



# **OCTOBER 2024**

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# MANAGER'S MESSAGE: CELEBRATING COOPERATIVE MONTH



As we celebrate Cooperative Month this October, we reflect on the remarkable strengt that comes from working together. This month, we not only honor the cooperative principles that define our service, but also recognize the collaborative spirit that enhances our operations.

KEM Electric Cooperative is an owner of the Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative, which stands as a testament to the power of

partnership. Four cooperatives stand together for shared services, as we embrace the cooperative model to streamline operations, share resources and maximize efficiency. This collaborative approach ensures we provide you with the highest quality service, while maintaining our commitment to affordability and reliability.

Working together with other cooperatives allows us to leverage collective expertise and innovations that benefit all our members. By combining resources and knowledge, we enhance our ability to address challenges and seize opportunities more effectively than we could alone. This unity

of purpose strengthens our capacity to serve you better and fosters a sense of community that extends beyond our individual cooperatives.

Cooperative Month is a time to celebrate the unique value of our model, where mutual support and shared goals drive us forward. Your involvement and support are crucial to our success. Together, we create a cooperative environment that prioritizes your needs, values transparency and reinvests in our community.

We invite you to join us in celebrating Cooperative Month by participating in our upcoming events and activities. Experience firsthand how our collaborative efforts enhance our service and demonstrate the true spirit of cooperation.

Thank you for being an essential part of our cooperative family. Your support and engagement make our collective achievements possible and help us build a brighter future for all.

Jason Bentz, Co-General Manager/ CEO

**HAPPY COOPERATIVE MONTH!** 

# PROUDLY BUILT, LED AND SHAPED BY OUR MEMBERS.



Chair.....Victor "Chuck" Wald Vice Chair..... Carmen Essig Secretary-Treasurer.....Carter Vander Wal

#### **DIRECTORS:**

Dean Dewald • Neil Meidinger John R. Beck • Vacant

#### **CO-GENERAL MANAGERS/CEOS:**

Travis Kupper Jason Bentz

# Need help with your energy bills? LIHEAP is here to help

As autumn arrives, KEM Electric Cooperative members are faced with cooling temperatures, and even colder temperatures in the coming months. For some, anticipation of the winter months causes stress and anxiety, as they wonder how to make ends meet. Thankfully, there are programs to help members.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help low-income and eligible individuals with assistance when it comes to heating and insulation costs in the winter. Through the N.D. Department of Human Services, human service zone offices and Community Options, individuals can be helped with a variety of services when it comes to home energy assistance, including heating.

#### Services offered

LIHEAP offers a variety of service assistance. Not only can the program help curb the costs of your heating and cooling bills, but it also helps households with weatherization services to make homes more energy efficient.

The assistance program may also help with the costs of furnace and chimney cleaning, emergency assistance and for devices to reduce energy costs. Homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for assistance.

# **Apply for LIHEAP**

LIHEAP eligible members can apply from Oct. 1 through May 31, 2025.

Upon applying for LIHEAP, an outreach specialist will enter your home and assist in gathering necessary documentation for the service. From there, an application will be sent to the state for review and the results will be provided within a few weeks.

Check with your local human service office for more information regarding these services.

Applications can be found online at www.applyforhelp. nd.gov or by request at the local human service zone office or Community Options.

# ADDITIONAL LIHEAP RESOURCES

# **Dickey County**

205 15th St. N. P.O. Box 279 Ellendale, ND 58436 Phone: 701-349-3271

# **Emmons County**

100 NW Fourth St. P.O. Box 726 Linton, ND 58552 Phone: 701-254-4502

# Kidder County

120 E. Broadway P.O. Box 36 Steele, ND 58482 Phone: 701-475-2551

# LaMoure County

202 Fourth Ave. NE P.O. Box 38 LaMoure, ND 58458 Phone: 701-883-5301

# Logan County

301 Broadway Napoleon, ND 58561 Phone: 701-754-2283

# McIntosh County

112 NE First St. P.O. Box 218 Ashley, ND 58413 Phone: 701-288-5170

# KEM ELECTRIC'S TOUCHSTONE ENERGY STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS OPEN

WHAT: Nominations for KEM Electric's Touchstone Energy

Student of the Month-October

WHO: Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock Public School students

**DEADLINE:** October 15



