



Kilowatt Korner

DECEMBER 2021

And just like that the end of the year is upon us. WREA wishes all its members a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas followed by a festive and prosperous New Year. Thank you to all the sponsors, participants and everyone who came out for a festive Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights which was topped off with a spectacular fireworks show!

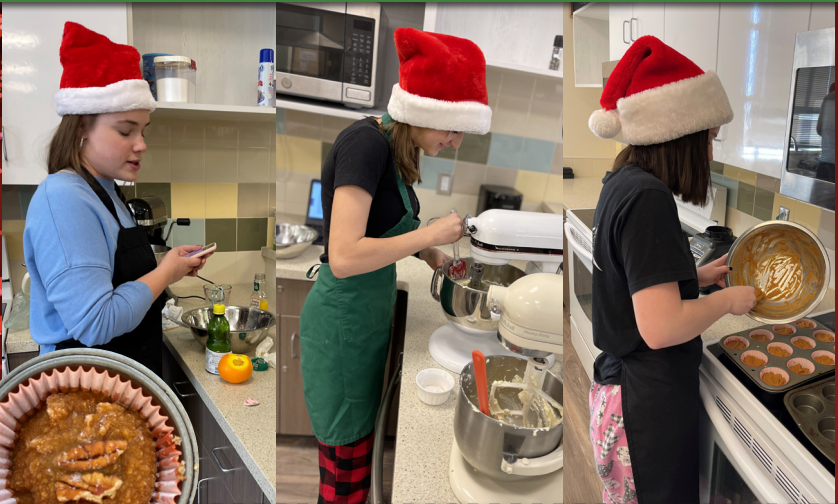
WREA is pleased to report that electric rates in 2022 will remain stable with no rate increases. This marks the third year of rate stability which followed rate decreases in 2018 and 2019. WREA is proud that it has been able to manage costs and bring our membership affordable reliable electricity when most all other costs have increased in recent years. WREA's Board of Directors set a clear goal to maintain rates while upholding safety, reliability, and customer service standards. WREA believes that affordable electricity is important to our membership and to our local economy.

WREA was excited to return to its traditional December calendar by hosting the 21st White River Electric Cowboy Shootout. The WREA Cowboy Shoot out is historically held the first two weekends of December, with the girl's tournament the first weekend, followed by the boys the second weekend. Attending schools participate in the 3-day tournament with both their varsity and junior varsity teams. Each varsity team plays 3 games over the three-day bracketed style tournament starting on Thursday and culminating with the championship game on Saturday afternoon. WREA was thrilled to have teams and fans enjoy the new Meeker High School facilities after the 2020 tournament was cancelled due to Covid.

The Meeker Masonic Lodge provides a Saturday morning pancake breakfast for the teams which is a player favorite. A skills competition follows the pancake breakfast which includes a 3-point contests for both boys and girls, and a slam dunk contest for the boys. Everyone loves when the coaches join in the fun with the Coaches Challenge 3 Point and Slam Dunk Contests. The Cowboy Shoot Out also names All-Tournament teams and Tournament MVPs. The Coal Ridge Titans took home the women's 2021 Championship title and the Aspen High School Skiers took home the men's 2021 title. White River would like to thank all the administrators, officials, parents, spectators, players, and fans who helped make this year another successful year. A special thank you to the Mountain Valley Bank and Tri-State G&T for their contributions to the hospitality room.

Just in time for the holidays, the Meeker High School Culinary students, also known as "Santa's Helpers" are here to share good cheer and a yummy recipe for Paleo Pumpkin Bites.

Kilowatt Chef



PALEO PUMPKIN BITES

From the MHS Culinary Class taught by Brenda Mullins-Hummel

FOR THE CRUST:

- 3/4 cup pitted medjool dates (about 7 dates), soaked in hot water for 10 minutes
- 1.5 cups raw pecans, plus 12 full pecans for topping
- Pinch of pink salt

FOR THE FILLING:

- 1/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/3 cup full fat coconut milk
- 1 tsp pumpkin spice
- P 1/4 cup maple syrup
- Pinch of pink salt
- Scoop of collagen peptides (optional)

1. In a food processor, combine the drained dates, pecans and salt. Process until combined and the "dough" starts to form into a ball.
2. In a separate bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, coconut milk, pumpkin pie spice, maple syrup, pinch of salt and collagen peptides. Whisk until smooth.
3. Line a cupcake tin (I like to use silicone cupcake liners) and evenly distribute the crust mixture, about 1.5 tablespoons in each cupcake. Use your fingers to press the crust to an even layer.
4. Evenly disperse the pumpkin pie filling among each cupcake, until the tins are about halfway full.
5. Top each with a pecan and place in the freezer for at least 1 hour.

NOTES: These thaw quickly, so eat immediately when you take them out of the freezer!

From everyone at the White River Electric family,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

