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KEM Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

We also aspire to meet the Touchstone Energy® Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

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YOU are the reason KEM Electric is special

By Don Franklund, Co-General Manager and Chief Executive Officer

Every year, there are events and milestones we look forward to celebrating: a birthday, a family vacation, a parade or firework display. As electric cooperatives, we look forward to October, when we celebrate National Cooperative Month and what makes us special.

Do you understand the cooperative difference, and what makes your membership in KEM Electric Cooperative special? A cooperative is owned by the members it serves, so YOU are the reason a cooperative is special. You own us. You govern us, by electing directors to the board of directors who represent your interests.



Those local directors ensure the rates are sufficient to operate with safety and reliability in mind; not to make a profit. The money that is earned after expenses have been paid is returned to our members in the form of capital credits checks. The board of directors, at its discretion, decides whether to allow a general retirement of capital credits for that calendar years.

The people who work for KEM Electric are another reason your cooperative is special. Our 15 employees are dedicated to the communities they serve, and when they're not working you'll often find them volunteering their time with some local organization or activity. Some of our employees volunteer with the local fire and ambulance crews, churches, schools and much more.

There are many more cooperative employees working for you, and KEM Electric. Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative is approaching its 10-year anniversary in 2018, and that's another milestone to celebrate. The alliance is a management and shared services cooperative that is owned by KEM, Mor-Gran-Sou, Roughrider and Slope Electric Cooperatives.

What does that mean for KEM Electric members? Your cooperative has access to 14 additional employees who are specialists in their fields — from engineering and safety to information technology and human resources ... all doing what's best for KEM's members.

YOU are the reason we exist. Electric cooperatives were formed in the spirit of coming together for the greater good. They accepted the challenge and built an electric system in some very rural areas where others would not go — not to make money, but to bring families power on the farm, in the home, at a business — and ultimately improve their quality of lives. We continue with the same goals today.

Electric cooperatives *are* special. This October and every October, and every day in between, let's celebrate the business model that makes this journey possible.

WRITE A WINNING ESSAY
AND WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

JUNE 9-15, 2018



2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

KEM Electric Cooperative is sponsoring a student on the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

From June 9 to 15, students nationwide will spend a week learning about history and American government; visiting with their state's congressional delegation; becoming more knowledgeable about the cooperative business model; and touring museums, national monuments and memorials. They will also develop leadership skills and a national network of peers.

To earn the trip, students must enter an essay-writing contest. To qualify, the student must be a sophomore or junior in high school, and his or her family or guardian must receive electric service from KEM.

The deadline to enter is **Jan. 31, 2018**. For instructions on how to apply, read the October local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine or call KEM at 701-254-4666.

For more information on the tour, visit www.ndyouthtour.com.

Also in the OCTOBER issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Safety is success by purpose
- Members are a valuable resource when it comes to system reliability
- Board meeting minutes & more

FALL BACK!

Daylight saving time ends this year on **Sunday, Nov. 5**. Don't forget to "fall back" one hour on Saturday evening before you go to bed.

You're invited!

KEM Electric Cooperative's Local Co-op Month Celebration

Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Knoephla, kraut, sausage and kuchen will be served in honor of October is National Cooperative Month. We look forward to seeing you at the office in Linton!



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Co-op Month 2017

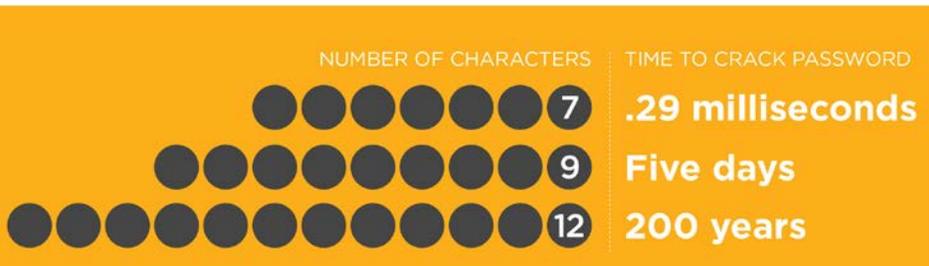


October

is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

How long should your password be?

The length and complexity of a password has a direct impact on how difficult it would be to crack.



Halloween safety tips from KEM Electric Cooperative:

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Decorate costumes with reflective tape, and carry flashlights.