



## PVREA FALL FEST

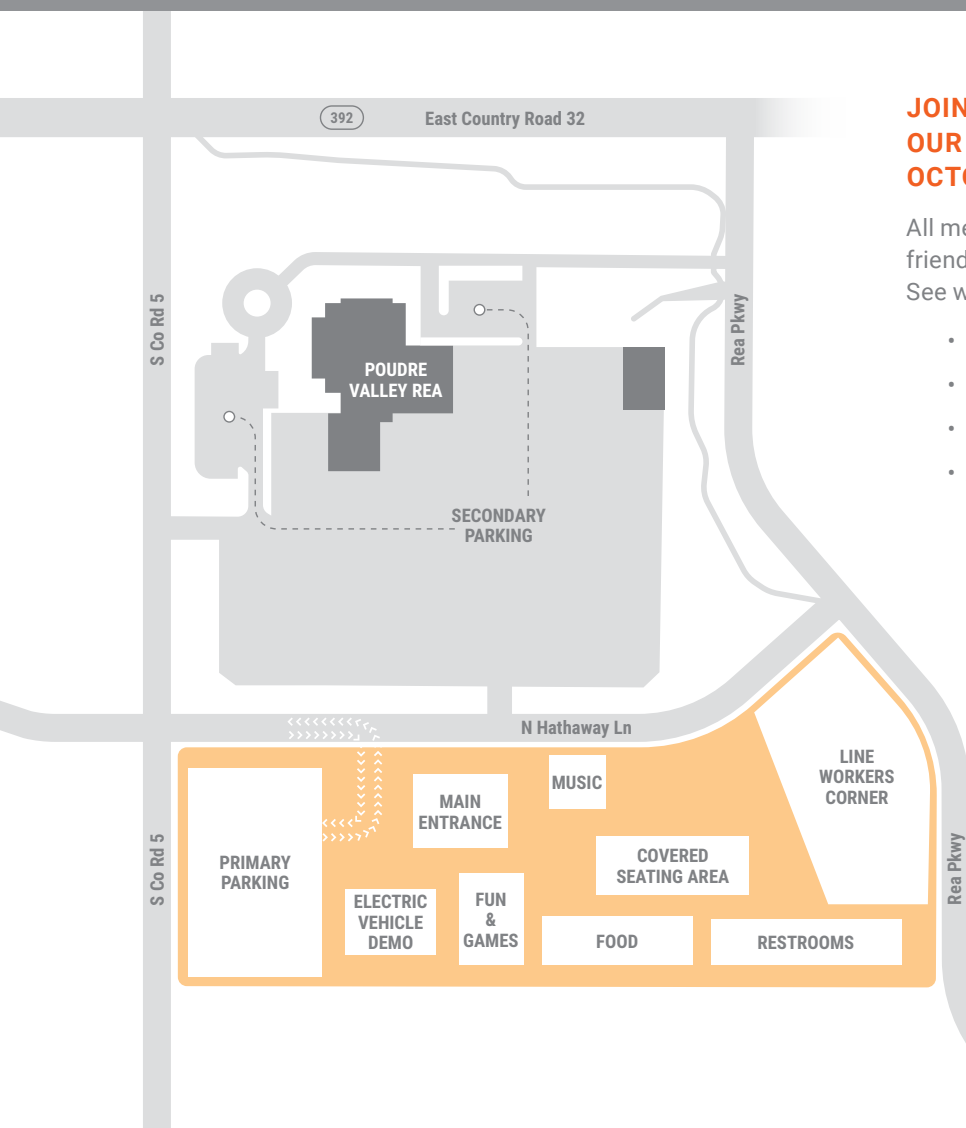
## COME JOIN THE FUN

**DATE** Saturday, October 2

**TIME** 1pm to 4pm

**LOCATION** Poudre Valley REA south lot | 7649 REA Parkway, Fort Collins, CO 80528

**PARKING** Available on North Hathaway Lane, off South County Road 5



### JOIN US FOR FUN AND GAMES AT OUR FALL FEST ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, FROM 1PM TO 4PM.

All members are welcome and at this family friendly event we'll have activities for all ages! See what's happening at your cooperative!

- Grab a snack and treat yourself
- Get competitive at the games
- Paint your face or a pumpkin
- And more! So much more!

*No RSVP necessary*

Plus enter for your chance  
to win an electric bicycle!



Details at [www.pvrea.coop/fall-fest](http://www.pvrea.coop/fall-fest)

## Celebrating **One of Our Own**

**Jessica Johnson recognized as one of NRECA's top Co-op Rising Stars**

Our very own Jessica Johnson, Community and Member Relations Administrator, will be honored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) as one of their inaugural Co-op Rising Stars. She's one of only 20 winners from across the country. But we think she's one in a million!

This first-ever recognition by NRECA celebrates those who have made outstanding contributions at their home cooperative, for their communities, and to the overall electric cooperative program. There are so many examples of how Jessica is making a



big difference here. You've probably seen her at one of our events, presenting checks to local non-profits, or helping our members. Behind the scenes she's an instrumental leader and dedicated teammate advancing co-ops locally and regionally.

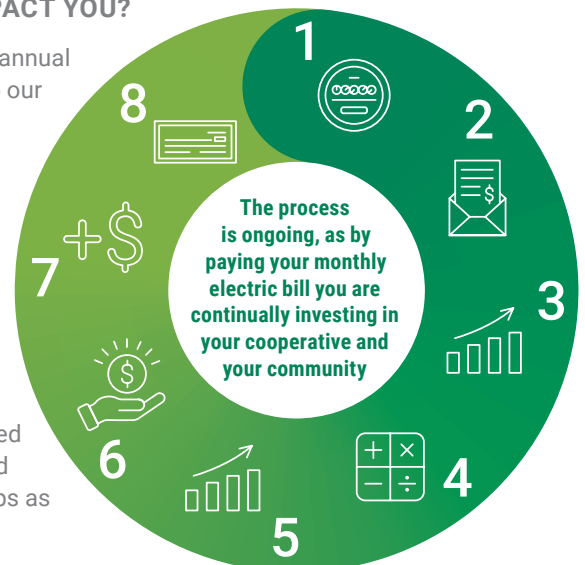
Please join us in congratulating and thanking Jessica for all she's done for Poudre Valley REA and the members we serve. She will be featured in this month's issue of RE Magazine. Follow us on Facebook to read the full article!

## Member Credits = **Money Back to You**

**Member credits are one of the primary sources of equity for your co-op. And allocating and retiring these member credits are two practices that distinguish us as cooperatives from other businesses. This year alone we will return \$3.6 million to our membership!**

### BUT WHAT ARE 'MEMBER CREDITS' AND HOW DO THEY IMPACT YOU?

1. We track the amount of electricity you use and bill you each month
2. You pay your monthly electric bill, investing operating capital into your cooperative
3. This operating capital is combined with other sources of capital (like long-term debt) to invest in power lines, substations, and other electric system assets that provide you with reliable electricity
4. After expenses of the cooperative are paid, we calculate annual margins
5. We use annual margins to pay down debt, invest in facilities, and improve projects
6. After a period of years, annual margins are returned to our members over time.
7. Member credits are applied to members' bills in September, while former members and estates receive checks
8. Unclaimed member credits — checks returned to us — are used for charitable giving and educational scholarships as defined by our bylaws



You can get answers to questions about member credits online at [www.pvrea.coop/member-credits](http://www.pvrea.coop/member-credits)

# Teacher Roll Call!

APPLY FOR OUR

## EMPOWER GRANT PROGRAM

We are so excited to launch our new Empower Grant Program for the 2021-2022 school year. We will award \$20,000 total to teachers in Larimer, Weld and Boulder County for STEAM focused projects in their classrooms.

One of the cooperative principles is education. As your local cooperative, we're proud to support those who educate our youth. Help spread the word to the schools and teachers who could use our help funding their STEAM projects this school year!

Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2021. Applicants must be from a school located in Larimer, Weld, or Boulder County. Priority will be given to schools and teachers serving PVREA members. Applicants may

receive up to \$2,000 per teacher, per school year. Projects should be STEAM focused — science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Questions? Contact Jessica Johnson at [jjohnson@pvrea.coop](mailto:jjohnson@pvrea.coop)

Apply today at [www.pvrea.coop/empower-grant-program](http://www.pvrea.coop/empower-grant-program)



## Electric Cooperative Youth Trips **Are Back!**

**The annual Washington D.C. Electric Cooperative Youth Tour and Youth Leadership Camp return after a two-year hiatus.**



In Washington D.C. students will spend a week with other students touring the Colorado State Capitol Building, visiting with Colorado legislative representatives, and experiencing the historic memorials and museums in our nation's capital.

At Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, students will raft down the Colorado River, ride a gondola to the top of Mt. Werner, tour a power plant and solar farm, and hear from top-notch leadership speakers.

If selected for either of these trips, you'll gain valuable education about our great nation, electric cooperatives, develop leadership skills, and make lasting friendships with those you meet along the way. Plus, the experiences look great on your resume!

**Youth Tour Dates:** June 12-19, 2022

**Youth Leadership Camp Dates:** July 16-21, 2022

**Application deadline:** January 10, 2022

**Who can apply?** High school juniors and seniors

**Trip & Application Cost:** are FREE

Apply today at [www.pvrea.coop/youth-trips](http://www.pvrea.coop/youth-trips)



## YOU Have a Voice

## CO-OP GRASSROOTS

PVREA is deeply connected to the communities we serve, and we are focused on meeting members' energy needs today and into the future. Providing our members with safe, reliable, and affordable power will always be our highest priority, but this requires much more than simply maintaining power lines and other infrastructure.

It requires us to focus on what our elected leaders are doing here at the local level, in Denver, and in Washington. It's important that legislators get to know our cooperative, our members, and the issues that are important to us. You can help ensure these important lines of communication

stay open. When our voices come together in unison, lawmakers listen.

That's why we're asking you to sign up to be part of our Co-op Grassroots Program. Sign up today to be part of our network to let your voice be heard.

### ENROLL TODAY!

Text **GOCOOP** to **25886** or visit  
[www.pvrea.coop/grassroots](http://www.pvrea.coop/grassroots)



## PVREA office closed / Monday, September 6 / Labor Day

Stay safe this holiday weekend

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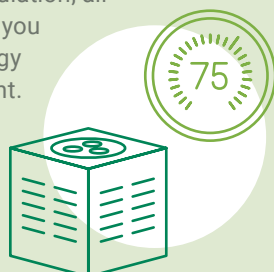
### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH



#### ENERGY USED FOR COOLING AND HEATING YOUR HOME MAKES UP THE LARGEST PORTION OF YOUR MONTHLY ENERGY BILLS.

By combining regular equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing, and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bills while helping our environment.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 28

Now more than ever it's important to go out and vote to get your voice out there. Register to vote so you can have an impact on what happens in our country and community.

**CO-OPS VOTE**  
A PROGRAM OF AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



Register to vote at [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop)