES

Submit your favorite Holiday Side Dish for consideration to be printed in our December newsletter. Submission deadline is December 20. Printed recipes are worth a \$10 bill credit.

2023 MEMBER APPRECIATION

OEC staff and Board of Directors served burgers to members at the 2023 Member Appreciation Event on August 22. Members in attendance received a \$20 bill credit, had the chance to sign up for the Basin Bus Tour giveaway and were also eligible for prizes drawn each half hour. Several children prizes were also given away.



Member Appreciation



300 burgers served

136 bill credits

33 kids registered for prizes

12 extension cord winners

1 Basin Bus Tour winner

Thank you to the Melvin 313 Club for grilling the burgers!
Thank you to the Osceola County Fair Board for allowing the use of tables, chairs, and fans!
Thank you to all the members for attending this event and making it a fun evening! 1420

Best Wishes Max



Max Eddy completed his last day of work at Osceola Electric Cooperative on August 31. Max began his service to Osceola Electric members as an Apprentice Lineman in 2010 from there he became a Journeyman Lineman and eventually the Line Crew Leader. In his time at OEC Max supervised line builds, installed new services, restored outages and maintained power to our members. He also responded to the call for mutual aid on several occasions where he helped restore power after destructive storms passed through other electric cooperative territories.

Thank you, Max for your hard work, leadership, and dedication to Osceola Electric and our members. We wish you the best!

Operating Statistics for July 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Billed consumers, farm.....	1,142	1,149
Billed consumers, non-farm and others	109	121
Kilowatts sold, farm	2,973,294	2,773,553
Kilowatts sold, non-farm and others	2,741,591	6,955,470
Average consumption, farm.....	2,604	2,414
Average consumption, non-farm and others.....	25,152	57,483
Average statement, farm	\$295.41	\$270.74
Average statement, non-farm and others	\$2,330.05	\$4,217.26
Total minimum bills.....	18	28
Outage time per consumer—minutes	19	16
Energy efficiency added per KWH.....		0.00022
Annual meeting date	March 2024	

2023 Basin Bus Tour



One of the seven Cooperative Principles is Education, Training, and Information. At Osceola Electric Cooperative we put effort into educating and training our members, directors, CEO's, and employees. Just one of the many ways we carry out this principle is through the annual Basin Bus Tour.

Each year our power provider, L&O Power Cooperative, and OEC sponsor a tour of the Basin Power Cooperative Facilities in Bismarck, North Dakota. We join alongside members from Lyon REC in Rock Rapids, and Federated REA in Jackson, MN to fill a tour bus on a 3-day trip.

The 2023 tour was from August 9-11. Twelve Osceola Electric members took advantage of this exciting and educational trip. The bus trip included interesting stops along the way, such as the Terry Redlin Art Center in Watertown, and the Big Buffalo in Jamestown. Once arriving in Bismarck members enjoyed a presentation about the history of Basin Power Cooperative and some engaging facts about electricity production. The following day members kept busy with informative tours of the Garrison Dam, Antelope Valley Station, and the Coteau Freedom Mine. To wrap

up the day members boarded a river boat for a relaxing cruise and supper on the Missouri River. The final day included a tour of the Deer Creek Station Peaking Plant on the way back to Iowa.

Members attending the tour commented: "This trip allows you a chance to better understand not only your electric bill, your cooperative, but energy and electricity in general. It is specific to your area. I appreciate when you turn your light switch on!" "Very educational. Highly recommend for all and for kids who are interested in engineering or electrical fields."

Watch for more information regarding the next Basin Bus Tour planned for the summer of 2024. **4750**



Thank you to John Schmidt for sharing the pictures.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

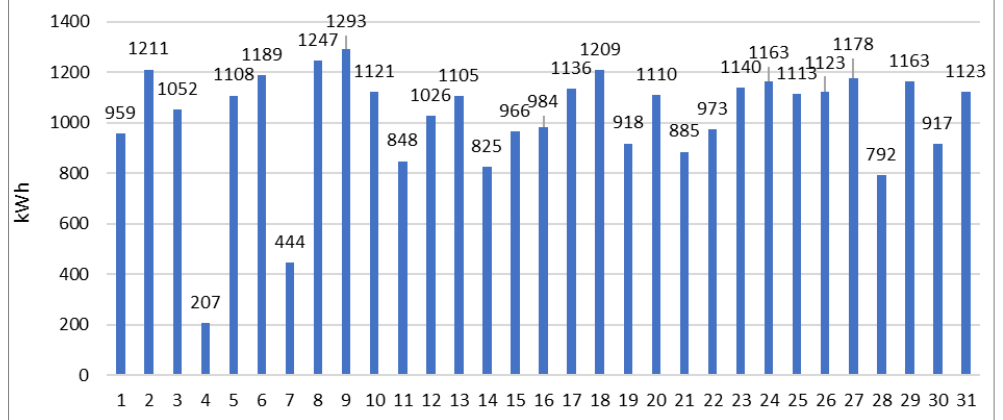
Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

Source: Dept.
of Energy



July 2023 Solar Park Production



Member Recipe—Favorite Snack

Candied Pecans

1 pound pecan halves
1 teaspoon vanilla
pinch of salt

1 large egg white
1 cup sugar

1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 250°.

In large bowl whisk together the egg white, vanilla and water until it's really frothy and stiff.

In a separate smaller bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon and salt.

Add the pecans to the egg white mixture and mix until all pecans are coated.

Add half the sugar mixture to the pecans and stir to coat them.

Add the rest of the sugar mixture to the pecans and stir to coat completely.

Line a large cookie sheet with wax paper.

Spread the pecans over the wax paper evenly, and try to separate them as much as possible.

Bake for one hour at 250°, stirring every 15 minutes. Don't skip this step or your pecans will stick to the paper.

Let the pecans cool for 15 minutes before storing or eating. Store in an air-tight container until ready to eat.

—Julie Stahly

Ford F-250 For Sale

Now accepting sealed bids for a 2012 Ford F-250 XLT 4X4 with 121,430 miles. Bids will be accepted through September 20th. Starting bid \$6,000. Call the office at 712-745-2519 to set up an appointment to view and drive.

