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January 2024

Wheatland REA Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the Agriplex Building!
7:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Registration and Health Fair
11:00 A.M. Business Meeting Starts
12:00 P.M. Lunch Intermission
1:00 Finish Business Meeting/Drawing of Door Prizes

We hope to see you there!

Did you know? Wheatland REA was incorporated on Dec. 30, 1936.
The first board meeting was on January 2, 1937.

In 2019, the Wheatland Rural Electric Association Board of Directors and staff realized that we had outgrown our current headquarters facility and needed some upgrades to meet the needs of our membership. Considerable time went into researching the cost-benefit of building new versus remodeling and adding to the current facilities. Your Board of Directors and staff decided to hire an architect and engineer to devise a plan to update the existing facility to serve our members.

Included in the plan was remodeling of existing office space and enclosing the patio area on the east side of our headquarters facility. The plan also included replacement of the roof over the office space, and our network infrastructure. Along with these updates, a new building was erected to store equipment, as the existing shop was not tall enough for the equipment that we use today to build and maintain your electrical system.

Capstone General Contractors was chosen to do this work and is on track to be completed in the first quarter of 2024.

The Goodrich Substation has been undergoing a needed upgrade to replace aging equipment and improve reliability. This upgrade was started over a year ago and includes a new transformer, switches, transmission poles, and protection devices. There have been many challenges along the way, from wait times for equipment orders, to minimizing consumer outages. This ongoing project is projected to be completed in the first quarter of 2024.

Staffing Updates

**Jason Wright,
General Manager**



**Levi Eaton,
Operations Manager**



**Anika Baker,
Administrative Assistant**



If you need to make a payment arrangement or want to inquire about energy assistance programs, we are here to help you with that. If you are struggling with a high bill and want to discuss options please give us a call 307-322-2125.



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*Happy
New Year*

Scholarship Due Date is February 15th

Applications for scholarships and camp are available on our website, at the local high schools or stop by the office.

Rebates

Wheatland REA offers rebates! Here are some of the items: Heat pumps, clothes dryers, induction cooktops, LED lamps or fixtures, refrigerator and/or freezer recycling, outdoor electric power equipment, commercial and industrial electric motors.

Don't forget to always look for the Energy Star!

Rebates must be submitted within 90 days of installation.

Call (307) 322-2125 for more information!

Pecan Pie Bars

Ingredients

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 3/4 cup cold butter, cubed

Filling Ingredients

- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 T. butter, melted
- 1 1/2 t. vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar and salt. Cut in cold butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into a greased 15X10X1-in baking pan. Bake 20 minutes. For filling, in a large bowl, whisk eggs, corn syrup, sugar, melted butter and vanilla. Stir in pecans. Spread over hot crust. Bake 25-30 minutes longer or until filling is set. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Cut into bars.

Do you have tried and true recipes you'd like to share? Please submit them to b.condie@wheatlandrea.com

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP 2024

The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp is **July 13th-July 18th, 2024**, open to REA member dependents only (sophomores and juniors), in beautiful Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Leadership camp is a great way to make new friends, experience the beautiful Rocky Mountains, learn about yourself, and build leadership skills. It also looks great on your resume & college applications!!

***** Application Due Date *****

Monday, January 12th, 2024