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PSREC eNewsletter

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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

Though it has been a mild winter so far, there is still the possibility for major storms. It is important to be prepared and conserve power, when possible, during storms. The lower the load on the system, the easier it is to restore power. Especially during rotating blackouts, we try to give everyone time to cook, bathe and do laundry. We know all this takes power, but even turning off a few lights allows more people to be on.

We provide updates via text message for major, systemwide outages. To sign up for these updates, text PSREC to 95577.

As we know, it's been below average precipitation so far this winter. Fortunately, the federal hydropower system has higher than average water levels. We are hoping to avoid a rate increase, but that will depend, in part, on weather.

Telecommunications

We continue to expand our broadband services throughout the region. We offer unlimited data, support net neutrality and provide speeds up to 20 Mbps download.

If you haven't already, please call us to sign up or get on our interest list. We are executing our plan to provide service to most of the cooperative's territory that does not have broadband, as well as improve existing services. We also are working to improve service to the cities and towns in our region that do not have reliable, unlimited, high-speed internet. By the time this goes to press, PST should be activating services in Graeagle and portions of Quincy, while evaluating the remainder of Quincy, Plumas Pines, Loyalton and Sierra Brooks coax systems for needed repairs. Many of our Chandler Road area members have been noticing the work by the electric line crew. The crew has been hanging fiber optic cable to connect switches on Chandler Road and Quincy Junction Road to allow automated control of key electric switches that will allow for faster restoration of power outages. This system can also be used for high-speed internet, and PST is working on additions to allow broadband service to the home in the next few months.

For more information, and to sign up for service, please call us at (800) 221-3474 or visit our website at www.pst.coop.

Scholarship Deadline Approaches

It is not too late to turn in an application to win one of two \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships are open to high school seniors and older students, with no upper age limit. Details are on page 4 and on our website at www.psrec.coop. The deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018.

For more information, please call me at (800) 555-2207 ext. 6076, or email me at bmarshall@psrec.coop.

Sincerely,

Bob Marshall
General Manager

Electric News

We are interested in hearing from you about Electric Vehicles

We would like to hear about your views on electric vehicles. Please help us by completing a short survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSRECEV>.

Plumas-Sierra Offers Scholarships to Local Students

Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) and its telecommunications subsidiary will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships in a program designed to enhance the education and resulting careers of deserving rural students.

All interested students are invited and encouraged to apply. To qualify, the student or parent/guardian's primary residence in Plumas, Lassen, Sierra or Washoe counties must be supplied with either electric power through Plumas-Sierra REC or Internet service through Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications.

Applications can be downloaded from our website, www.psrec.coop, and must be delivered to Plumas-Sierra REC, Member Services Department, Attn: Corby, 73233 State Route 70, Portola, CA 96122 by March 16.

If you have any questions on the scholarship program, please call Corby at (530) 832-4261 ext. 6034.

Energy Services News

Heat Pump Program Continues

Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative still offers rebates to help offset the cost of installing new air- and ground-source heat pumps. [Read more here](#) or for an application and program details, visit www.psrec.coop or call (530) 832-4261 ext. 6032.

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Quote of the Month

So long as we are loved by others I should say that we are almost indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

Upcoming Events

February 5, Poetry Out Loud County Finals. Plumas Arts Gallery, 525 Main St., Quincy. 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call (530) 283-3402 or visit www.plumasarts.org.

February 6, Snow Ball. Nakoma Golf Resort, 348 Bear Run, Clio. Starts at 5 p.m. Live music, food and local beers. Fundraiser for Johnsville Ski Bowl. For more information, call (530) 832-5067.

February 6, Groundhog Fever Festival. Courthouse Lawn, Quincy. 1 to 5 p.m.

February 9, Words & Music. Patti's Thunder Café, Quincy. Starts at 7 p.m. A monthly series of acoustic music and the spoken word. Sign up for open mic at the door. \$3. For more information, call (530) 283-3402.

February 9, Lassen County Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Hosted by Diamond Mountain Hotel Casino & Brewery, 900 Skyline Drive, Susanville. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (530) 257-4323, or visit www.lassencountychamber.org.

February 11, Pheasants Forever Dinner. Jensen Hall, Lassen County Fairgrounds. Doors open 4 p.m. For more information, call (530) 310-2988.

February 19, Historic Longboard Revival Race. Plumas-Eureka State Park, Johnsville Ski Bowl. 10:30 a.m. Period costumes, music, food and fun. For more information, call (530) 832-4309.

February 23, Weaving Class. CIA Building in Calpine, 131 County Road. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn to weave a surface textured wall hanging on a Ridge Heddle loom. Cost \$130, includes \$50 worth of yarn, fiber and a dowel to hang completed wall hanging. Taught by Michelle Haselton. For more information, visit www.lakesbasincreations.com.

February 24, Louis Price Concert & Dance. Lassen Community College Sports Complex, 478-200 Hwy. 139. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Lassen College Foundation. For more information, call (530) 251-8882.

February 25, Soul Power Dance Party. [Quincy Veterans' Memorial Hall, 274 Lawrence St., Quincy](#). 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Plumas Arts celebrates 35 years of cultivating creative communities! You are invited to our dance party with the funk and soul of Bay Area dance band, Soul Power. Tickets \$20, Plumas Arts Members \$18. For more information, call (530) 283-3402 or visit www.plumasarts.org.

February 25, A Taste of Beef, a Sip of Wine. Susanville Elks Lodge, 400 Main St., Susanville. 6 to 9 p.m. Hosted by Lassen County Cattlewomen & Cattlemen. For more information, call (530) 257-4323 or visit www.lassencountychamber.org.

See a full list of events at our website, www.psrec.coop.