

MVEC to host Twins youth baseball clinic

Grab your mitt and get ready to learn America's pastime this summer at Minnesota Valley Electric's youth baseball clinic. In collaboration with the Minnesota Twins and energy supplier Great River Energy, MVEC is excited to host a youth baseball clinic Sunday, Aug. 6 in Jordan.

The clinic, which is a part of the Twins Community Fund and Play Ball! Minnesota, features former players and coaches, teaching the basics of the game. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of skill-building exercises, including hitting, throwing, fielding and base running. This is the 63rd year the Twins have offered the clinic, which has had more than 800,000 youth participants since 1961.

Open to all kids ages 6-12, clinicians will provide all necessary equipment for the two-hour clinic. Participants are asked to bring their own gloves, though there will be extras in case they don't have a mitt. The baseball clinic will



provide participants with invaluable insights into the game, helping them improve their skills and deepen their understanding of fundamentals.

Registration Required

Although the clinic is free of charge, all participants **must register online in advance**. This ensures each child has a completed waiver and helps us get an accurate count for the number of participants. Those interested can register at www.playballmn.com

or scan the QR code located in the map. Registrants **do not** need to be an MVEC member in order to participate.

Parents and family are encouraged to stay and play with their children alongside the Twins clinicians. The clinic starts at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6 at the Jordan High School Field.

While MVEC is hosting this clinic, there are several others in the co-op's service area throughout the summer, including one hosted by Tri-City United Community Ed. From 2 – 4 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at Montgomery Middle Schools Fields.



Twins **FREE!**
YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC!

SUNDAY, AUG. 6 / JORDAN, MN

OPEN TO EVERYONE, AGES 6-12!

FIELD:

Jordan High School Field
201 Hope Avenue

HOST:

Minnesota Valley
Electric Cooperative

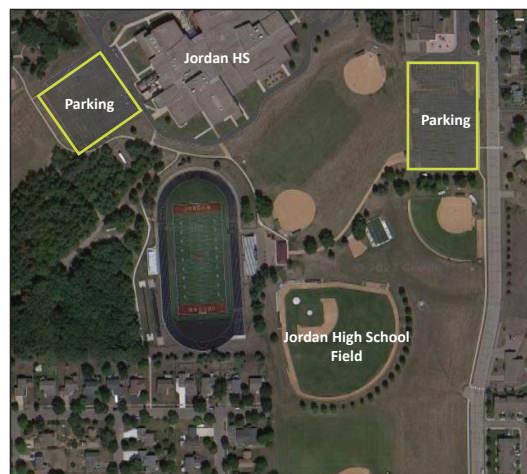
TIME:

1:00 – 3:00 PM

REGISTER:

PLAYBALLMN.COM

Use QR code
for easy
registration.



Additional resources and board
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Using your co-op resources wisely

CEO Update from Marvin Denzer

In a world where lead times have grown longer and prices for everything have gone up, like you, your cooperative looks for ways to be creative in saving resources and money.

With purchase and delivery on new digger utility trucks for our line crews taking nearly two years, I challenged our excellent mechanics team to a new project this winter: repairing the floor and bed on an otherwise healthy digger derrick. Truck No. 275 is a 2014 Freightliner M2 Digger. It's low on miles, the engine runs well and mechanically, it works great.

But as our lead mechanic Matt Dolejs put it, Minnesota winters got the best of 275. Rust was wearing through the steel bed, which needed to be replaced and repurposed with a new one and welded back together.

So, Matt, along with his associate Nate got to work on this as a side project over the winter. With some help from Mid-County in Jordan – who helped fabricate the replacement steel frame - the MVEC mechanic duo disassembled the old bed, prepped the truck and welded on the new

flooring. After several months of work and a fresh coat of paint, I'm happy to report it was a success on all fronts.

The decision to restore the truck was a no-brainer for the co-op. For one, lead times on new digger trucks currently stands at approximately 18 months – and that's if we can get a reserved slot. Additionally, it would cost MVEC close to \$350,000 to purchase a new one.

Overall, Truck 275 came in around \$15,000 to restore and close to two months to finish as a side project for Matt and Nate, who were still committed to their daily tasks in the mechanics' shop. I'm proud of the hard work and dedication that our team put into this project.

In the end, not only did this save the co-op a substantial amount of money, it also



MVEC mechanics Nate Heinz and Matt Dolejs, along with CEO Marvin Denzer, stand next to Truck 275. The 2014 M2 Digger truck was restored by MVEC's mechanics over the winter.

gave a new lease on life for the truck in a sustainable, environmentally-friendly way. By choosing to restore instead of replace, we were able to reduce our carbon footprint and prevent unnecessary waste. 275 is currently in use by our crews in the field. And even if it's eventually replaced by a newer digger, the truck gives the co-op a reliable spare when others are down or in warranty work.

After seeing the project through, I would like to extend a big thank you to Nate and Matt. It's through your hard work and dedication that we were able to achieve this goal, and I'm excited to see what other sustainable initiatives we can take on as a co-op in the future.



Before and after photos of the bed MVEC's mechanics replaced on a 2014 digger truck. The co-op recently decided to restore the otherwise healthy truck rather than replace it with a new one.



Power outage preparedness

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Despite best efforts 24/7/365 to keep the electric system maintained, unexpected outages can and do happen.

Trees and wind are major causes for outages during severe weather. MVEC works year-round on a regular tree trimming schedule to remove trees, branches and other types of vegetation that could come in contact with power lines. Major storms can damage substations and power lines, as well as the transmission equipment that powers us. When this happens, our first priority is to safely restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest amount of time.

Be aware of storm-related electrical hazards

IN YOUR HOME:

- **Have flashlights** and extra batteries easily available in a predetermined location.
- **Have on hand** bottled water, non-perishable food that doesn't require cooking and snacks. Don't forget your pets.
- **Keep your cell phone charged.**
- **Where possible, disconnect appliances** and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- **Never step into a flooded basement** or area where water is covering electrical outlets, appliances or cords. Never touch electrical appliances or wires while wet or standing in water.

OUTDOORS:

- **If you see one of our crews** working, maintain a safe distance so they can focus on their work. If you pass them on the road, shift over a lane and slow down.

- **Stay away** from downed power lines and be alert that tree limbs or debris may hide hazards.
- **Treat all downed or hanging lines** as if they are energized. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live. Inform MVEC immediately.
- **Do not touch** downed power lines and objects or puddles of water in contact with those lines. There is no way to know if they are energized.
- **If you are driving** and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle. Never drive over a downed line, as it could pull down poles and other items along its path.
- **Before entering** storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off. Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call MVEC to shut off power at the meter.

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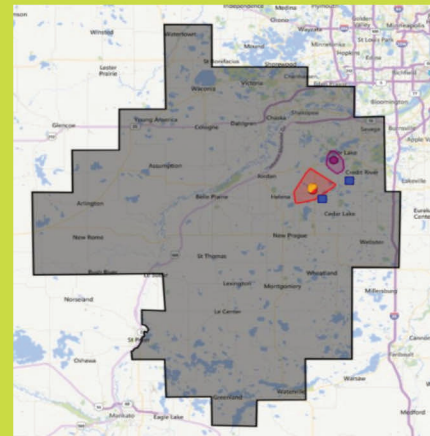
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OUTAGES & SAFETY

When a power outage affects 500 members or more, alerts appear at www.mvec.net.

Our online map keeps you updated on outage location and size as they occur.

Click on a location for more info.



Safety information, updates and videos for all seasons and reasons are available 24/7 at www.mvec.net

Grab your phone! Two ways to report a power outage:

1 Call - MVEC's 24/7 Dispatch at **952.492.8255 or 800.232.2328**

MVEC has 24/7 dispatch, so there is always a live person available to assist you. During times of high call volume, you might reach our automated system, but there's always the option to speak with someone.

The phone number you use when you call in an outage works with our member database to quickly identify your location. If the phone number you use to call is different than the number MVEC has listed for your address, it is not populating our outage map correctly, and it may take longer to locate your outage.



2 Text - OUT or STATUS to **855-963-3830**

You can now report an outage and receive restoration updates by text. All you need to do is use the phone number that is matched to your SmartHub account, your free account management tool.



Make sure your phone is registered in SmartHub!

Go to www.mvec.net/smarthub and sign up for your free account. PDF and video directions are available to help you through the process.

You can update your phone numbers with an online form at www.mvec.net, SmartHub or the automated phone line at 952.492.8333 or 1.866.492.8333

Congratulations to our \$1,000 scholarship winners!

MVEC has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 15 area students. An additional \$1,000 scholarship was funded by our wholesale power provider, Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Five winners from each of the co-op's three voting districts were randomly selected from a

total of 169 entries received.

MVEC's scholarships are funded with unclaimed Capital Credits — money that otherwise would be given to the state of Minnesota.

In addition to MVEC and Basin's senior scholarships, MVEC also announced its 2023

Youth Tour winner earlier this spring. Prior Lake junior Brandon Busch was this year's selected participant. Busch joins high school students from across the country for an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. in June.

Below are the 2023 recipients, their high schools and intended colleges.



Andrew Siegle
Belle Plaine HS
University of St. Thomas



Avery Schroeder
Prior Lake HS
Gonzaga University



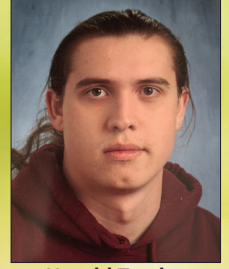
Emma McDaniel
Chanhassen HS
University of Kentucky



Estella Schoenfelder
Lakeville South
South Dakota State University



Hannah Vandergon
Chaska HS
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire



Harold Traxler
Sibley East HS
Iowa State University



Jordan Weiers
Tri-City United
University of Wisconsin, Madison



Lexy Kakacek
Chanhassen HS
University of Minnesota, TC



Maria LoPresto
Prior Lake HS
University of St. Thomas



Noah Danuser
Jordan HS
University of Minnesota, Duluth



Olivia Rohr
Jordan HS
Winona State or U of W, La Crosse



Ryan Glynn
Prior Lake HS
Winona State University



Sydney Pearson
Prior Lake HS
North Dakota State University



Ty Sebesta
New Prague HS
University of Minnesota, Duluth



Basin Electric Award
Samantha Solheid
New Prague HS



Youth Tour Rep.
Brandon Busch
Prior Lake HS

Congrats to the class of 2023!

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Annual Summer Rate Notice

Starting in June and ending in September, MVEC's standard residential rates are 12.5/kWh for the first 2,000 kWh of usage. MVEC has a rate adjustment in the summer due to higher wholesale power costs. Our region has a high energy demand due to air conditioning, compared to heating demand in the winter months.

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