

Join us at Co-op Month get-togethers

One of the things I value most about our cooperative is the chance to connect directly with you, our member-owners. This October, in honor of National Co-op Month, I invite you to join us at one (or more) of our upcoming community meetings and be part of the conversation.

We hosted three successful meetings last year, and they were a true highlight for me — an opportunity to meet you face-to-face, answer your questions, and share what's happening at your cooperative.

This year's meetings will take place at:

- **Elko-New Market Library** — 6–7 p.m. date
- **Laketown Elementary School** — 6–7 p.m. date
- **Le Center American Legion** — 6–7 p.m. date

Please attend whichever meeting fits best in your schedule.

We'll have a panel of team members ready to share insights on power restoration, Capital Credit distribution, renewable energy programs, and our classic money-saving Energy Wise® programs.

I'll kick off each evening with a few thoughts about what makes MVEC different. As a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, we're here to serve you, not to generate profits for shareholders.

CEO Update from Marvin Denzer



Every dollar you pay is reinvested into maintaining and improving our system, and any excess margins are returned to you as Capital Credits.

After our introductions and a few ice-breaker questions, we'll open the floor to you. We want to hear your ideas, answer your questions, and learn how we can better serve you.

I hope to see you at one of our get-togethers in October. It's your cooperative, and your voice matters. This is just another way MVEC strives to **Deliver More** for our members and our communities.

Cooperatively yours,
Marvin

Attending a meeting? Fill out a quick RSVP at www.mvec.net/events so we can plan refreshments

Connect with us at these upcoming events

**Saturday
Sept. 6**

**Military
Appreciation**
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sutton Ridge Farm
1500 West 200th
Street, Jordan

**Saturday
Oct. ?**

Day at the Patch
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Barten's Pumpkins
5716 W 280th St,
New Prague

**Tuesday
Oct. ?**

Community Meeting
6-7 p.m.

**Elko-New Market
Library**
110 J. Roberts Way,
Elko New Market

**Thursday
Oct. ?**

Community Meeting
6-7 p.m.

Laketown Elementary
960 Airport Rd,
Waconia

**Tuesday
Oct. ?**

Community Meeting
6-7 p.m.

**Le Center
American Legion**
97 S. Park Ave,
Le Center

Additional resources and board
meeting highlights available 24/7 at
www.mvec.net



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MINNESOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Go cordless and get money back!

Take advantage of new outdoor equipment rebates

Whether you're sprucing up your yard or running a home-based lawn or snow removal service, you may be eligible for a new way to save.

MVEC members can now cash in on expanded rebates for cordless outdoor electric equipment.

"It's a great time to upgrade and enjoy a quieter, cleaner yard-care season," said Mike Rohr, energy sales specialist. "Plus, get a little cash back."

Eligible Equipment:

- Cordless electric tools (listed at right)
- Lawn mowers purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2025
- All other equipment purchased on or after July 1, 2025
- Electric snow shovels are not eligible

Learn more and claim your rebate at www.mvec.net/rebates-3/

 RESIDENTIAL REBATES	 HOME-BASED* BUSINESS REBATES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Push Lawn Mower - \$75 • Electric Riding Lawn Mower - \$200 • Electric Push Snow Blower - \$100 • Electric Trimmer - \$30 • Electric Edger - \$30 • Electric Cultivator - \$30 • Electric Chainsaw - \$30 • Electric Leaf Blower - \$30 • \$25 rebates also available for qualifying Energy Star appliances: washing machines, freezers, refrigerators and dishwashers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Push Lawn Mower - \$300 • Electric Riding Lawn Mower - \$800 • Electric Push Snow Blower - \$100 • Electric Trimmer - \$120 • Electric Edger - \$120 • Electric Cultivator - \$120 • Electric Chainsaw - \$120 • Electric Leaf Blower - \$120 <p><i>*Must be a commercial model used by a qualified home business</i></p>



Win an electric lawn mower!

To kick off our new rebate category, we're giving away an EGO Power+ 800 series Self-Propelled Lawn Mower Includes 56V Battery and charger.

\$700 value

Enter by Friday, Sept. 19, 2025
www.mvec.net/contests

Why go electric?

- No direct emissions
- Quieter operation
- Lower operating costs
- Push button start
- Lighter weight
- Low maintenance
- One battery works with many other tools of the same brand

Notice of Cogeneration

In compliance with Minnesota Rules relating to Cogeneration and Small Power Production, Chapter 7835, MVEC is required to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers that satisfy the conditions of a qualifying facility. MVEC has available and will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements. An interconnection application is required and subject to approval by the cooperative for a qualifying facility to interconnect and operate in parallel with the cooperative's distribution system. Any disputes over interconnection, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. For more information, contact Kyle Neal at DGInfo@mvec.net.





Third year in a row MVEC hosts Twins Play Ball! event

The skies on July 12 cleared just in time for an afternoon of sunshine, smiles, and baseball when MVEC and event sponsor Great River Energy hosted our third annual Twins Play Ball! Youth Clinic in Jordan.

The free clinic welcomed dozens of young ball players for hands-on instruction in hitting, throwing, and fielding, led by Twins-trained clinicians and supported by enthusiastic MVEC staff, including CEO Marvin Denzer.

Part of the Minnesota Twins Community Fund's 65-year Play Ball! program, the event reflects a strong commitment to youth development and giving back to Minnesota communities. Special thanks to the Minnesota Twins, Great River Energy, and Jordan Community Education and Recreation for making this annual event possible.



Over 40 young ballplayers participated in last month's Minnesota Twins' Play Ball clinic in Jordan to enhance their hitting, throwing, and catching skills.

Meet our Team: the friendly faces behind the power



As a Distribution Engineer, Kyle plays a vital role in strengthening MVEC's electric system – while helping to lead our transition to a more sustainable energy future.

In addition to designing and improving the distribution network, Kyle works on integrating

Distributed Energy Resources like solar, battery storage, and other green technologies. His work ensures that as our members adopt renewable options, the grid remains reliable, flexible, and ready for tomorrow.

By balancing innovation with system integrity, Kyle helps MVEC deliver dependable service while supporting cleaner energy choices for our communities.





MVEC crews prepare for the unexpected

Annual rescue training reinforces Safety First mindset

"This is training we hope we never have to use," said MVEC Safety Director Chad Briese. "But we need to be ready because the safety of our crews and Team Members is always our top priority."

To stay prepared, MVEC line workers recently completed annual pole-top and bucket rescue training — hands-on drills to practice critical, life-saving skills. Crews scaled poles the traditional way with hooks and belts, vital for rescues where bucket trucks can't reach.



At right, lineman apprentice Conner VanWinkle wears traditional hooks and belt to climb a power pole to rescue a "colleague" in distress. Above, Conner and fellow apprentice Nick Sticha attend to the rescued dummy on the ground.

With support from the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), linemen from apprentices to foremen also reviewed bucket rescue techniques and safety protocols. The day wrapped up with an excavator challenge, where team members tested their machine-handling skills in friendly competition.

"We might not climb as much as we used to, but it's important to keep those skills sharp, especially for the young pups. You want it to become muscle memory."

— Lee Hoese

30-year MVEC lineman



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