



Nobles Cooperative
Electric

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Every day is an EV day at NCE

Many of us have witnessed or heard stories when electricity was brought to our area over 80 years ago. Back then, Nobles Cooperative Electric (NCE) educated people on the importance and convenience of electric brooders, electric appliances and electric powered coolers. The cooperative feels the same responsibility they did back then. Electricity makes our lives easier! Now advances in the electric vehicle industry make electric vehicles (EVs) cheaper to run, cheaper to maintain and better for the environment. Every Day is an EV Day at NCE because we offer test drives (8-11-12) daily on a Tesla Model 3.

NCE decided to purchase a Tesla because of its appeal and we wanted you to experience an EV first hand. We researched EVs and also took time to test drive hybrids and other EVs before deciding on our Tesla purchase. Teslas are fun to drive with quick acceleration. They have great driving characteristics and a quiet comfort, along with a unique style and design features. We felt a Tesla would help us move the needle with people, by creating excitement locally.

NCE will be supporting EV outreach efforts by offering Tesla test drives during regular business hours.

Anyone 21 years old or older can call to schedule a time. That's why at Nobles Cooperative Electric—Every Day is an EV Day!

By adding a Tesla Model 3 to our fleet, we expect our 25 employees and seven directors to also spend time behind the wheel, while two to three employees will be trainers helping prospective EV drivers learn more about EVs, range anxiety, cost, charging and more. You will also see us zipping around our service territory in the Tesla and at various community events throughout the area. Be sure to stop by, visit with us and schedule your test drive!

Interesting EV facts:

- EVs cost 3 cents per mile vs. 15 cents per mile for a standard car
- EVs have <20 moving parts vs. >2,000 moving parts for a standard car
- EVs have lower maintenance costs
- Most EVs range from 120 to 300 plus miles that will satisfy most daily driving needs
- There are 9,797 electric plug-in vehicles in Minnesota and 1,645 in our wholesale power supplier's service territory (Great River Energy)
- Since April 2019, there were 1.2 million plug-in electric cars in the U.S.

Energy saving tip

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov

Mark your calendar

June 16 Happy Father's Day!

June 25 Electric bills due

July 4 Happy 4th of July!

Our office will be closed. Linemen will be on call for outages.



Win a credit on your bill for finding your location number

Find your location number (as it appears on your monthly electric bill) in this issue and you will receive a \$10 credit. Last month Vernon Suedkamp found his location number.



Manager's Message



Tiny donations make huge impacts with ORU



Join us at these summer events



We are excited to welcome Gary and Connor to NCE



**A word from your
General Manager
Adam Tromblay**



**Director
Gary Clarke**



**Apprentice Lineman
Connor Nelsen**

Stay back and stay safe

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, USA Today lists line repairers and (4-35-18) installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. That's why for NCE, safety is the number one priority. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews' safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our members. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance – and your help!

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team's safety. Distractions can have deadly consequences. If a line-

At the annual meeting on May 7, Gary Clarke was elected as the District 3 Director.

Gary has been a member of NCE since 1996. He and his wife, Aimee, live in rural Fulda. They are the parents of Logan and Olivia.

He was born and raised on a dairy farm outside of Fulda and has lived in the Fulda area for 43 years.

Gary graduated from Fulda High School in 1991 and has an Associate of Arts degree from Worthington Community College. Clarke is a member of the Fulda Fire Department and serves as treasurer.

He is self-employed and the owner of C & C Flooring and Installation.

Clarke has always had an interest in how the cooperative operates and appreciates the opportunity to work with members to help address their concerns and questions.

NCE would like to introduce the newest member of our employee team. Connor Nelsen began his employment at the cooperative as an apprentice lineman on May 1.

Connor is a graduate of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Jackson. Before joining the cooperative, Connor worked for Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association.

In his spare time, Connor likes to hunt, fish and golf.

He will go through four years of training, which consists of nine steps per year. Apprentices, like Connor, move up the steps based on tests of their knowledge and their skill in line work. This process gives linemen hands on experience in the field while they work alongside experienced journeymen to prepare to work safely on their own.

worker is on or near your property during a power outage or for routine (516-50-001) maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews—and you.

Slow down and move over

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approach-

ing a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us.

June Auto Pay Winner: Felipe Ortega

Take a minute to sign up for Auto Pay and you may win a \$25 credit on your electric bill. A winner is chosen each month. Members who are already saving time and money with Auto Pay will be automatically entered in our monthly contest.



Tiny donations make huge impacts locally

Operation Round Up distributed \$13,045 in May

The generosity of NCE members continues to have an amazing effect on local communities. (506-38-070) Even more astounding is the fact that tiny donations, an average of only 50 cents a month, are making these huge impacts. That's over \$346,000 since the program began in 2001!

Over 70 percent of NCE members allow the cooperative to round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar. Every penny goes to those in need.

Here is the latest round of donations including \$650 scholarship winners:
 Parker Freeburg - Walnut Grove
 Paige VanDyke - Luverne
 Teagan Peschges - Avoca
 Tucker Madison - Adrian
 Trevor Mente - Adrian
 Carl Dykstra - Bigelow
 Samuel Cheadle - Fulda
 Sydney Knips - Lismore

Organizations Awarded	Amount
Brewster Senior Dining	\$1,000
Cultural Awareness Organization	610
Fulda Swimming Pool	430
Murray County Central Kindergarten (1)	485
Murray County Central Kindergarten (2)	290
Murray County Central Schools	1,785
Nobles County Historical Society	610
Nobles County Sheriff's Office (DARE)	525
Rushmore Fire Department	3,300
Sillerud Lutheran Quilters and Friends	330
St. Gabriel Quilters	330
Walnut Grove Fire Department	2,350
Worthington Work Camp	1,000

THANK YOU



Thank you to our members who participate in the Operation Round Up program. Your small change has made a difference in the community.

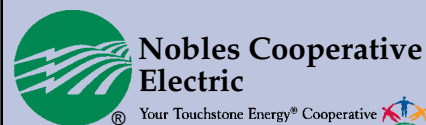
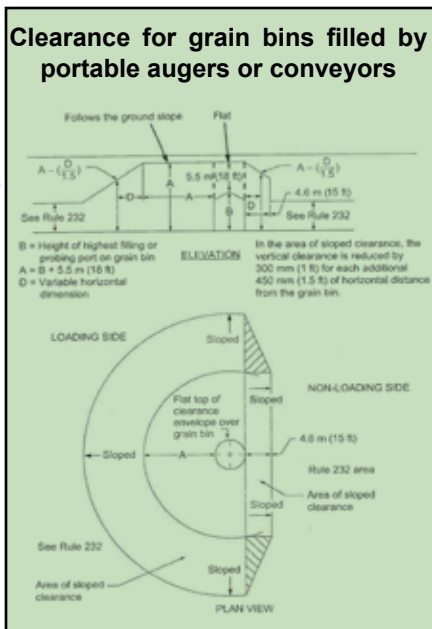
Watch for us this summer in your community

June 14 Town & Country Days Lake Wilson	June 15 Wood Duck Parade Fulda	June 16 Woody's 1st Annual Car Show, Fulda	June 22 Family Fun Days Parade Ellsworth	June 29 Hub City Motor Show Slayton
July 19 Adrian Ribs & Rims Kiddie Pedal Pull	August 7 Car Show Leota	August 17 Prairie Days Parade Slayton	August 17 NCE Rib Cook-Off Slayton	Sept. 14 King Turkey Day Parade, Worthington

Plan ahead for proper grain bin clearance

Farmers who are planning to install a new grain bin can save time by including NCE in their planning process. The cooperative will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins. Placing grain bins in the proper location is extremely important. Adequate clearance with power lines can reduce the risk of an accident occurring. The National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) specifies the line clearance required for grain bins and electrical needs.

NCE (38-7-35) urges you to contact Brian prior to construction or remodeling. In order for us to be cost-effective and meet your needs on time, we need as much advance notice as possible.



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Next Board Meeting

July 23, 2019

This cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Country Cupboard Breakfast Casserole

Harriet Kooiman
Leota

10 slices bread, crust removed	4 eggs
3/4 lb. grated Cheddar cheese	3 c. milk
2 lbs. sausage, fried, drained and cool	1/4 tsp. dry mustard
1 can mushrooms, drained	1 can Golden mushroom soup

Place the first 4 ingredients in a 9 x 13" pan. Beat the eggs, 2 1/2 cups milk and mustard; pour over the above ingredients. Place in refrigerator overnight. Take out of refrigerator; bring to room temperature. Mix the soup and 1/2 cup milk; pour over the casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Let set 10 minutes before serving.

Send your favorite **coffee cake** recipe to Nobles Cooperative Electric, ATTN: Tracey, P.O. Box 788, Worthington, MN 56187-0788. Entries must include your name, address, telephone number and NCE location number. All entries must be received by June 25. The winning recipe will be featured in the next edition of *Current Matters* and the winner will receive a **\$10 credit** on their electric bill.

