

FREE POPE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

LABOR DAY MORNING



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Join Pope County Farm Bureau for a **FREE BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2024**
At Anderson Farms, 44338 County Rd 19, Belgrade

Breakfast: 8-11AM

Activities: 8AM to 12PM

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SERVING BREAKFAST 8AM-11AM
MENU INCLUDES EGGBAKE, STEAK, PORK LOIN & YOGURT PARFAITS!
ACTIVITIES 8AM-12PM

Highlighting Pigs

Join us at
Multi-Generational

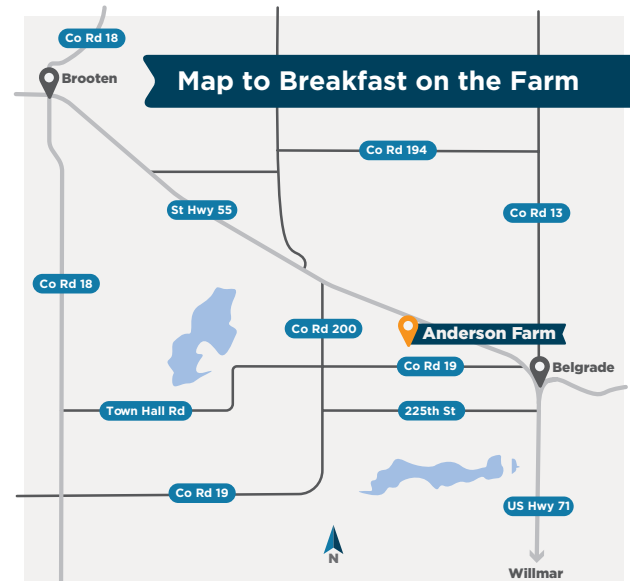


- Irrigation
- Crop Trials
- Kidney Beans
- Sugar Beets
- Biosecurity

PLUS!!!

- Education Stations
- Bale Obstacle
- Cattle Trailer
- Sand Pile
- Face Painting
- Authors
- **and more!!**

44338 County Rd 19, Belgrade, MN



Pope County Farm Bureau would like to invite you to their 6th annual Breakfast on the Farm!

What a great opportunity for a family outing!

Located between Brooten and Belgrade MN, the Anderson Family is excited to showcase their multi generational farm to the community highlighting sugar beets, kidney beans, and hogs.

Breakfast will be served from 8 - 11 am (or until the food runs out), and activities will last until noon!

Activities include a hay ride, demonstrations, tours, educational booths, animals, play area and more!

We hope to see you there!



Al Haman
CEO

A Note from the CEO Members to Select District 3 Director

Something was missing at the June REA Board Meeting. That something was someone—Audrey Hjelle. It was our first meeting without Audrey, who attended the May 30th meeting via phone before passing away on June 13. We will miss her!

With Audrey’s announcement that she would retire from the Board as of June 1st, we sought to fill the vacancy by promoting the open seat in the June issue of Newsline. We received three applications from members in District 3 interested in the director position.

As part of the agenda for the REA June Board Meeting, the directors reviewed the director candidate applications. After much discussion, the Board determined the membership would be best served if the process of interviewing and appointing a director was deferred and the members of District 3 selected candidates through the district meeting process in February. The District 3 seat will remain open until candidates are nominated and an election is held as part of the annual meeting in April.

We will have more information on the district meetings, which will be held in February, after the

first of the year. In the meantime, please let me know if you have questions about the process.

Cost-Savings Through Load Control

REA’s Energy Wise Programs have grown significantly over the past 40+ years. Over half of REA’s +15,000 accounts participate in at least one of these programs. The ability to control water heaters, air conditioners, electric space heating, irrigators, and commercial accounts has allowed us to deliver cost-saving programs to our members and provide cost stability for the cooperative.

We are thankful for members who participate in these money-saving programs. Years ago, load control was anticipated on the hottest and coldest days of the year. Today, the wholesale power markets are regional which means load control can be called upon for various reasons, including weather and market conditions outside of Minnesota. We believe the investment we are making together in REA’s Energy Wise programs continues to provide value to our members, and we expect them to grow and adapt as our energy markets change over time.

For more information on REA’s Energy Wise Programs, call our office at 800-473-1722 or visit www.runestoneelectric.com.



Pole Top Rescue Training

Each year, our lineworkers practice lifesaving skills such as pole-top rescue training. Climbing and rigging the lifelike dummy, which weighs 190lbs., and assisting the dummy down the pole, prepares the lineworkers to help one another in an emergency.

REA Board of Director Meeting Highlights - June 2024

- » Reviewed the Financial Report for May 2024. Sales remain behind budget, but the margin is good due to lower expenses to date. We are seeing an increase in net new customer accounts.
- » Energy Management Report - to date, 1,701 demand response units and 808 Aquanta water heater controllers have been installed. Approximately 30% of the change-out program is complete.
- » Deferred appointing a District 3 Director, opting for members of District 3 to nominate candidates at the District Meeting in February.
- » CEO Haman reviewed the process of requesting an increase in director compensation. He then presented the Director Compensation Resolution subject to the approval of the Member Advisory Council. If approved by the Member Advisory Council, the resolution will be submitted to the membership for approval at the 2025 REA Annual Meeting.
- » **The regular August Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

Using a Dehumidifier to Dry Out your Home

With all the rain we've experienced so far this summer, many people are using dehumidifiers to reduce dampness in their homes, particularly if there's been flooding in the basement.

What size should you use?

Dehumidifiers are sized according to how many pints of moisture per hour they will remove from the air. It's also dependent on how much moisture is in the air and the size of the room or home you want to dehumidify. (See the following chart).

What brand is best?

While we don't have brand recommendations, we suggest that you look for a brand that has been Energy Star rated. An Energy Star dehumidifier saves an average of 15% energy due to its efficiency.

How much will it cost to use?

To determine what it will cost you to run your dehumidifier, please follow these tips:

- » Find the appliance's wattage, which is located on the unit. Multiply the wattage by the number of hours it will be used. Then divide that number by 1,000. That is the kilowatt-hour number. Take that number and multiply it by the energy charge to get the estimated cost.

Example: 400 watts X 10 hours per day X 365 days per year ÷ 1,000 = 1460 kWh X 9.69¢ (kWh) = \$141.47 per year, or about an extra \$12 per month. If you run your unit around the clock, this number will more than double.

Make sure your dehumidifier has a built-in humidistat, which measures the humidity in the room or home. When the optimum humidity level has been reached, the unit will cycle on and off to maintain this level. If your unit doesn't have a humidistat, you could be wasting energy by allowing it to run more than needed.

If you have an older unit or one that does not have a humidistat, you can purchase a separate hygrometer and hang it near your dehumidifier to monitor humidity levels and manually control the use of your dehumidifier.

Dehumidifier Sizing Chart

Conditions in your Space	300 sq.ft.	500 sq.ft.	800 sq.ft.	1,200 sq.ft.
Slightly Damp 50-60% Humidity Air feels slightly heavy	20 pint	25-30 pint	35-40 pint	50 pint
Moderately Damp 60-70% Humidity Occasional musty odor	20 pint	25-30 pint	35-40 pint	50 pint
Very Damp 70-80% Humidity Wet spots on walls & floor	25 pint	30 pint	45 pint	55 pint
Wet 80-100% RH Seepage/ some mold	25-30 pint	35-40 pint	45-50 pint	60 pint

Basement, Crawl Space, Whole House Dehumidifier Sizing

Building Conditions	70-80 pints	75-100 pints	100-155 pints
Loosely Sealed	up to 1,800 sq.ft.	up to 2,200 sq.ft.	up to 3,600 sq.ft.
Moderately Sealed	up to 2,200 sq.ft.	up to 2,600 sq.ft.	up to 4,000 sq.ft.
Tightly Sealed	up to 2,600 sq.ft.	up to 3,000 sq.ft.	up to 4,400 sq.ft.

Source: Sylvane.com

Residential Rebates

Heating & Cooling

Quality Installation Program

Air Source Heat Pump

≥ HSPF2 7.5 \$500

≥ HSPF2 8.2 \$800

Air Conditioner

≥14.3 SEER2 \$50

Ductless Air Source Heat Pump

\$200

Air Source Heat Pump Paired with Plenum Heater or Boiler

Efficiency Rebate

\$100

Geothermal Heat Pumps

\$400

Electric Thermal Storage (ETS)

Space Heating & Room Storage Heating

\$50/kw up to \$5,000 or 100kw

Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM)

Many of today's high-efficiency furnaces include an ECM that would qualify for this rebate. (Excludes new construction)

\$25

Smart Thermostat

\$25

Appliances

Must be purchased or recycled after 1/1/2024

Clothes Washer

\$25

Clothes Dryer

\$25

Recycling of a Refrigerator or Freezer

\$50

Dehumidifier

\$25

Electric Vehicle

Qualifying Uncontrolled EV Charger

\$250

Qualifying Controlled EV Charger

\$500

*All rates and rebates are subject to change
Contact REA for more information*

How's your Air Conditioner Holding up? Is it Time to Replace your AC?

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In Case of a Power Outage

- » Please call 800-473-1722 for 24-hour service. Please report any tree branches in lines, twisted wires, broken poles and if your neighbors are also out of power.
- » Be sure to have a corded phone or a charged cell phone in the house, because cordless phones won't work when the power is out.
- » Program the number above into your cell phone for easy access.
- » Never assume we know you are without power. Always call to report an outage.




REA will use reasonable diligence to furnish adequate and dependable electric service, but it cannot and does not guaranty continuous and uninterrupted service.

Sign up to get text messages on control days!

Simply text #loadcontrol to 22300.

Msg and data rates apply.

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 <h3>Air Conditioner</h3>	 <h3>Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)</h3>	 <h3>Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pump</h3>
<p>Absorbs heat inside and expels it from your home, returning the cooled air into the home</p>	<p>Works like an air conditioner in the summer, but creates the reverse process to warm your home in the winter (throughout the home, using ductwork)</p>	<p>Works like an air conditioner in the summer, but creates the reverse process to warm your home in the winter (zones of the home, no ductwork needed)</p>
<p>Only used during the warm months when home cooling is needed</p>	<p>Offers heating and cooling through every season</p>	<p>Offers heating and cooling through every season, can be installed in any room or space</p>
<p>Efficiency differs, but some wall-mounted units only provide spot cooling and air can leak through seals</p>	<p>Highly efficient technology with no fear of air leaks</p>	<p>Highly efficient technology with no fear of air leaks</p>
<p>Cycled AC bill credit available in summer months</p>	<p>Year-round special Off-Peak rates apply</p>	<p>Does not qualify for Off-Peak Program</p>
<p>\$50 REA Rebate</p>	<p>Up to \$800 REA Rebate</p>	<p>\$200 REA Rebate</p>

Additional research and incentive information can be found at www.mnashp.org

BONUS WINTER BENEFIT: Electric ASHP heating is much more efficient and cost effective than fuel heat technology, delivering up to three times more energy than the electricity it uses. Plus, stable electric rates will help you protect yourself from ever-volatile propane and gas prices.

Call REA or visit www.runestoneelectric.com to find the heating and cooling system that works best for your home!

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