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From The Desk Of . . . Don Smith, Manager

Welcome to Fall! It's been getting a little cool these last few mornings; yesterday we had a pretty good frost, so we know what is around the corner! The Farmers' Almanac is predicting, "cold, moderate snowfall – not as harsh as usual," for this winter. We shall see how close the Almanac is!

November will be another busy month here at the REA! We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Veterans Day Open House on November 10th. As I have said in previous articles, I am a strong supporter of veteran recognition. I honor and respect the individuals who served, no matter the branch of military; guard, reserve or active duty. Because of these individuals, we are able to enjoy the freedoms we have in this country. These people have dedicated at least part of their lives to ensuring we remain a free country. To those who have served, no matter what branch, capacity, or time period, THANK YOU! As part of this Open House, we will have a display of various uniforms members bring in for the day. Last year, we had a member display uniforms from several generations of his family, going as far back as the Civil War! Included with the uniforms will be a story of the veteran who wore it. Sometimes we actually have the person in attendance! In addition to the display, we will provide coffee and some sweet treats! Come by and enjoy the display and the company of those in attendance, in recognition of our nation's veterans!



REA is again teaming up with the school district to host the 3rd Annual Platte County Career Fair. Unlike other career fairs that emphasize college and careers which require at least a four year degree, we also focus on the many careers that require an apprenticeship, on-the-job training or even just the school of hard knocks. We will have some two-year colleges and trade schools, participate, as well as employers with information about how to start a career in their industries. Whether you are new to the job market, looking to change careers, or are just curious about what is out there, I hope you can visit us at the fair! Look for specifics about the Career Fair in this edition of the WREN.

We will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 23th and 24th. This is one of my favorite holidays and it is appropriately joined in November with Veterans Day, two holidays dedicated to saying thanks. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for recognizing and appreciating the many things we have been blessed with in this country. If we all truly contemplate our individual situations, we can each find something to be grateful for, whether it be health, family, loved ones, friends, or the freedoms that come with living in this great nation! Look deeply and give thanks in your own way. Then, if you are able, help and share with those who may not be as fortunate as you. You don't have to look far, either within this country or outside it to realize we have many things others do not. We are truly blessed!

Personally, one thing I am grateful for is living here and being able to serve you, the member-owners of Wheatland REA! I am also grateful for all of the dedicated employees here! This is truly a wonderful place to live and work! As always, please stop in and let me know if you have any thoughts or concerns, or if one of our great employees does something above and beyond. Thanks everyone! Have a wonderful November!

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From the office of RKA....

The fall season is here and upon us. Cooler temperatures, leaves falling, and the sun setting earlier in the day. I am just wondering when I will have to get out my snow boots and parka. Hopefully not too soon!

Veterans Day is November 11th. Let us all take the time to thank our veterans for fighting for our freedom. They have given us the privilege to be free American citizens. In recognition of all veterans, we will have an Open House on Friday, November 10th here at the REA office. Please stop by and enjoy refreshments with us.



Even though it is closer to the end of the 2017 year, we still stay busy here at the co-op. This is a time when Management is working on the 2018 budget. Budgets are a necessary evil; difficult as they are, they provide a tool to forecast numbers and predict what will happen with revenue and expenses. They help Management stay attuned to expenses and costs.

It is also time for the co-op to start planning for the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for March 14, 2018. Please mark your calendars. Two board positions will be up for re-election. With board approval, we will once again have the health fair.

In the past several months, we have seen an increase in phone calls from members not receiving their bills. Remember, you can review your bill on our website, www.wheatlandrea.com. If you need assistance in locating it on the website, please give us a call and we would be happy to walk you through the steps. You can also pay on-line, with either a credit card or electronic check.

For the past few years, Wheatland REA has been the coordinator for a Career Fair. This year, the Career Fair will be on Thursday, November 16th at the 4-H Building. We get many employers, military groups, colleges, etc....to participate. The REA feels this is one way to give back to our community, by providing our future leaders opportunities they could be involved in after their high school years. If you have Juniors or Seniors, I encourage you to ask them about the fair!

The home front is quiet, but still doing some fishing here and there. Last year at this same time, I was trying to hurt myself by participating in a Tough Mudder. I have scaled back a bit, and am just taking in a few 5k's. This is the favorite time of the year for the dogs because it is hunting season for them. My family just grabs their hunting boots, and the dogs are already sitting at the door ready to go!

Until next month.....



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Winter 2017-2018

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...or...

Applications can also be picked up at your local Department of Family Services office.

LIEAP starting and ending dates for electric service are: November 1, 2017 (Dec. 1st bill) through June, 2018 (July 1st bill).

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Would you like to display your uniform or the uniform of a loved one? Call us. We would be honored to display them and tell your story!