



MEMBERS GATHER TO CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH



This year Bayfield Electric invited members to our headquarters to celebrate National Co-op Month. This year there were many highlights including a hotline demonstration, delicious food, and fun prizes. We had a great turnout. Thank you to Gina and John Hissa and helpers for catering the delicious food and desserts.

We use hotline demonstrations to help you, the members, better visualize the power of your electricity. Live demonstrations allow for discussion and observations, which lead to increased self-awareness and understanding of how an electrical system works. It also increases awareness of dangerous situations and how to recognize and avoid them. As providers of safe and reliable electricity, we have the responsibility to educate our community. If you or someone you know is part of an organization that would like to see a hotline demonstration, give us a call! We have done demonstrations for many schools and fire departments and we would love to spread the knowledge. Our office number is 715-372-4287.



HELPING HANDS IN THE COMMUNITY

BAYFIELD ELECTRIC CONTRIBUTES TO CLAM LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB

Bayfield Electric is always trying to practice our seven cooperative principles. One of those is concern for community. What does that mean? It means we take our commitment to investing in the communities we serve very seriously and we work hard for the development of those communities. Bayfield Electric supports many groups, local events, and businesses daily. In addition to giving monetary support, we also donate time and resources to events and organizations whose goals align with ours.

Bayfield Electric donated \$1,000 to the Clam Lake Community Club along with a matching grant from CoBank, for a total of \$2,000. The money will be used for a generator. The Clam Lake Community Club building collapsed due to the large amount of snow and was a complete loss. Their building was a central command post used for emergencies by the local police, fire department, and forest service. It was also available to the community for weddings, reunions, and community



Left to right: Lynne Rice, secretary, Clam Lake Community Club; Julie Rubeck, treasurer; Ace Griffin, vice president; Bud Rubeck, president; Curt Berweger, secretary-treasurer of the BEC board; and R. Doug Thorpe, chairman.

ALL REBATE PAPERWORK DUE DECEMBER 31

All rebate applications must be submitted to Bayfield Electric Cooperative by December 31, 2023. Rebates may be issued until funds are depleted. Any qualified items purchased after December 31, 2023, will receive the 2024 rebate amount, if available. Please visit our website, www.bayfieldelectric.com, or call our office, 715-372-4287, to learn more.

SAVE LIKE *Santa*



The holiday season is finally upon us, Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year. It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

- Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so he uses LED holiday light strands to save money on his monthly electric bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 20 seasons, making them a great option for any festive home.
- Santa requires several power tools to make new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the United States used ENERGY STAR-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!
- Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms, and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.
- Santa wears a red coat with fur trim while he works, so he's able to set the thermostat in his workshop lower and still feel comfortable. According to the Department of Energy, every degree of thermostat adjustment per eight hours saves about 1 percent, so turning the thermostat down even a few degrees at night or when you're away can make a noticeable difference in your energy bill.
- A crackling fire keeps the Clauses' North Pole home warm and cozy, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

This holiday season let's take a page from Santa's handbook and remember to save energy when possible. With these tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully the "nice" list too)!



Happy Holidays

from Bayfield Electric Cooperative!
 Our offices will be closed on Friday,
 December 22, Monday, December 25, and
 Monday, January 1 to celebrate the holidays.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Blocked air vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and increase pressure in the ductwork, which can cause cracks and leaks to form. Make sure all air vents are unobstructed from furniture, drapes, or other items to ensure sufficient circulation throughout your home. If necessary, purchase a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture.

Source: energy.gov



MONTH OF DECEMBER

Billing date:
December 8, 2023

November usage

Bills due upon receipt

Gross due after
December 28, 2023

Disconnect Date:
January 15, 2023

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