Help us find these missing co-op members in LIFE who moved away

In the board game of LIFE you spin the wheel to move along with your career. You hope to land on more rewarding spots than hard luck times. Along the way, there’s often a moving van or two as you follow a new job or new house.

So it is for our cooperative member-owners too. As they have moved off the cooperative’s power lines, we no longer have their current address. Yet, they are still owed capital credits or their share of a profitable year.

Help us locate these missing members found on Pages 1-3. Their capital credits check was returned this year — address unknown. If you know the current location for any of these members, call or e-mail the appropriate cooperative with their new address and/or phone number. Otherwise, have this missing member contact us directly. We can then mail their capital credits check to them. In addition, BCREA’s list also includes older, uncashed accounts payable checks.

If we do not receive new addresses on these missing members, their unclaimed capital credits checks are donated to a tax-exempt organization. Brown County Rural Electrical Association and Federated Rural Electric donate unclaimed capital credits to their Operation Round Up program. Brown County REA’s Round Up Trust Board donates to programs that benefit their rural residents and local communities. Federated’s Round Up Trust Board awards nine high school scholarships.

Former Federated members: Call 847-3520, 728-8366 or 1-800-321-3520; ask for Angie or e-mail ziemer@federatedrea.coop.

21st Century Wireless Edina
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Albrecht, G.C. Fairmont
Alencar, Carlos & Zilda Round Lake
Anderson, John O. Burnsville
Askew, David Scandia, KS
Aumer, Bill Milford, IA
Bell, Rae Welcome
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Brassfield, Jessica Dundee
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Bremer, Donald J. Fairmont
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Carroll, Paul Fairmont
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The deadline draws near for the spring Operation Round Up funding cycle. Fill out the application from Federated’s website by February 22. Otherwise, call and ask for Andrea or e-mail info@federatedrea.coop to request it. Funding is available for fire departments, education, community service groups and more.
Help locate these Federated former members

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Elers, Jason Worthington
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Ferguson, Mike Windom
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Huber, Glen Mapleton
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Johnson, Duwayne Benson, AZ
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Jones, Dylan Fairmont
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Thanks for helping us locate these former members to reunite them with their unclaimed capital credits check!
Federated Focus

2019 rebate amounts posted

Buy with energy efficiency in mind. Federated offers the following rebates. Find the forms on our website, stop by the office, call or e-mail us to request any rebate form.

Must fill out the rebate form and provide a copy of the receipt or bill.

- $25 Energy Star dehumidifier
- $25 wi-fi Smart thermostat rebate
- $30 LED residential yard light (not a Federated-owned one)
- $50 for Energy Star refrigerator or freezer with proof of recycling the old one
- $300 ductless air source heat pump
- $350/ton ground source heat pump rebate (Remember, this is the last year for the federal 30 percent tax incentive.)
- $1,000 air source heat pump that’s 14-16 SEER
- $1,500 air source heat pump 17 SEER or higher

In addition, Federated offers business and agricultural rebates on LED new or retrofit lighting, heated hog mats, VFD drives, fractional horsepower electric motors, commercial HVAC, electric commercial food preparation equipment and more.

If you have any questions, call and talk to Jon at 847-3520, 728-8366 or 1-800-321-3520; otherwise, e-mail info@federatedrea.coop.

2019 Construction plans?

Plan to build a new house, hog barn, shop, grain bins or even expand any of these? If so, call Federated and speak to Operations so your project is added to our construction schedule.

Put on a hard hat and headsets for the 2019 Basin Tour June 18-20. Tour the lignite mine, power plant and the coal gasification’s model room. See how your electricity is generated near Bismarck, North Dakota.

Join us on a three-day trek across the Dakota Plains to tour the Antelope Valley power plant and the Coteau lignite mine June 18-20. In addition, learn about the coal gasification plant that converts coal into natural gas, fertilizer and more.

Depart from Jackson June 18 on the air-conditioned charter bus. Plenty of movies, games and frequent rest stops break up the day.

The big tour day is June 19. Depart Bismarck, North Dakota, for the power plant, mine and coal gasification tours. Take the elevator to the top of the power plant to see the view, peek into the coal-burning furnace and enjoy the bus ride into the lignite open pit mine, weather permitting. In the evening enjoy a relaxing supper and riverboat ride on the Missouri River. In your free time soak in the indoor pool or shop at the nearby mall.

On June 20 the group stops at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum before heading home. Enjoy periodic rest stops and return to Jackson around 8 p.m.

As a cooperative member-owner, learn about one of the sources of your electricity. The cost is only $138 per Federated member or $275 per Federated couple. The fee includes the cost for the hotel, bus, all meals and snack breaks.

Federated shares the tour bus with another co-op so just 20 seats are available. Sign up today! Call with your credit card to reserve your seats or send in your contact info with your check payment and the coupon below. Call Federated and ask for Andrea. If you have gone before, please do not sign up again.

June 18-20, 2019 Basin Tour Registration

___ 1 member for $138 or ___ 2 members for $275

Name(s) ____________________________ Phone # _______________
Address _____________________City/state/zip ___________________

Circle one:
Smoking or non-smoking room?

Mail to: Federated Rural Electric, ATTN: Andrea, PO Box 69, Jackson MN 56143-0069 with the check or call 847-3520, 728-8366 or 1-800-321-3520; ask for Andrea to pay with credit card.
High school seniors: the Operation Round Up Scholarship application is now available. The application came with the February electric bills; Otherwise, find the application on Federated’s website (www.federatedrea.coop), call or e-mail info@federatedrea.coop. Otherwise, stop by your school counselor’s office for it. The student must be the son or daughter of a current Federated member.

Federated’s Trust Board approved awarding one $700 scholarship for each of the six Federated districts and then three more from the remaining applications combined for additional chances to win one (a total of nine scholarships). The applications are due back at Federated’s office by April 1, 2019. All nine recipients will be notified by May 1 with their photos published in the June Connections newsletter.

Students will receive the scholarship check after completion of the first semester of higher education with a 2.0 GPA or higher and submit proof of registration for the next semester. The scholarship check will be jointly issued to the school and student.

Federated adds 4 AEDs to line trucks

A lifesaving AED is now carried in four of the big Federated line trucks.

Federated’s employee safety committee made a recommendation that could have a “shocking” result.

Recently, Federated added four automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to its fleet of trucks. Federated eventually hopes to add one to each of its line trucks. Federated has possessed AEDs at its Jackson office and Welcome warehouse for many years.

“An AED could mean life or death if accidentally shocked or during a heart attack,” said Brandon Clarke, Federated journeyman lineman and volunteer firefighter with the Sherburn fire department. “I asked during a safety meeting if we could add AEDs to our line trucks because we are out and about in the public. If an accident occurs or a life-threatening event arises, Federated crews are trained to use the AEDs. By buying refurbished units, Federated was able to add one each to two line trucks in Jackson and two line trucks in Welcome. We hope we never need to use them on a coworker or general public, but it is the best safety precaution we can take.”

Federated is committed to keeping our employees safe, as well as the public,” stated Scott Reimer, general manager. “I hope they will never be needed. We are committed to a zero-contact initiative and safety is paramount.”

20 years of experience recognized at banquet; Congratulations goes to co-op’s Matt & Bruce!

Last month Federated recognized a cooperative employee and director for their Federated 2018 cooperative anniversaries.

• Matt “George” Madden, Staking-Metering Foreman, 15 years.
• Bruce Brockmann, District 6 Director, 5 years.

Congratulations and thank you for your years of dedicated service to our Federated members.

Matt Madden, 15 years
Bruce Brockmann, 5 years
**Downed and Dangerous**

If you see a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Avoid going near it or anything in contact with the power line.

Downed power lines can energize the ground up to 35 ft. away – so keep your distance.

Never drive over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.

If you see a downed line, notify the local authorities immediately.

Never try to move a downed power line, even if you think the line is deenergized or if you’re using a non-conductive item – this will not prevent injury or death!

*Courtesy ESFI.org*
Shake off the winter chills with a new tasty chili recipe to try

Winter can be so chilly making it a great time to enjoy chili! Share your chili recipes with us, whether it is white chili, super hot, uses exotic meat or the family favorite chili recipe. Send to: Editor, Federated Rural Electric, PO Box 69, Jackson MN 56143-0069 or e-mail to christoffer@federatedrea.coop by January 28. Add your name and phone number. Thanks for sharing with us!

Blueberry French Toast by Soneva Goering, Jackson
12 slices day-old bread or 8 English Muffins   12 eggs
2-8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese   2 c. milk
1 c. fresh or frozen blueberries   1/3 c. maple syrup
Cut bread into 1” cubes. Place half of the bread cubes in a greased 9x13” pan. Cut the cream cheese into small cubes and place on top of the bread. Top with blueberries and remaining bread cubes. Mix eggs, milk and syrup together and pour over the bread mixture. Cover and chill at least eight hours or overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake another 25-30 minutes until golden brown and the center is set.

Sauce:   1 c. sugar   1 c. blueberries
1 c. water   2 T. cornstarch   1 T. butter
Combine sugar, cornstarch and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and stir in 1 c. blueberries and simmer 8-10 minutes until the blueberries burst. Stir in 1 tablespoon butter. Serve warm over squares of the French toast.

Blueberry Almond Streusel Coffee Cake by Aurelia ‘Sis’ Kral, New Ulm
Topping:   ½ c. slivered almonds, toasted   2 tsp. cinnamon
½ c. sugar   5 T. flour   ¼ c. butter
In a small bowl combine the sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in the butter until crumbly. Stir in toasted almonds and set aside.

Cake:   2½ c. flour   ½ tsp. salt   3 eggs   2 c. fresh blueberries
2 tsp. baking powder   ¾ c. butter   1 c. sour cream
1 tsp. soda   1¼ c. sugar   1 tsp. almond extract
Grease and flour a 9x13” pan. Cream the butter, sugar and add eggs. Sift the dry ingredients. Alternating, add the dry ingredients and sour cream. Add the almond extract. Pour half of the batter into the pan and cover with half of the blueberries. Spoon the rest of the dough on top and spread. Top with the rest of the blueberries. Sprinkle the topping over cake dough. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes. Drizzle the glaze over the cake.

Glaze:   ½ c. powdered sugar   ½ tsp. vanilla   1 T. milk

Blueberry Bars by Joan Clobes, Lafayette
2 c. flour   1½ tsp. grated lemon or orange peel, optional
1 c. sugar   ½ c. butter, softened   1 tsp. vanilla
2 tsp. baking powder   1 c. milk   2 c. blueberries* (or use
1 tsp. salt   2 eggs, slightly beaten   peaches or cherries)
Peaches or cherries)

Icing:   1 c. powdered sugar   3-5 tsp. milk   ¼ tsp. almond extract
Mix and drizzle on bars. Mix and drizzle on bars.
* Note: I use 1 c. blueberries. Can use fresh sliced peaches or 3 c. pitted/ halved bing cherries.
Manager’s Message

State & federal legislative sessions started

It’s the time of year where we pay closer attention to the legislative landscape in St. Paul and Washington, D.C., as the new sessions have started; their decisions affect our cooperative. As I write this, I am in D.C. with Directors David Meschke and Darv Voss, along with 30 electric co-op Minnesotans. We will meet with our senior congressional leaders and the new freshmen legislators.

We discussed several topics and educated them on issues of concern. We start by explaining our cooperative background, which is important to the freshmen legislators. Cooperatives are a special sector of our industry, as they are 100 percent member-controlled by an elected board from the membership and have only one thing in mind — our members.

Other topics addressed are:

- Section 48A tax credits associated with carbon capture and sequestration from coal-fired power plants.
- Tax exempt status as it relates to the 85-15 revenue test. This could affect us in the event we receive any grants, which include broadband deployment grants.
- Industry renewables update, which should include an “all of the above” solution.

Cooperatives are renewable advocates; however, growing renewables without further mandates must be a priority. Our discussions at the state and federal level will bear that out. A common-sense approach to this needs to be a priority. The “New Green Deal” has made some headlines identifying that it may be an expensive endeavor...more than originally thought.

Onto next decade with our wind turbine...

Federated renewed its maintenance contract with Suzlon for maintenance of our 2.1-megawatt wind turbine just east of Welcome. This turbine operates at an astounding 45 percent capacity factor and helps Federated achieve our renewable energy requirements.

Farm Bill affected Cushion of Credit program, but it was resolved

Probably the biggest issue that happened for us and our members in 2018 was the approval and signing of the Farm Bill. Cooperatives, since the inception of the Rural Utilities Service (formerly Rural Electrification Administration), were connected to the Farm Bill, including the RUS electric loan program. Federated, like many cooperatives, secures operating loans to spread out construction costs for longer periods of time to better match the useful life of an asset, such as the substations, poles, wires and transformers used by the co-op to deliver power. Many electric cooperatives plan for future debt payments by setting aside funds in an interest-bearing account that is called the Cushion of Credit (C of C).

The 2018 Farm Bill targeted and reduced the interest rate for that account adding significant costs to us going forward. With much work by the electric cooperatives, our Minnesota association and national organization, a compromise was reached. Federated and other electric cooperatives can now pay off higher-interest RUS loans using the C of C funds with no prepayment penalty. I thanked our congressional delegation for their efforts in helping us with this landmark change. We essentially found a way to make lemonade out of the lemons.

Two linemen attend safety conference

I will end on a safety note. Two of our operations personnel returned from a week in Charleston, South Carolina, attending a Quad States Safety conference. Kollin “Mort” VanDeVere and Kyle Koerselman participated in a safety incentive program, which we initiated last year. Through a generous grant from our workers’ compensation provider, they attended and will help us achieve a better safety culture. We thank both of these employees and their families for making Federated a safer place to work.

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