

August 2026



# Electric Eye

Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

MVEC team members Conner, Nick, Chad, Jeremy and Mike participated in the Minnesota Rural Electric Association Burn Center Golf Benefit in Becker, a tournament that's raised more than \$600,000 for linemen patient care, family support and Minnesota burn centers.

## A Front-Row Seat to Democracy

From the halls of Congress to the steps of historic monuments, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour gives high school students a rare behind-the-scenes look at America's government in action.

This year, MVEC sponsored Le Sueur's Nora Doerr to attend the largest Youth Tour in program history. Nora joined 34 fellow Minnesota delegates and more than 2,100 students representing 650 electric cooperatives from 44 states.

During the weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., students learn about the cooperative difference, connect with peers and gain firsthand insight into government and public service.



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*I had so much fun on this trip. The history and behind-the-scenes stories from Washington D.C. were really cool. But what I wasn't expecting was to get so close with everyone. I already miss them and can't wait to see some of them again.*

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- Nora Doerr

Check out our website for a full look at Nora's Youth Tour experience.

[www.mvec.net/news/youthtour\\_nora/](http://www.mvec.net/news/youthtour_nora/)

## Beat the Heat and Save on Cooling Costs

The dog days of summer are here, and after a hot July, air conditioners across Minnesota have been working overtime. If you're looking for an easy way to manage energy use and save money, a Wi-Fi thermostat may be the answer.

MVEC's Energy Wise Wi-Fi Thermostat Program rewards members for reducing electric demand during the hottest days of the year. Enjoy the convenience of controlling your thermostat from your smartphone, lower energy costs and support a reliable electric grid for everyone.

**Join this program and receive a \$50 bill credit and a 10% discount on summer cooling costs from June - September each year.**



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**Wi-Fi Thermostat program**

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## YOU'RE INVITED

### Energy Forum 2026: Empowering Member-Owners Through Education

Learn about reliability, affordability, and innovative money-saving solutions from energy leaders and cooperative experts. Hear Minnesota political analyst Blois Olson moderate a discussion with legislators on energy policy. Seats are limited. RSVP today!



**Thursday, Sept. 10, Mystic Lake Center, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

*See complete details at [www.mvec.net/mvec-energy-forum-2026/](https://www.mvec.net/mvec-energy-forum-2026/)*

## CEO UPDATE

## Understanding Your Summer Electric Bill

We just experienced one of the hottest months of the year. As temperatures climb, electric bills often rise too. We want to help you understand why and provide a few tips to help you manage your energy costs.

Your bill reflects several factors, starting with how much energy you use. Electricity is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh), and increased cooling needs can quickly raise your energy usage.

The cost of power generation and delivery affect your electric bill, too. MVEC purchases wholesale power from Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Great River Energy, then delivers it to you, our member-owners. Your bill includes two components: generation (wholesale power) and delivery (MVEC's local distribution costs).

To maintain grid reliability and help manage wholesale power costs, MVEC encourages voluntary energy conservation during peak demand periods, usually between the hours of 4 to 9 p.m. Using load management tools like MVEC's Energy Wise programs, adjusting your thermostat when you're away, or avoiding major appliance use during the hottest part of the day can make a real difference.

**By reducing energy use when demand is highest, members help MVEC lower costs and keep rates affordable. In 2025 alone, Energy Wise programs saved the cooperative and member-owners more than \$10 million in wholesale power costs.**

At MVEC, we're committed to keeping your service reliable and affordable. If you have questions or want energy saving tips, we are here to help. Please visit [mvec.net](https://mvec.net) or call our Member Service Representatives at 952-492-2313.

Cooperatively yours,  
Marvin

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