# HIGHLINES

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC

### Take An Active Role in PCEA's Election!

Serve on the nominating committee!

Pella Cooperative Electric Association is looking for members to serve on the nominating committee. The committee serves the membership by seeking members to run for election to the PCEA Board of Directors.

Committee members learn and follow the policies and processes of being a nominating committee member, which are found in the co-op's bylaws. The committee meets at least once between December and the April 8, 2024 Annual Meeting.

If you're interested in serving on the nominating committee or have any questions about the process, don't hesitate to call the Cooperative at 1-800-619-1040.



PCEA's 2024 Nominating Committee



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Open weekdays: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm; excluding holidays



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Pella Cooperative Electric is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative, governed by an elected Board of Directors. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### Honoring Our Own This Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11 is Veterans Day - a day to recognize, honor, and thank our military veterans who have served our great country. PCEA is proud to recognize three of our own employees who wore the uniform and served our country.

- Matt Ainsworth, Lead Lineman, served in the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserves from 2001-2007.
- Lance Freml, Journeyman Lineman, served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2003-2007.
- Brandon Stone, Plant Accountant, served in the U.S. Army from 2006-2014.

Thank you Matt, Lance, and Brandon for serving our country and to all our veterans protecting our freedoms - we honor and thank you this Veterans Day.



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- President John F. Kennedy



Lead Lineman Matt Ainsworth



Journeyman Lineman Lance Freml



Plant Accountant Brandon Stone

### National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation presents at PCEA October Board Meeting.



Kris Dolan, Regional Vice President with National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (NRUCFC), presented the results of the 2023 Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA) report. The KRTA is an annual report that assesses the financial and operational performance of electric cooperatives. The KRTA is a valuable tool used by directors and management to understand PCEA's performance relative to other cooperatives across the country and state. Dolan's analysis showed that despite continued inflationary pressures and regulatory challenges, PCEA remains in a strong financial position. While consumer growth has been tapering within the industry, PCEA continues to see modest growth bringing our overall density to about 5 consumers per mile of line.

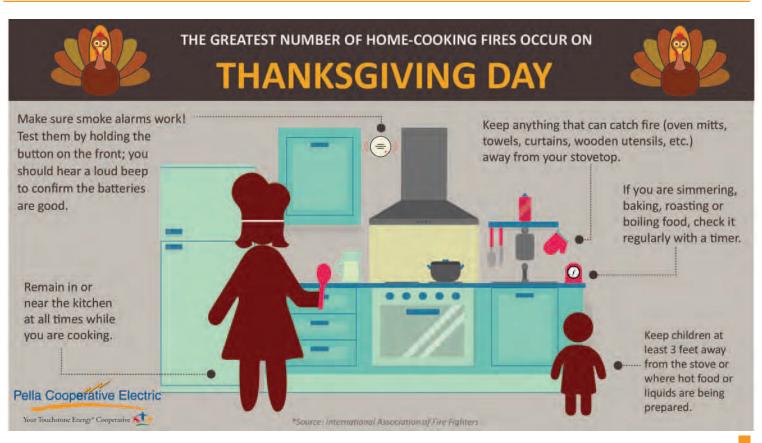
## **Energy Efficiency**Tip of the Month

The holiday season is upon us, and that means we'll be using more energy in the kitchen. When possible, cook with smaller countertop appliances instead of the stovetop or oven. Smaller appliances like slow cookers, air fryers and Instant Pots consume less energy.

When using the oven or stovetop, match the size of the pot to the heating element and place a lid over the pot while cooking. The food will cook faster, and you'll use less energy.

Source: Dept. of Energy





### BE AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY MVP

Do you have what it takes to be the energy efficiency MVP (most valuable player) in your home? When you take proactive steps to save energy at home, you can help your family save on monthly energy bills and help the environment—that's a win-win!

Read the sentences below and unscramble the bolded letters to complete the energy efficiency tips.

Check your work in the answer key.



- 1. Turn off glhsit when you leave a room.
- 2. Unplug smaller electronic devices like phone reahgesr when you're not using them.
- **3.** Reduce your **nesecr** time to save energy and spend more time outdoors.
- 4. Turn off the reatw while brushing your teeth.
- **5.** Keep doors and **swdwnio** closed when your home's heating/cooling system is running.
- **6.** When it's cold, wear an extra layer of **tohgncil** inside instead of adjusting the thermostat.

