

Photo: Rod Schlieman, February Calendar Photo Contest Winner

# NEWSLETTER

February 2025

## New Headquarters Facility Update *By Jenny Stryhn, General Manager*

As we welcome February, it's hard to believe that the first month of 2025 has already passed. Time is flying, and with it, exciting progress is being made on our new headquarters facility.

Last fall, the cooperative proudly broke ground on a new facility just west of our current location, and I'm pleased to report that construction is progressing smoothly. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, we are right on track, both in terms of schedule and budget.

Significant milestones have already been achieved. The exterior walls and roofing are complete, and the building is now fully enclosed. Inside, the work is well underway. Our contractors are busy with the plumbing, electrical systems, and flooring, all of which are progressing as planned. We look forward to seeing these final touches come together in the months ahead.

As we look ahead to the summer of 2025, we're excited about what's next. Plans are in place for us to move into the new facility this summer. In addition, the cooperative will be hosting an auction, and the existing facility will be removed to make way for grading, parking, and future developments.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support throughout this process. Stay tuned for further updates, and thank you once again for your steadfast dedication to your cooperative. We look forward to celebrating the opening of our new space with all of you!



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If your account number (as it appears on your monthly electric bill) is one of the [four account numbers](#) hidden in this issue, give our office a call by the end of the month and you will receive a \$100 bill credit. If more than one member finds their account number in a single issue, \$100 will be split equally amongst them.

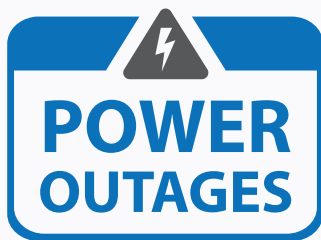
### Congratulations

to Mike Backman for finding his account number in the December newsletter.

### Energy Saving Tip:



If you have a home office, look for opportunities to save energy in your workspace. Use ENERGY STAR®-rated equipment, which consumes up to 50% less energy than standard models. Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life. Another way to save energy in your home office is to use energy efficient lamps for task lighting. Replace any older bulbs with energy-saving LEDs.  
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### Load Control Notifications

Due to our current load control notification system no longer being supported, we are switching to notifications through SmartHub. To manage or receive load control notifications from Agralite Electric Cooperative, you will now need a SmartHub account.

#### How to Set Up Load Control Notifications

Visit [www.agralite.coop](http://www.agralite.coop), click on Pay Bill, and sign in (or create an account). If you haven't previously signed up for any notifications, you will need to take the following two steps:

1. **Add Contacts:** Under the Settings drop down menu, select Contact Methods. Add an email contact and/or a phone contact\*. Follow directions and enter the verification code where appropriate. You can set up as many as you'd like.
2. **Set Up Notifications:** Under the Settings drop down menu, select Manage Notifications. Select Reports, then choose Generators, Irrigation, and/or Residential LM Notice. Click Options and select the contact(s) you wish to receive load control notifications.

You can also download the SmartHub app and follow these steps on your phone or tablet.

Our current load control notification system will no longer be active effective 1/1/25. Please contact our office at 320-843-4150 if you have any questions.

### Join Us For Our 2025 Power Hour Events

Power Hour events provide members with the opportunity to meet their directors and staff, ask questions and mingle with other co-op members in a casual environment. It is a time to hear what is happening at your local electric cooperative including member programs, work plan projects, and the financial health of the cooperative. Coffee and rolls will be provided.

#### Upcoming Power Hour Events



**West-Con**  
520 County Road 9  
Holloway, MN



**Hancock Community Center**  
Atlantic Ave. (Next to APMC)  
Hancock, MN

Our 2025 Power Hour events are open to all co-op members. You are welcome to attend either event, even if it does not align with your district or area. 1012503 Visit our website or call us at 320-843-4150 if you have any questions regarding these events. We look forward to seeing you there!