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## GREAT PICNIC WITH FRIENDS 2022 Member Appreciation Days

It was back to the good ol' days August 10–12, with many members and their families enjoying our in-person Member Appreciation Days picnic. The event kicked off in Jump River, continued to Hayward, and finished up in Ladysmith. There were many happy faces as members enjoyed the picnic lunch of hotdogs, brats, beans, chips, and of course, the famous soft-serve ice cream. Cup or cone, it does not matter, it's delicious and a great way to end the meal...or some even found it the best way to start their meal.

There was a guessing game and lots of coloring and activity pages for the kids to enjoy while their parents enjoyed catching up with neighbors and friends. The three winners of the candy guessing game were Alex P. (age 11) from Stanley with a guess of 110, Samantha D. (age 10) from Couderay with a guess of 115, and Kayelyn U. (age 5) from Tony with a guess of 100.

Families were able to enjoy an old-fashioned game of cornhole (bean bag toss). Members were given an opportunity to win a camping or stadium chair and a JREC water bottle. Winners were Elsie Ertl of Westboro, Barb Laakson of Hayward, and Sharon Sanderson of Bruce.

We'd like to thank those members who came and enjoyed the picnic. A special thank you also goes out to Judy Srp and Rusk County Dairy Promoters along with Mike Robers and Sawyer County Farm Bureau for making a donation towards the purchase of milk and ice cream.





# YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

## Paves the Way for Tomorrow's Leaders

It was great to have the Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) back in person this year, providing for a more impactful conference. This conference is known to provide students with many practical tools that will help them practice being a positive leader in their homes, schools, and communities.

Jump River Electric Cooperative (JREC) sponsored three high school students to the YLC at UW-Stout this past July. These three students are pictured above right (left to right): MyKalah McCoy and Hannah Boiteau, both of Lake Holcombe High School, and Katarina Cavanaugh of Ladysmith High School.

Hannah was also sponsored by JREC last year to attend the first-ever virtual YLC. During that conference she was



elected by her peers to represent them on the 2021–2022 Youth Board. Part of her responsibility as a board member was to help plan this year's YLC.

This conference was once again packed full of workshops and activities that helped students from across Wisconsin strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills while learning the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative business. Motivational speaker Craig Hillier helped students break out of their comfort zone, overcome personal challenges, and recognize the unique talent each student brings to the table. A career fair provided students with the opportunity to speak with representatives from various organizations about potential cooperative careers. The youth also watched a safety presentation that focused on the dangers of texting and driving and what to do if you are in an accident and come into contact with power lines or equipment.

YLC has been held each summer since 1963. You may have attended this conference yourself or know someone who has. If you are interested in finding out how your student can attend next year's YLC or the Youth Tour (see sidebar), please contact our office at 715-532-5524.

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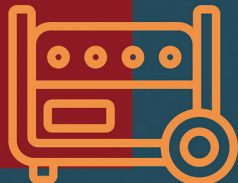
## 2022 YOUTH TOUR

Hannah Boiteau was one of nine young adults who were selected to represent Wisconsin on the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this past June. While in D.C., she met with congressional members, learned about the workings of government, and toured many landmarks, historic sites, and museums. Hannah was one of 1,239 students from 28 states who attended this year's event.

Here's what Hannah had to say about being part of JREC's youth program: "When asked to describe the experiences I've had as a member of YLC and the Washington, D.C. trip I can tell you that there are absolutely no words that can define the atmosphere, the people, and most importantly the life lessons. I've truly met amazing people, people that I will remember and strive to be like for years to come. I've learned many things. Some of these being what true leadership looks like, how to have successful interactions with my peers, as well as what exactly it means to be sympathetic to others' emotions and feelings. Most importantly I grew to understand cooperatives and their importance on a level that I thought wasn't possible. Again, thank you for the amazing experiences. I am grateful for them all."



# What to do before using a PORTABLE GENERATOR



## Prepare

Install battery operated carbon monoxide (CO) alarms throughout your home; ensure they are working properly.

## Position

Place a portable generator at least 20 feet from windows and doors; do not use one in a garage or carport.



## Read

Carefully review and then follow all manufacturer's instructions.

## Protect

If it is wet outside, keep it dry by placing it on a tarp. Position it under a portable canopy (not a carport).



## Refuel Safely

Turn off your portable generator and let it cool down before refueling.

## Inspect and Maintain

Inspect a portable generator before each use and make sure it is properly maintained.



Using a portable generator can be useful during an outage; however, use one correctly to prevent CO poisoning and to stay safe.

# MY POWER JUST WENT OUT

## What should I do?

If your power goes out, please follow these steps before reporting your outage:

1. Check your electric meter to see if it is relaying a bunch of numbers. If it is, the power is on to your meter and the problem is most likely on your end and you'll want to try Step 2 next.
2. Check your main circuit breaker below the meter and then the breakers or fuse box in your home/cabin. These breakers will need to be reset. To do this they need to be turned fully off and then back on. If this doesn't restore the power, you may need to call an electrician.
3. If you've determined that power is out and it is not on your end, please check with your neighbors to see if they have power. This gives the line crews an idea of the extent of the outage and helps expedite power restoration. If you are experiencing an outage, never assume that someone else has called it in. There are times when the outage may be isolated and only involve your service.

Please provide your name, address, and account number when reporting an outage. You can report an outage any time, day or night. However, **DO NOT** report your outage by emailing us or messaging us on Facebook as neither are monitored outside of office hours. Instead, use one of the following options:

- Call 715-532-5524 (Ladysmith) or 715-634-4575 (Hayward) Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Call our call center at 866-273-5111 after-hours, on weekends, or on a holiday.
- Report your outage using the SmartHub app. You can also view a current outage map at SmartHub or at [jrec.com](http://jrec.com).

When an outage call comes in, it is impossible to know exactly what caused the outage and how long the power will be out until the line crew is onsite and able to determine what has caused the outage. You can help speed restoration of service by relaying any information you may have regarding the outage, such as a tree on the line, broken pole, or maybe you heard a loud pop.

**After-Hours Tip:** Check your next bill statement to be sure the phone number listed is your primary phone number. If not, please call 715-532-5524 to update your account. This will help our after-hour call center assist you more efficiently. Also, save these phone numbers to your cell phone and post them on your refrigerator so all persons at your home/cabin have fast and easy access to these numbers.



## SEPTEMBER 12 DEADLINE FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Have you taken an outstanding scenic photo or a great snapshot of everyday life in northern Wisconsin lately? If so, please consider submitting your photo(s) to our latest contest. You may see your photo in a future issue of this magazine, the co-op calendar, the website, or other marketing platforms. Photos must be taken within the JREC service territory and by an active member.



Go to [jrec.com/photo\\_contest](http://jrec.com/photo_contest) for contest guidelines and consent form. Please email your digital images (three photos only) to [dzimmer@jrec.com](mailto:dzimmer@jrec.com) by September 12.

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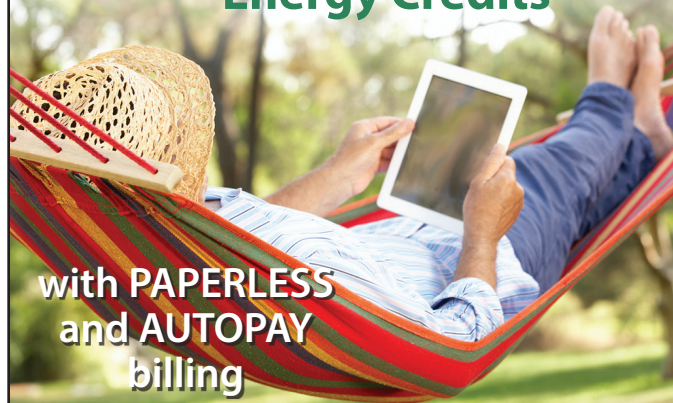
### Farm Safety & Health Week, Sept 18-24.

Fall harvest is the most likely time of year for farm-related accidents and fatalities. Be aware of your surroundings.

**Look up and look out for power lines.**

Learn more at [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

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**Tip:** Have your most recent bill handy to help answer any questions you may be asked in the setup process.

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September 5 for Labor Day.