

POWER LINE

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Redwood Electric Cooperative

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Area 4th graders attend field day at U of M SWROC



Over 600 4th graders from 12 different schools recently traveled to the University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center near Lamberton for a day of fun and learning.

The students from Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Red Rock Central, Windom, Mt. Lake Public, Jefferson Elementary from New Ulm, Lakeview from Cottonwood, Reede Gray and St. John's Lutheran from Redwood Falls, Springfield Public, Tracy, and St. Anne's and Wabasso Public enjoyed a day full of learning about farm and electrical safety, static electricity, composting, plant growth, food supply, animal tracks and scat, and exotic animals.

Organizations that helped provide meals, prepare and present this successful event for our area youth are Redwood Electric Cooperative, South Central Electric, Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Cottonwood County USDA Farm Service Agency, East River Electric, Cottonwood County 4-H, The Zoo Man. FFA students from Red Rock Central, Windom, and Redwood Falls high school also helped lead farm safety lessons.

Pictured is Jim Haler, from South Central Electric presenting on Electric Safety.



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Household Size	Gross 3 Month Income
1	\$7,643
2	\$9,994
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4	\$14,698
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7	\$19,842
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9	\$20,724
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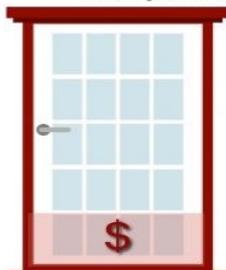
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BUTTON UP

your home for winter



Reduce up to **1/5** of your heating bill by repairing drafts and sealing leaks around your home



research collected from the U.S. Department of Energy

- Caulk and **add weather stripping** to doors and windows that leak air.
- **Clean your furnace** and replace your furnace filter.
- **Use foam sealant on larger gaps** around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out.
- Make sure your **insulation is up to a foot** or foot and half deep in your attic or crawl space.
- Consider a **home energy audit** to find air leaks in your home.

Use a Generator Safely

If used improperly, a portable generator could kill or injure an electric lineworker or someone else.

Portable or permanently installed standby generators can come in handy during long-term power outages. However, if you do not know how to use them properly, they can be dangerous. Contact a qualified vendor or electrician to help you determine what generator is best suited to your needs. Before using, read and follow manufacturer's instructions.

If you are installing a permanent generator, it must have a transfer switch. The transfer switch prevents energy from leaving your generator and going back onto the utility electrical equipment, when it could be dangerous to a lineman or others near downed power lines, a process known as "back feed." A qualified electrician should install your generator and transfer switch.

Safe Electricity has the following tips to use portable generators safely:

- Operate it outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation. Never run a generator in a home or garage. Generators give off deadly carbon monoxide.
 - Do not plug a generator into the wall to avoid back feed. Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect appliances to the outlets on the generator.
 - Turn the generator on before plugging appliances to it. Once the generator is running, turn your appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit. Remember, generators are for temporary usage; prioritize your needs.
 - Generators pose electrical risks, especially when operated in wet conditions. Use a generator only when necessary when the weather creates wet or moist conditions. Protect the generator by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot form puddles or drain under it. Always ensure your hands are dry before touching the generator.
 - Be sure the generator is turned off and cool before fueling it.
 - Keep children and pets away from portable generators. Many generator components are hot enough to burn you during operation.
- Safe Electricity suggests these safety guidelines and basic operating instructions be posted in the home and with the generator.





Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can (15 ounces) PURE PIMPKIN
- 1 can (12 ounces) Evaporated milk
- 1 unbaked 9-inch (4 cup volume) deep dish pie shell



Directions:

- Mix sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves in small bowl. Beat eggs in large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk.
- Pour into pie shell.
- Bake in preheated 425° F oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350° F; bake for 40 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

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