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A couple of items to close out 2015

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Troy Vagle, co-owner of Two River Game Preserve near Lancaster, Minn., stands inside his co-elephant pen holding a pheasant. Story on pages 6-7.

Charles Riesen
Manager
PKM Electric Cooperative

I have a couple (2) items to talk about as we pull the covers on another year and neither one brings me any pleasure. I would rather focus on the item that will affect all member-owners of PKM. Beginning Feb. 1, your electric rates will increase 7.6 percent. The energy rate will go from $0.116/kWh to $0.126/kWh. You may recall 2014 was a record year for margins when we posted $1.1 million in nonoperating margins. There was considerable discussion concerning a deferral of revenue, which will affect all member-owners of PKM.

The times were few when you called and he wasn't scheduled. I recall a recent storm when we called in extra help and Bob, because of familiarity with the system, would take a visiting crew and work a section of line. Afterwards, Linemen 20-30 years his junior would come up to me and say, “$50k & that guy can work.” Bob always did what was asked of him and then did more. A company couldn't ask more of an employee. Though a bit younger, I’ve been with Bob throughout his days at PKM. When he was clearing out his accumulation of 35 years he found pictures of a tall and slim fellow with boundless energy and a penchant for doing things fast. Over the years he discovered working smarter would serve us all better. Now he leaves PKM still tall, more mature and with a gate that belies 35 years working on the line. He can be proud of his accomplishment, and it has been my good fortune to have known a man many of us would do well to emulate. As Bob himself would say, “To everything there is a season.”

If the power goes out, notify PKM Electric of the outage. Have an emergency kit prepared to help you and your family weather the storm and the outage safely and comfortably. Some of the items this kit should include are bottled water, nonperishable food, flashlights, a weather radio and extra batteries.

If you are using an alternative heating source during an outage, know how to use it safely and have all supplies for it gathered. To help you and your family stay warm during an outage, dress warmly, cover windows at night, close off unneeded rooms and place draft blocks at the bottom of doors. To protect your circuits and appliances when power is restored, switch off lights and unplug appliances. Leave one light switched on as a quick reminder that the power is restored.

Winter Storm Warnings
Call for stormy conditions to begin within the next 24 hours. Those in the range of the warning should be mindful of the impending conditions and consider canceling plans to travel outside of the home.

Blizzard Warnings
Advise those in the affected areas to seek refuge immediately due to high winds and resulting near zero visibility to those traveling on the road.

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If travel is necessary, be especially cautious driving, and keep an emergency kit in your vehicle. Its supplies should include a windshield scraper, a first aid kit, a cell phone charging adaptor, booster cables, a blanket and a flashlight with extra batteries.

Never drive over a downed line because that could pull down the pole and other equipment, causing additional hazards. If you see a downed line, do not get out of your car. The safest place is inside the vehicle. Contact the utility immediately. For more information on electrical safety and weathering winter storms, visit SafeElectricity.org.
PKM Electric Cooperative's electric heating rebate program will expire to keep you and your family safe:

- A generator fired by gasoline or diesel fuel should not be attached to a circuit breaker, fuse or outlet. The improper use of a standby generator can lead to injury or death. When using a generator, SafeElectricity.org urges you to follow these tips to keep you and your family safe:
  - Read and follow all manufacturer operating instructions to properly ground the generator. Be sure you understand them before starting it up.
  - Standby generators should have a transfer safety switch installed by a professional. Portable generators should never be plugged directly into a home outlet or electrical system – use an extension cord to plug appliances into an outlet on the generator.
  - Never operate a generator in a confined area, such as a garage. Generators produce gases, including deadly carbon monoxide. They cannot form puddles or drain under it. Always ensure that your hands are dry before touching the generator.
  - When you refuel the generator, make sure the engine is cool to prevent a fire, should the tank overflow.
  - There should be nothing plugged into the generator when you turn it on. This prevents a surge from damaging your generator and appliances.
  - Be sure to keep children and pets away from the generator, which could burn them.
  - For more safety information on the use of portable and standby generators and safely after a storm, go to SafeElectricity.org.

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Time is running out for PKM’s electric heating rebate program!

PKM Electric Cooperative’s electric heating rebate program will expire MAY 31, 2016. All equipment must be installed before that date.

- Receive $20/kW rebate for the installation of a qualifying electric heating system that is on off-peak.
- Air-source heat pump incentive is $100/ton – heating mode must be controlled on off-peak.
- Ground-source heat pump incentive is $200/ton – heating mode must be controlled on off-peak.
- Equipment must be new and off-peak systems must have a qualified backup.
- Homeowner will receive a rebate check after a visit from a PKM Electric technician.

Maximum incentive per off-peak meter is $600.

Homeowners adding new off-peak heating systems qualify for these rebates.

Contact our Energy Services Department for details at 218-745-4711 or 800-552-7366.
All is quiet and peaceful on Troy Vagle’s land near Lancaster, Minn., until you hear a furious flapping of wings. Suddenly a brown figure hurtles toward the sky, gaining speed before darting toward a patch of prairie grass within its spacious pen.

Vagle’s dog, Hawkeye, anxiously scans back and forth, yet he doesn’t budge from the point position.

This is the scene before a big pheasant hunt at Two River Game Preserve. Troy Vagle and co-owner Mike Vagle run the business, which specializes in private hunts, from a cabin and 350 acres of land about 10 miles from the U.S.-Canadian border.

Troy Vagle started the preserve in 2013 as an alternative to the long trips out to South Dakota, a popular spot for pheasant hunting.

“I went out there (South Dakota) with a couple guys and had a good time,” Vagle said. “I’d always think, ‘Why can’t someone in our area do something like this? There has to be more people who want to do this other than me.”

Vagle was right. Individual hunters and large groups of all different skill levels have found their way out to the site, often on single-day trips. Because it is a state-certified game preserve, there is no need for hunting licenses and there is no limit on the number of birds you can take.

While farmers in the region spend the fall season rushing to get their crops out of the field, Vagle is out capturing and planting birds all around his land. Originally he raised the pheasants himself, but now he purchases mature birds from a grower in Pelican Rapids, Minn.

At least 1,000 pheasants are released onto the land each season. Both roosters and hens are held in a large enclosed pen bordered with retired utility poles from PKM Electric Cooperative, which provides electricity to the site.

Vagle charges $20 per bird to hunt on the preserve, a price that includes the use of his dogs and cleaning the birds. If a group does not get all of the birds they purchased, other hunters, who call beforehand, are allowed to come in and “scratch hunt” for $10 per each remaining bird.

Despite being an avid hunter, 2015 was the first year Vagle pulled the trigger on one of his own birds. Most days, he’s content just watching the dogs zigzag through an open field.

“The dogs are a big reason why I do this,” Vagle said. “It is so much fun watching them work. It’s like they can talk to each other.”

Vagle has three German shorthair pointers. In addition to Hawkeye, who has been with the preserve since its start, he also added pups Ammo and Hunter in 2014. Vagle does not charge for the use of his dogs, but keeps a tip jar for them.

“When people see our dogs work they say, ‘I’ve got to have one of these,’” Vagle said. “So now we’re seeing people come out with their dogs to train.”

For Vagle, who works as utility manager for the City of Hallock, the preserve is less about money and more about his love of the outdoors. And it’s hard to beat the camaraderie each group brings to the field.

“We have yet to have someone come out and be in a bad mood,” Vagle said.

To learn more about Two River Game Preserve, visit their website, www.tworivergamepreserve.com, or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/tworivergamepreserve.

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Minnkota Power Cooperative and the associated systems will sponsor continuing education classes for area electricians and builders in 2016. This marks the 28th year of the successful program, which is aimed at providing area trade allies with the latest information in building and electrical practices and an opportunity to obtain code credits for license renewal.

The electrical workshops will be held Jan. 18 and Jan. 19 at the Cambria Hotel & Suites in West Fargo, N.D. The training then moves to the Alerus Center in Grand Forks Jan. 26 and Jan. 27. The workshops continue with classes Feb. 3 at the Eagles Club in Bemidji, Minn., and Feb. 4 at the Bigwood Event Center in Fergus Falls, Minn.

The residential builder workshops are Jan. 27 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, Feb. 3 at Hampton Inn & Suites in Bemidji, Feb. 4 at the Bigwood Event Center in Fergus Falls and Feb. 5 at Cass County Electric Cooperative in Fargo, N.D.

Registration fee is $75 for eight code credits. Taking the class on multiple days will not qualify for 16 code credits.

Online registration is preferred through www.minnkota.com. Registration should be completed by Jan. 13.

For more information about the program, contact Sue Black, Minnkota communications/member services specialist, at (701) 795-4292 or email questions to sblack@minnkota.com.
Unclaimed capital credits

This is a listing of members or former members who have unclaimed capital credit checks. If you know their current mailing address, please contact us at infopkm@minnkota.com, or by calling toll-free 800.552.7366 or 218.745.4711.

Adair, Jacqueline, Moorhead, Minn.
AE&G Partnership, Stillwater, Minn.
AETNA Insurance, Hartford, Conn.
Anderson, Dale A., Montevideo, Minn.
Anderson, Paul, Grand Forks, N.D.
Andreen, Greg, Grafton, N.D.
Armitage, David, Moorhead, Minn.
Back, Rose, Arlington, Wash.
Bagaas, Arlene, Kennedy, Minn.
Barwick, John, Hazen, N.D.
Becklund, Mavis, Drayton, N.D.
Bilben, Mike, New Effington, S.D.
Bogestad & Son Farms, Inc., Donaldson, Minn.
Bolek, Wayne, Grand Forks, N.D.
Boman, Ardella, Warren, Minn.
Borowicz, Dorothy, Stephen, Minn.
Brantl, James, St. Thomas, N.D.
Brenner, Ed, Minot, N.D.
Bushaw, Joseph, Townsend, Mont.
Cactus Lanes, Warren, Minn.
Cannon Town Hall, Lancaster, Minn.
Carlson, Hazel H., Warren, Minn.
Carlson, Viola, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Carlson, Wayne, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Carlson, Wayne W., Tucson, Ariz.
Christianson, Audrey, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Christianson, Darlyne, Moorhead, Minn.
Clark, Brad, Fargo, N.D.
Clipperton, Jeff, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Coffield, John, Lancaster, Minn.
Cole, Scott, Poyntez, Wis.
Commercial Mortgage Co., Omaha, Nebr.
Coulter, Jerome, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Crummy, Paul, Warren, Minn.
Dagen, Dave, White Bear Lake, Minn.
Dahl, Conrad, Lake Bronson, Minn.
Dahl, Robert N., Kennedy, Minn.
Davis, Clifford, Halma, Minn.
Deitz, Duane, Grand Forks, N.D.
Dockey, Harriet, Hallock, Minn.
Dreher, Lavern, St. Paul, Minn.
Drisko, Irene, Cold Spring, Minn.
Ege, David, Grand Forks, N.D.
Eiteljorge, Mary J., Grand Forks, N.D.
Ekholm, Alton V., Austin, Minn.
Elden, Jon, Grand Forks, N.D.
Elden, Wayne E., Chandler, Ariz.
Enge, Roger Y., Grand Forks, N.D.
Enokson, Edith M., Mount Pleasant, Tenn.
Farrell, John, Hallock, Minn.
Fincher, Robert, Grand Forks, N.D.
Fjeld, Agnes E., Grand Forks, N.D.
Flaggen, Donovan, Grand Forks, N.D.
Forslund, Laurie, Warren, Minn.
Fredrickson, Ann M., Stephen, Minn.
Gaber, Adam C., East Grand Forks, Minn.
Gerszewski, William, Argyle, Minn.
Glad, Connie, Lancaster, Minn.
Gowan, James Jr., Queen Creek, Ariz.
Grandstrand, Darin, Fargo, N.D.
Gratzeck, Theresa, Argyle, Minn.
GTE Telephone Operations, Irving, Tex.
Hamberg, Nan, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Hanson, Dorothy, Donaldson, Minn.
Hermann, Thomas, Alvarado, Minn.
Hess, George, Warren, Minn.
HI 75 Theatre, Fulton, Tex.
Hoff, O. H., East Grand Forks, Minn.
Holte, Ronnie, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Holy, Donald, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Hosmead, basil, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Hunt, Allison, Hallock, Minn.
Hunter Farms, Neche, N.D.
Hviidt, Howard, Hillsboro, N.D.
J.J. Properties, Mahtomedi, Minn.
Jacobi Farms, Grand Forks, N.D.
Jacobson, Irene, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Jans, Joyce, Lancaster, Minn.
Jerome, Ella, Hallock, Minn.
Johnson, Elmer H., Hallock, Minn.
Johnson, Monica, Kennedy, Minn.
Johnson, Rick L., East Grand Forks, Minn.
Johnson, Ronald L., Kennedy, Minn.
K & G Farms Inc., Donaldson, Minn.
KAMAR, Hallock, Minn.
Kasprowicz, Jeanette, Greenbush, Minn.
Kjallgren, Mattie, Lancaster, Minn.
Kostrewski, Gary, Minn.
Kozel, Tom, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Kujava, Christopher, Cold Spring, Minn.
Lambert, Ralph, Emily, Minn.
Larson, Mark C., Stephen, Minn.
Larson, Norval L., East Grand Forks, Fla.
Lazy J.M. Ranch, Lake Bronson, Minn.
Lindstrom, Harold, Minneapolis, Minn.
Lizakowski, Jory, Mora, Minn.
Lund, Orval, Lancaster, Minn.
Lundberg, Lori, Grand Forks, N.D.
Magsam, Dennis G., Elucid, Minn.
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Olson, Roy, Lancaster, Minn.
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Ostlund Chemical Co., Fargo, N.D.
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Peterson, Daniel, Grand Forks, N.D.
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Pietruszewski, Alan, Grand Forks, N.D.
Pilpil, Diamond, Grand Forks, N.D.
Pokrzywinski, East Grand Forks, N.D.
Potrament, Christine, Garretson, S.D.
Pready, John, Lancaster, Minn.
Pribys Steel Mfg., Grand Forks, N.D.
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Pulkabek, Harvey, Angus, Minn.
Pyle, Jere M., Bethel, Alaska
Quade, Ervin F., Hallock, Minn.
Quailey, Darrel, Pequot Lakes, Minn.
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Rasmussen, Alfred, Long Beach, Calif.
Red River Farms, Queen Creek, Ariz.
Richards, Greg, Crookston, Minn.
Rodriguez, Nick, Adams, N.D.
Roeulf, Kyle, Glyndon, Minn.
Rosette, Dale, Hodgenville, Ky.
Rude, Steven, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Rue, Kenneth H., Fargo, N.D.
Ryan, David M., Hallock, Minn.
Rynning, Kristi, Kennedy, Minn.
Rynning, Lorraine A., Kennedy, Minn.
Sandberg, Margaret, Kennedy, Minn.
Sanner, Floyd, North Las Vegas, Nev.
Santos, Al, Alvarado, Minn.
Sather, Mike L., Grand Forks, N.D.
Sattizahn, Jim, Roseau, Minn.
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Sedlacek, Caroline, Omaha, Nebr.
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Westerberg, Glenn, Lancaster, Minn.
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**October 1, 2015—May 31, 2016**

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- Households may apply only once during our program year (October 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016).
- Both homeowners and renters may be eligible.
- Home visits are available for homebound applicants, upon request.
- Households requesting assistance in completing the application are encouraged to phone our office to set up an appointment.
- Households who received assistance under last year’s program automatically received a new application form in the mail in September 2015.
- You are responsible for your heating and electric bills until you hear from NWCA.

The Energy Assistance Program is funded by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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**KPM Electric’s office will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, for New Year’s Day.**

**TEN YEAR AWARD**
Mike Beadtry
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**TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AWARD**
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Jeff Folland

**THIRTY YEAR AWARD**
Rick Bye

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**WILD RICE SOUP**

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 ½ pt. half & half
- 2 cans Cream of Chicken soup
- 4 potatoes and/or 4 carrots (cut up)
- ¼ lb. bacon
- 10 dr. phenom (cut into pieces)
- 4 oz. fresh mushrooms (sliced)
- 1 tsp. onion (chopped)
- 2 cups rice
- milk
- salt & pepper to taste

**DIRECTIONS:**
Rinse wild rice well. Boil in water until tender. May add chicken bouillon if desired. Boil potatoes and/or carrots in water until tender. While rice is cooking, fry the bacon and set aside. Break bacon in small pieces. Fry the phenom, crumbled with seasoning salt, in light oil and set aside pieces. Sauté mushrooms and onion in the mixture. Add half & half and soup in large kettle. Bring to boil. Add all other ingredients. Add milk to obtain desired consistency. Add salt & pepper to taste.

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**LET SAFETY LIGHT THE WAY**

When it comes to outdoor holiday decorating, some of us create a spectacle, others a simple tribute to the season. No matter what the size of the project, electrical safety is critical. Protect yourself, your family and your home this season by following these outdoor decorating tips:

- Use lights, cords, animated displays and decorations that are rated for outdoor use, and plug them into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold.
- Inspect each set of lights, old or new, for damage. Return or throw out any set with cracked or broken sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical cords. Use plastic or insulated hooks to hang lights, and do not attach cords to utility poles.
- Never decorate near overhead power lines. Look up before raising a ladder or other equipment. Stay at least 10 feet away from utility lines. Look up and live.
- Avoid decorating outside on windy or wet days. Choose to decorate in favorable weather conditions and during daylight hours.
- Always unplug the lights before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Use LED light strings. The bulbs are durable and don’t heat up. They use about 90 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs to produce the same amount of light.

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**WINTER VISIT**

- 4 potatoes and/or 4 carrots (cut up)
- 1½ lb. pheasant (cut into pieces)
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The assistant manager presented the 2015-2016 budget, which included a 5% increase in staff salaries for 2015-2016. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting recessed to regular order.

The president returned the meeting to regular order.

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PKM Electric

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Marathon

Hot water and savings for life!

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Save money and energy in 2016

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<td>$4/bulb</td>
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<td>65W or greater equivalent incandescent. ENERGY STAR recommended.</td>
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<td>LED Fixture</td>
<td>Complete fixture or replacement kit. ENERGY STAR recommended.</td>
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<td>LED Outdoor Fixture Wattage of &lt;40 Watts. Dusk to dawn operation required.</td>
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<td>Clothes Washer</td>
<td>Must be ENERGY STAR approved.</td>
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<td>Refrigerator or Freezer</td>
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<td>Electric Water Heater</td>
<td>Minimum 80-gallon total capacity, EF ≥0.91. Must be controlled under the utility's load management program.</td>
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<td>Programmable Thermostat</td>
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<td>Tune-Up for Central AC</td>
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<td>Must modulate to allow ENERGY STAR-rated Air-Source Heat Pump to operate down to 5º F and be on load control.</td>
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Energy-efficient rebates for members remain in effect for 2016 although some changes have been made. Please see the chart for a sample of residential incentives.

All incentives, criteria and guidelines for resident and business members can be found at [www.pkmcoop.com](http://www.pkmcoop.com) or by calling 218-745-4711

All criteria are listed on the rebate form.