

And just like that summer has flown by; Meeker schools began on Monday, kids are off to college, and the fall sports seasons kicked off. August also means that capital credit checks arrive in the mail this week for WREA members who received service in 2007. This year the Board approved the payout of \$1.1 million dollars in capital credits to the membership. Please call WREA if you have any questions about your capital credits.

It is going to be a fun and busy Meeker weekend with two great community events, the Meeker Mustang Makeover and the Summer Festival. WREA is a proud sponsor of both events and encourages everyone to take time out of their busy schedules to swing by to enjoy. Don't forget the Hope West Pie Auction at Noon on Saturday along with all the other fun games and yummy food and drinks. All the money raised goes to worthy groups.

Good luck to all the Meeker Cowboys that are participating in fall sports including golf, volleyball, cross country, softball, football and rodeo. Also, congratulations to all the RBC 4H participants and those that went on to the State Fair to compete in a variety of activities from archery, to shooting sports, dog obedience and livestock. Thank you to all those who work so hard to make the RBC Fair an exceptional event.

Don't forget it is election time at WREA. WREA mailed election materials in early August and all ballots are due back to WREA no later than Noon on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Two directors will be elected from the Rural District and one director will be elected from the Town of Meeker District. Please call WREA if you have any questions about the election. Election results will be posted on our website (wrea.org), at headquarters at 233 6th Street and on Facebook.

WREA will not hold an in person Annual Meeting, but please mark your calendars for the presentation of the Annual Meeting video on September 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm. The Annual Meeting video will include Board President, General Manager, and financial reports as well a look at our operations crew who represent the heart of our organization. The video will remain on our website throughout the year.

Remember all the great electric power tools you saw at July's Member Appreciation event? Don't forget to utilize WREA's beneficial electrification rebates for your purchase of electric power tools. There are also rebates for electric bikes which are becoming quite popular in Meeker! While the rebates can be used for products bought at any retail/online store, they are particularly great for helping you save money when you shop locally.

Rural electric cooperatives are member driven and community focused. Participation in the election process, utilization of WREA's products and services including rebates, attendance at the Member Appreciation Event, staying current on the business side of things by watching the Annual Meeting video and receipt of capital credit checks are important parts of the electric cooperative experience. WREA's membership is one of the most engaged in the state and we are grateful for all that our members do to stay involved and support our local cooperative.

Enjoy & Good Luck Cowboys!

Thank you!

~ White River Electric Association