



Cooperative Principles *Shine* through our linemen's work

As a cooperative, we talk a lot about our seven cooperative principles and what makes us member-owned. Cooperatives are formed when people join together to accomplish a goal that they cannot achieve as well individually.

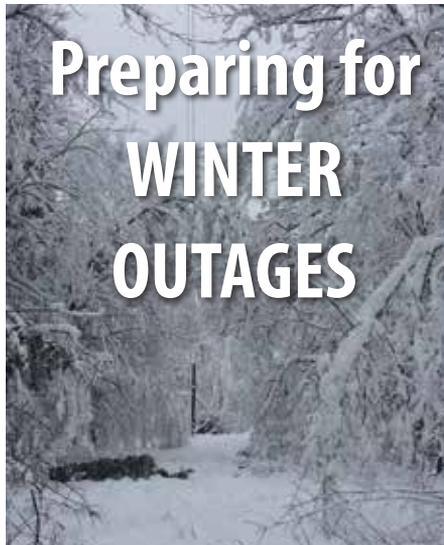
When our community baseball field in Iron River was in need of some upgrades, our linemen were there to help! Bayfield Electric's linemen Keith Klobucher, Jake Hipsher, and Elliot Powers donated their time throughout the summer to help make the baseball field more functional. They built the frame for the batting cage, removed the roofs for the dugouts to be rebuilt, and used a bucket truck to install the new scoreboard.

We hit a home run when these linemen joined our team!





Preparing for WINTER OUTAGES



It's that time of year again—the air is growing cold and winter is upon us. While you may be getting excited for the upcoming holidays, you're probably not looking forward to the outages caused by severe weather. When Bayfield Electric crews are working to restore power during an outage, we're often

asked, "How long will my power be off?" The honest answer is that we don't know. Until we determine the cause and location, we have no idea how long restoration could take. It could be a quick fix, or it could be a tree that took down an entire line. If a tree goes down, restoral may be delayed until additional material and equipment can be delivered. It can also take longer when we need to work in the dark or in severe weather conditions.

Restoring power after a widespread outage is a big job. It involves huge coordination with the linemen and dispatch crew.

Although we are committed to restoring the power to all co-op members as quickly and safely as possible, our initial goal is to get power back to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible. In order to accomplish that, the process begins with an assessment that allows the co-op to direct its resources to the areas where they're needed most. Repairs are

first made to the co-op's distribution substations and their feeder lines. We have 14 substations on our system and over 2,000 miles of lines. Main feeder lines are normally those you see alongside a highway. Once they know the substations are restored, our crew moves on to individual tap lines. Tap lines typically serve only a few members. Finally, if there are still members out of power, the crew will move on to service lines, which serve individual houses.

Safety is always our highest priority during any power restoration situation.

You should ALWAYS call to report when your power goes out. You might assume that your neighbors called to report it, but the problem might be isolated to your home only.

You can report an outage anytime, day or night, by calling 715-372-4047. This is our designated outage line. If you call our regular office number to report an outage, you will need to press option 1 so your call can be transferred.

Keep safety in mind as you light up your holidays

The holiday season just would not be the same for many people without the bright and colorful light displays that decorate houses. Unfortunately, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that thousands of people are sent to the emergency room every holiday season because of injuries sustained from lighting and decorating. Safe Electricity provides tips for safe decorating:

- Check that every strand of lights has been tested and approved by an official lab, and make sure the cord is rated for where it will be used, whether indoors or out. Examine each strand for any fraying or damage. To prevent possible electrical shocks or fires, do not use any damaged cords.
- Typically, one extension cord should only have three strands of lights connected to it at most. You should also check that the extension cord is rated for its intended use.
- Lights and decorations that are outdoors should be plugged into an outlet with ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. Installing a GFCI can protect you from electrical shock from damaged or defective decorations, or accidental electrical contact with water.
- Consider switching to LED lighting, which produces light without the heat of conventional incandescent bulbs and



has more durable and shatter-proof lenses than the glass lenses of incandescent lighting. LED lighting may have a higher initial cost than traditional incandescent lights. However, at 25,000 hours and up, it also has an effective lifespan 25 times that of incandescent lights.

- Use extra caution when using a ladder as you decorate outside. Always look up and look out for overhead power lines, and always keep yourself and any tools, like ladders, a minimum 10-foot distance away.

By keeping these safety guidelines in mind, you can help ensure a safe and injury-free holiday season for you and your family. For more safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Bayfield Electric and Norvado Celebrate Co-op Month



This year our member appreciation day was held at the Norvado headquarters in Cable. A home-cooked lunch was served and members had many opportunities to go home with gifts and prizes. The old-fashioned popcorn cart was also a huge hit! Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us, and we hope to see you again next October!



MY CO-OP

MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SHOW THANKS

When we had two linemen travel to Florida to help restore power after Hurricane Irma, what they remembered most was how thankful everyone was that they were there. They received many face-to-face thank-yous, but we had another Florida family send us an electronic thank you.

Art and Brenda Henderson wrote, "My family would

like to thank all of the linemen, pole setters, and helpers and their families that came to Florida and helped Clay Electric restore the power back so quickly."

We also heard from a local member, Kurt Revolinski of Delta. He called in with a big thank-you to our linemen. The crew did excellent work and showed up to the job with smiles! Keep up the good work, linemen!



Happy Holidays

from Bayfield Electric Cooperative!

Employees

Diane Berweger	Adam Waddle
Michael Weber	Keith Kavajecz
Frederick Stoll	Marissa Halvorson
Troy Seeger	Briana Green
Keith Klobucher	Robert Lahti
Dustin McKay	Sara Anderson
Jacob Hipsher	Gary Tarasewicz
Blake Reijo	Kenneth Koosmann
William Johnson	Nathaniel Madison
Larry Roecker	Elliot Powers
Jennifer Koivisto	Amanda Kavajecz
Frank Polkoski	Troy Guderian

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

ALL REBATE PAPERWORK DUE DECEMBER 31

Bayfield Electric Cooperative still has rebates available for members who purchased qualifying items in 2017 that promote energy efficiency and conservation. These rebates are available until funds are depleted or until December 31, 2017, whichever comes first.



Rebate forms are available at www.bayfeldelectric.com.

Please review the rebate form prior to making purchases to ensure your item meets the requirements for energy efficiency. If you have any questions about rebates, you can contact Larry at 715-372-4287.

Month of December

Billing date: December 8, 2017
November usage
Bills due upon receipt
Gross due after December 28, 2017
Disconnect date: January 15, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS, DUANE LINDAHL

Duane Lindahl (account no. 606956011) is this month's winner of a \$50 credit. Please clip the coupon below and send it in with your payment or call the office by the payment due date. The \$50 will then be credited to your account.

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