

# LOOK UP AND LIVE!

Be aware of your surroundings this harvest season. This little reminder could save you time, money, and even **your life!**

*REA wishes area farmers a safe and successful Harvest!*

# NEWSLINE

September 2024

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## In Celebration of Co-op Month!



October 11, 2024 \* 7:30 AM to 4 PM

### Cost: \$20 per person

*Includes tours, tastings, lunch and transportation*

Join REA for a day showcasing some REA businesses and their unique energy needs. From a sweet treat at Country Blossom Farms to wine or beer tasting at Bold North Cellars, there's sure to be something for everyone!

### Sign Up Today!

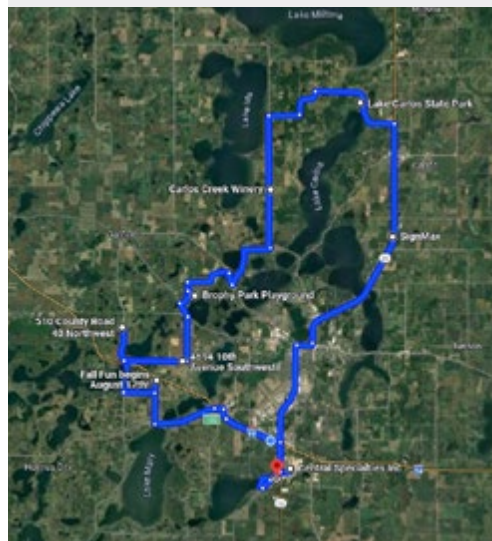
Spots are limited, there is a max capacity of 40 participants.

To sign up, call or email REA:

- 320-762-1121
- rea@runstoneelectric.com

### Tentative Tour Route\*

*\*Tour subject to change*



### Tour Route:

- » Start at REA
- » Short tour of the Central Specialties facility
- » Stop at Country Blossom Farm for treats and tour
- » Tour the Lake Mina Substation
- » Drive By Osprey Nest
- » Visit Bold North Cellars (Carlos Creek Winery) for a production tour, wine/beer tasting, and lunch
- » Visit Lake Carlos State Park
- » Tour Signmax
- » Arrive back at REA

*Available exclusively to the members of Runestone Electric Association*



**Al Haman**  
CEO

## A Note from the CEO Advisory Council Learns About EVs

REA's position on electrification broadly is that we are here to educate members on the opportunities for electrification (i.e. air source heat pumps, electric vehicles, solar systems, etc.) and be a resource to discuss the technologies, rates, and

programs available. As an electric cooperative, we are an at-cost business. Our interest is in using the grid efficiently. Electrification presents a promising future, and we are excited to explore it with you.

When the Member Advisory Council met in August, the REA parking lot was transformed into a car dealership. After reviewing important buying considerations and programs offered by REA, the Council members headed outside to explore eleven different electric vehicles (EVs), from an Equinox to a Hummer. One of the Council members added his Tesla to the lineup. A big thank you goes out to Juettner Motors, Diamond Buick and Alexandria Motors for bringing vehicles to the event.

### EVs Impact on REA

I'm often asked about the impact of EVs on our system. Electric vehicles can have a positive impact if they participate in a charging program that avoids peak power periods. However, it's important to note

that they can have a negative impact if they are plugged in for charging during peak times of the day. This underscores the need for members to participate in off-peak charging programs. We take no position on promoting EVs other than highlighting the technology and programs available that manage the cost for the member and help minimize future grid enhancements.

Broad electrification will naturally require upgrades to REA's distribution grid. The investments can be managed by members choosing to participate in rate programs that reduce energy consumption in peak hours. If members choose not to participate in rate programs, additional investments in our distribution system may be necessary, impacting rates. We are encouraged by early data showing that most of the EVs on our system are on a rate program.

Learn more about EVs at [www.runestoneelectric.com/energy-wise-programs/electric-vehicles](http://www.runestoneelectric.com/energy-wise-programs/electric-vehicles) or scan the QR code.



**Scan the QR code  
to use the EV tool**



The REA Member Advisory Council enjoyed a beautiful night in August while checking out electric vehicles (EVs). A big thank you to Juettner Motors, Diamond Buick and Alexandria Motors for providing EVs for the evening.

## REA Board of Director Meeting Highlights - July 2024

- » Reviewed the Financial Report for June 2024. Sales revenue remains lower than budget. The general service rate comprises about 50% of the variance, off-peak rates about 25% and irrigation about 15%. Expenses are also under budget year to date, which is offsetting part of our variance on the gross margin. With the addition of unbudgeted subsidiary dividend and vendor patronage, our total margin is ahead of budget through June.
- » Reviewed the GRE Special Meeting Resolution and voted in favor of the Crow Wing Power Membership Termination.
- » CEO Haman provided the Board with an update on Personal Protection Equipment provided to employees by REA.
- » CEO Haman reviewed the director compensation presentation for the August 1st Member Advisory Council meeting, seeking input from the Board on the presentation. No action will be taken at the August 1st Council meeting. The Council will vote on the compensation resolution in November.
- » **The regular September Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

# Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

Names are listed alphabetical by LAST name. If you know the current address to anyone listed below please call 800-473-1722 or email [rea@runestoneelectric.com](mailto:rea@runestoneelectric.com). A complete list is also available at [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).

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# Let us answer your questions about cold weather shut-off protection

## What is the Cold Weather Rule?

The Cold Weather Rule protects some members from having their electricity shut-off due to non-payment between October 1 and April 30.

## Can my heat be shut off in the winter?

Yes. The Cold Weather Rule allows electricity to be shut off for non-payment. You will only be protected if electricity provides your primary source of heat AND you have done ALL the following things:

- » Your household income meets the state guidelines.
- » You receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce your energy bills from REA.
- » You have a payment arrangement with REA for which you make reasonably timely payments.

## If my electricity has been disconnected, how can I be reconnected?

In order to re-establish power, contact Runestone Electric for the total balance due, which will include additional fees and a deposit.

## Will you disconnect me without my knowledge?

No. You will receive a "Notice of Disconnection." The mailing will contain an income verification form for you to complete and return. There will also be a list of rights and responsibilities for you as well as REA and a list of agencies that may help you. If you receive a Notice of Disconnection, you MUST take the next step and call us. We do attempt to make phone calls if we have correct phone numbers. We will not shut-off electricity on a Friday, a weekend, or the day before a holiday.

## What must I do to receive shut-off protection?

If you are behind in your electricity payments, your first step is to contact Runestone Electric Association.

Please call **(800) 473-1722** or email [rea@runestoneelectric.com](mailto:rea@runestoneelectric.com).

**We don't want to shut off anyone's electricity.** We will work with you to set up a payment arrangement or help you to see if you qualify for shut-off protection. Below is a list of energy assistance providers that can help with your energy bills. It is up to you to contact them for help.

## Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which helps renters and homeowners pay for energy bills and heating system repairs. For example, a family of four could earn up to \$70,552 annually and qualify to receive financial assistance with energy bills.

To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

- » Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>
- » Contact your county EAP service provider. (See list below)

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- » 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.

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## Energy Assistance Providers

### Douglas, Grant, Pope and Stevens Counties:

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(218) 685-4486  
1-800-492-4805

### Otter Tail County:

Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership, Inc.  
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