

KILOWATT



How Local Governance Works for You!

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Since Minnesota's first electric cooperative was established in 1935, co-ops have been leading the way in serving member-owners with safe, reliable, affordable and increasingly clean electricity. From our earliest beginnings, strong governance has been – and continues to be – at the heart of a successful electric cooperative.

Under the successful and proven cooperative business model, we're locally owned by the members we serve and governed by an elected board of directors who are also member-owners of the cooperative. Committed to powering lives and empowering our communities, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative has been guided by seven core principles since our founding. You'll see these principles demonstrated in everything we do.

Cooperative Principles:

- Voluntary and Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Members' Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training, and Information
- Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- Concern for Community

While all the principles are equally important, one principle really differentiates co-ops from other for-profit utilities – Democratic Member Control. This principle says Cooperatives are

democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote). In short – as a member-owner of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, you always have a vital and valued say in the way we operate.

To effectively and efficiently represent our 8700 members' interests, board directors are elected for 3-year terms. These directors play a crucial role in determining the strategic direction and priorities of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. Their input and guidance are key as the co-op keeps the lights on and works to anticipate and meet our member-owners' future energy needs.

Through education and training opportunities, industry conferences and independent learning, our 9 directors invest a significant amount of time staying informed on the latest challenges, trends, regulations and technologies impacting electric cooperatives. From environmental laws to financial matters to cybersecurity and technology advancements, the electric industry is incredibly complex. In order to effectively govern, co-op directors need to have a thorough understanding of these issues and how they could affect member-owners. The time directors spend on education and training is a mandatory requirement in strategically guiding the cooperative.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative board members are trained on energy-related issues, they are also trained to be transparent, accountable to one another and the member-owners we serve; and adhere to the cooperative's bylaws, regulations and laws.

Serving in a governance role for Kandiyohi Power Cooperative is a privilege and one your directors embrace. If you have questions about our local governance structure or about how to serve as a director, please contact us at 1-800-551-4951.

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Please note the list of names of unclaimed capital credits. We are unable to send them their capital credits due to a wrong address. If you know anyone on the list and their new address or phone number, please contact the KPC office at 1-800-551-4951. We appreciate your help!!!



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SLOW DOWN: BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles

Don't load or unload children across the street from the school

Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

Sharing the Road with School Buses

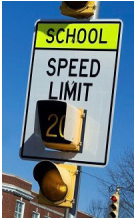
If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children

If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus

Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov



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HARVEST SAFETY TIP

Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipe and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

HARVEST SAFETY TIP

Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.

HARVEST SAFETY TIP

If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact us immediately by phone and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab, without touching it at the same time, and hop away to safety.

HARVEST SAFETY TIP

Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other equipment when doing field work.

"IT PROFESSIONALS DAY" IS SEPTEMBER 17TH

A special thank you goes out to KPC's IT guy, Bryan Ashburn.

Bryan is always ready and willing to come to our rescue when we have issues with our computers. He just tells us to relax, he'll be right there and that everything is under Ctrl. Sometimes I'm sure he wishes he could tell us his "Memory Card" is full and press the Esc tab and disappear. He knows when we call him it's because we usually broke something.

Seriously, we wouldn't know what to do without him. Who would ask us if our Caps Lock is on when we tell him we can't get our password to work or remind us repeatedly to turn our computer off and on again when they are not working correctly.

Thanks Bryan, for being our IT Guy and keeping us "connected". We appreciate you!



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Account numbers used are 9 digits, as appearing on your monthly bill. If you find your account number in this KILOWATT, please notify us by the 4th to claim your credit.

We will credit your bill. Do not deduct the amount from your bill; pay as usual. Congratulations to David Hedlof for finding his account number in last month's Kilowatt. Each account number is worth \$5.00.

Chicken Potpie Casserole

Ingredients

1/3 C. butter, cubed	1 C. frozen peas	
1-1/2 C. sliced fresh mushrooms	1 jar (2 oz) diced pimientos, drained	
2 medium carrots, sliced	1/2 tsp salt	2 tsp sugar
1/2 medium onion, chopped		1/2 tsp salt
1/4 C. all-purpose flour	BISCUIT TOPPING:	1/2 tsp cream of tartar
1 C. chicken broth	2 C. all-purpose flour	1/2 C cold butter, cubed
1 C. 2% milk	4 tsp baking powder	2/3 C 2% milk
4 C. cubed cooked chicken		



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. In a large saucepan, heat butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms, carrots and onion; cook and stir until tender.
2. Stir in flour until blended; gradually stir in broth and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in chicken, peas, pimientos and salt; heat through. Transfer to a greased 11x7-in. baking dish.
3. For topping, in a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and cream of tartar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk; stir just until moistened.
4. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead gently 8-10 times. Pat or roll dough to 1/2-in. thickness; cut with a floured 2-1/2-in. biscuit cutter. Place over chicken mixture. Bake, uncovered, 15-20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown.



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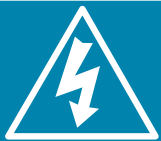
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PREPARED, NOT SCARED



National Preparedness Month 2019



Have enough food, water and meds to last for at least 3 to 7 days.



Practice evacuating in the car with your animals so everyone has practice.



Include kids in the disaster planning process. Review your plan together.



Teach children what to do in an emergency if they are at home or away.



Review with kids: Sending text messages, contact numbers and dialing 9-1-1 for emergencies.

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Snap photos of important documents and personal belongings for insurance.

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Keep some cash on hand in case of emergencies.

ATMs and credit card readers won't always be available.