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**OCTOBER 2019** 

# **October is National Co-op Month**

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason — it's National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Sun River Electric Cooperative celebrate who we are, and more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different than other types of businesses. When the market declines to offer a product or service, or does so at a very high price, co-ops intervene to fill the need.

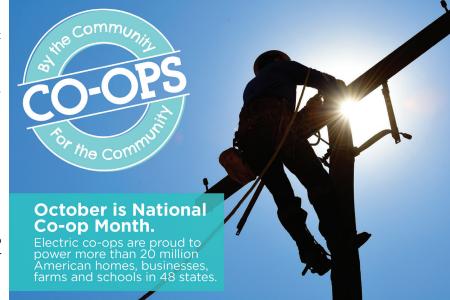
Similar to how Sun River Electric Cooperative was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives are conveners for the common good. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Sun River Electric's leadership team and employees live right here in the

### **Energy Efficiency** Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov



community. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors such as you.

We know our members (that's you!) have a valuable perspective. That's

why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you.

Another feature that sets our co-op apart from a traditional utility is one of our core principles, "Concern for Community." We provide scholarship opportunities, the Today's Members Program and Operation Round-Up. We participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.

Ultimately, the community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower the co-op through your membership and your participation in and support of these programs. 363396

We hope you will think of Sun River Electric Cooperative as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you — because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.



**DON'T FORGET** *Washington, D.C., Youth Tour Essay Contest* 

The plans are underway for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association 2020 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The dates for the tour are June 20-26, 2020.

The topic for this year's essay is: How can electricity be used to save and improve lives, especially in developing nations?

The student must be a junior or free to call Ross senior in high school in the fall of 2020.
The student and/or parent or guard-

#### Swap Column

FOR SALE: 1 Goulds jet pump, 1/2 hp, used, 2 large pressure tanks, all in good condition, \$75 for all. Al Wiseman, 466-2718 or 466-5891. FOR SALE: John Deere tractor, \$1,000; 5-ton floor jack, \$200; 8-ton long-ram jack, \$150; large variety of regular and mechanic tools, Dewalt complete transit set, \$400; 1/2 ton & 3/4 ton cable hoists; tractor & car tire chains obo. Bill Harris, 264-5510. FOR SALE: Oxy-acetylene weld-

ing set, welding & cutting torches, regulators, hose, USA manufactured, brand new, \$150; three-dozen mallard decoys, good condition, \$50. Bill Reiter, 467-3909.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Ford F 250, 2-wheel drive, runs great, 96,000 miles, good tires on front and new tires on the back, \$3,800. Susan Kalanick, 467-2835, leave a message. **FOR SALE:** 767 Jupiter alto sax with

ian must be served by Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC).

• Essay must include a cover page with the student's name, address and telephone number.

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YOUTH TOUR

• Submit the essay to Sun River Electric by November 29, 2019.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Ross at SREC, 467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516.

case, music stand, very good condition. \$550; best offer for sturdy stuff 100+ yrs old: 5'x32" 7-drawer, heavy desk, real wicker and wood large rocker and chair with matching small drawer stand, armless rocker, book sets, old prints and paintings, small easy chair, large dresser mirror, misc. Chris Raschke, 264-5141.

**FOR SALE:** Timberline wood stove, efficient, airtight, clean, good firebrick, excellent condition, used very little, \$350 obo. Jerry Dombrovske, 562-3617.

**FOR SALE:** Powder Mountain portable corral, seven (12-foot by 64-inch) panels & the gate panel. \$425. Brad Berthelson, 278-5877.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric Cooperative at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at kscott@ sunriverelectric.coop by the first of the month.



### REBATES

Remember that SREC has appliance and waterheater rebates. Go to *www.sunriverelectric. coop* for details.



Pay as you go with *prePAY* electricity from SREC. It is easy! Call SREC to get started.

### Hidden Numbers

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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#### **Reminder:**

Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

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