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PANCAKE FEED

August 20, 2022: 7 AM - 12:30 PM

REA OPERATION CENTER (MAP BELOW)

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See real lineman equipment!



Fun for the whole family!



Stay for the Safety demo!



Eat Pancakes!



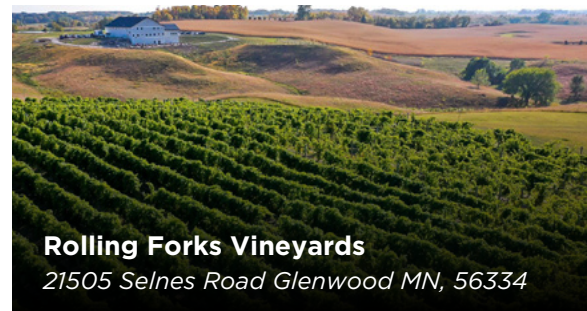
Join Us for the Return Of the **Pancake Feed!**

We want to thank you, our members, with the return of the PANCAKE FEED! The pandemic caused REA to cancel the Annual Pancake Feed in 2020 and 2021, but this year it's back! Join us on August 20th from 7 AM to 12:30 PM at the REA Operation Center for a pancake breakfast. We will be serving pancakes and sausages from Chris Cakes, butter from Millerville Creamery, and milk from Stoney Creek Dairy! This event will be fully compostable with the help of Pope Douglas Solid Waste.

Learn about electrical safety and explore the bucket truck and linemen equipment on display. Check out the all-electric Ford F150 Lightning and visit with Heartland Security. Remember to enter your kids in a drawing for a toy bucket truck! **There will be fun for all ages!**




Pope County Farm Bureau
BREAKFAST ON THE FARM
September 5, 2022 Labor Day Morning



Rolling Forks Vineyards
21505 Selnes Road Glenwood MN, 56334

Mark your calendar for the 4th annual Breakfast on the Farm, at Rolling Forks Vineyards! Join the fun on September 5, 2022 for a FREE egg bake and steak breakfast, along with vineyard tours, kid's activities, and demonstrations! Food will be served from 8 - 11 am (or until the food runs out), and activities will last until noon!

Located just south of Glenwood and served by REA, Rolling Forks Vineyards is a family-owned vineyard with picturesque views of Lake Minnewaska. Come and learn about this agribusiness and hear their story!



Al Haman
CEO

A Note from your CEO

May/June storm damages over \$800,000

Knock on wood! After being hit hard with three major storms over a roughly six-week period, things have calmed down. We've made repairs to known issues but continue to discover damage in some of the more remote parts of our system.

Please let us know if you are aware of an unsafe condition so we can check it out.

Costs for the three storms totaled around \$815,000. When establishing our yearly budget, we have some cushion and flexibility to absorb damage to our distribution system from a storm, but not three big storms! Throughout our system, we had to replace poles, wires and transformers that could have been used for another twenty or more years. We also incurred unexpected overtime and labor expenses for crews called in to help restore power as quickly and safely as possible.

Since the storms earlier this summer, I've had several questions from members regarding insurance coverage. I've also been asked how supply chain issues are affecting our inventory levels here at REA.

REA does not have insurance to cover storm damage to our poles and wires. While we carry various general liability, general property, worker's compensation, and others, obtaining a policy for a storm isn't realistically possible. However, if an event is declared a federal disaster, REA and other rural electric cooperatives can submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to be considered for reimbursement. The May 12th storm has received a major disaster declaration, with the Memorial Day storm under review. REA staff will work with FEMA to see what, if any, expenses are eligible for reimbursement. The June 20th storm did not meet the threshold needed to be considered a federal disaster.

Regarding inventory, the three storms could not have happened at a more challenging time. Almost daily discussions focus on available inventory as we are more than halfway through our construction season. To shed some light on the subject, we asked questions of our Purchasing Agent, Derick Swenson:

How would you describe REA's challenges with supply chain issues?

REA's two main challenges are increased costs and extended lead times. REA has had to absorb significant price increases on items essential to providing our members with power and maintaining our system. Lead times have increased across the board on most items, some worse than others. Prior to 2021, we relied on just-in-time manufacturing and vendor stock for material availability; this is no longer the case. We have had to adjust our purchasing and inventory management process to off-set the extended lead times, some of which are over 56 weeks.

Was inventory on-hand for 2022 construction projects used for storm damage repair?

Yes. In one specific instance, we had 3.5 miles of three-phase overhead line go down by Elbow Lake. We strategically chose to replace that line with underground cable we had on hand for a different project later this year. Unfortunately, the cable used for the storm damage is unavailable, causing us to adjust our work plan and push the original project into 2023.

Has it been a challenge to replenish our inventory? Will it affect projects planned for 2022?

Each year, REA plans to have enough inventory onhand to cover our adjusted work plan, plus reasonable storm and maintenance stock. Having three major storms hit our system over a short time frame has depleted much of our inventory. We have worked diligently with several vendors and manufacturers to replenish most of our stock. Specialty items, along with transformers, regulators, wire, and sockets, remain the biggest struggle for REA and the industry as a whole. Given the extent of the storm damage in such a concentrated time frame, we have had to adjust our work plan accordingly, primarily due to the fact we cannot get specific materials replenished in a timely manner.

You are probably wondering how we plan to pay for the +\$800,000 in additional expenses due to the storms. We are hopeful FEMA funding will help cover some of the expenses, but we know the margin and equity of the co-op will be negatively impacted. We will learn more in the coming months the effect this will have on our rates for the coming year.

REA Board of Director Meeting Highlights - June 2022

- » Reviewed the Financial Report for May 2022. Significant storms impacted financials for May and will also affect June. Energy sales were under budget, but we gained on the gross margin, with our coincident peak demand (billed on our power bill) close to half of what we budgeted. The GRE coincident peak was during the May 30th storm while transmission outages had de-energized REA substations. Our YTD margin is close to budget. We have an increase in the gross margin and an increase in operating expenses, particularly related to storm recovery.
- » CEO Haman reviewed the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program observation summary highlighting areas where REA excelled and where improvement is needed.
- » Reviewed the Midwest Farm Energy Conference held in June.
- » The August Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 30 at 9 a.m.

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

Names are listed alphabetical by LAST name. If you know the current address to anyone listed below please call 800-473-1722 or email rea@runestoneelectric.com. A complete list is also available at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

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Update your phone number by calling the office at 320-762-1121 or send us an email at rea@runestoneelectric.com.

Electric Vehicles 101

Alexandria Community Education Class in August



Date:

August 16, 2022
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Location:

REA Office Main Parking Lot

Cost: \$12

**Class size is limited,
so register today!**

Register by visiting the Alexandria
Community Education website at
www.alexschools.org.

Seeing more Electric Vehicles (EVs) on the road and in the news? You will learn how to separate fact from myth when it comes to owning an EV. Learn about what current and future EV's are available and how to calculate ownership and fuel saving compared to your current vehicle. Common questions like, public charging, cold weather driving, maintenance, and battery technology will be covered in the class. Come and see some of the current EVs in person!

Learn more about Electric Vehicles!

What is an EV?

An EV is short for Electric Vehicle. When we talk about EVs we are talking about plug-in battery storage electric vehicles.

EVs are becoming more popular everyday due to innovative technology, lower sticker prices and longer driving range. Learn more about EVs using the websites below:

Visit REA's Electric Vehicle page at:
www.runestoneelectric.com/energy-wise-programs/electric-vehicles/

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EV Rates

Controlled: Electric Vehicle
Charging Rate*: 4.69¢/kWh
Uncontrolled: General
Service Rate

EV Rebates

\$250 Rebate for qualifying
uncontrolled EV chargers
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controlled EV chargers

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- » Be sure to have a corded phone or a charged cell phone in the house, because cordless phones won't work when the power is out.
- » Program the number above into your cell phone for easy access.
- » Never assume we know you are without power. Always call to report an outage.

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