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Electricity and Telecommunication Services



## PSREC eNewsletter

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## **Manager's Message**

### **Dear Members:**

The cooperative's 2017 annual meeting is Saturday, September 9. We hope you will join us for a fun, informative day at the co-op. This year's meeting will feature broadband information, a health fair by Eastern Plumas Health Care and a grand prize of \$500 off your electric bill.

This is always a lively event with great opportunities to ask questions about your electric cooperative and its telecommunications business.

### **WRAP Program**

We are again offering a discounted rate for qualifying members through our Winter Rate Assistance Program. The discounted rate is available for November through April electricity use to income-qualified members.

The WRAP program provides educational information to help members conserve energy and offers a discounted electric rate during the heating season.

For more information and an application, visit [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop), or call (530) 832-4261.

### **Youth Opportunities**

As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, PSREC and its subsidiary offer life-changing opportunities to local youth, including scholarships and the Washington Youth Tour.

These programs provide enriching experiences to help young people discover themselves and their roles as citizens.

They also introduce them to the cooperative way, teaching the value of involvement and commitment to their communities.

Please see page 4 for more information on the Washington Youth Tour, and visit our website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop) for more information on all of our youth opportunities.

### **Telecommunications**

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If you have any questions, please call me at (800) 555-2207 ext. 6076, or email me at [bmarshall@psrec.coop](mailto:bmarshall@psrec.coop).

Sincerely,

Bob Marshall  
General Manager

## Electric News

### *Win an All-Expenses-Paid Trip to Washington, D.C.!*

#### Enter the 2018 Washington Youth Tour Essay Contest

Area high school sophomores, juniors and seniors have the chance win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. next summer to participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Electric Cooperative Youth Tour leadership program.

One local winner will be among 1,500 high school students chosen from across the nation to tour Washington, D.C. in June, 2018. The lucky winner will learn more about how government works, visit the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, Mount Vernon, the FDR Memorial, the World War II Memorial and more.

To qualify, a high school sophomore, junior or senior's residence in Plumas, Lassen, Sierra or Washoe counties must be supplied with either electric power through Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative or Internet service through Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications.

An application form for the 2018 Washington Youth Tour is available at the cooperative office in Portola, as well as on its website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop).

Complete the application and a typed or legibly-written essay. The topic for this year's essay is: "How do cooperatives benefit the community?"

The essay should be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.

Essays will be judged on creativity and content (with consideration given to spelling and grammar) by the editorial staff of Ruralite magazine in Oregon.

Applications must be returned to Plumas-Sierra REC by Friday, November 17, 2017.

So, if you're a high school sophomore, junior or senior looking for an experience that will have a positive effect on your life, apply today!

Who knows? Your future may be found in Washington, D.C.

### **PSREC Seeks Former Members for Payment of Capital Credits**

PSREC is seeking former members who have not claimed their capital credits checks issued prior to 2004. The checks represent a portion of the capital credits these members accumulated while living on cooperative lines in Plumas, Lassen, Sierra and Washoe counties. PSREC has previously attempted to deliver these checks by mail.

**All capital credit checks issued prior to 2004 which remain unclaimed after November 15, 2017 shall be deemed assigned and transferred to PSREC, as well as any unretired portion, in accordance with the cooperative's by-laws, Article XI, section 11.04(f).**

The list of names is available in searchable PDF format on the PSREC website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop).

Persons with knowledge of those named may contact PSREC by mail at: PSREC Capital Credits, 73233 State Route 70, Portola, CA 96122 or by calling (530) 832-4261 ext. 6018 or (800) 555-2207 ext. 6018. **Proper identification is required to claim the checks.**

#### **What are Capital Credits?**

Capital credits are unique to cooperatives like PSREC. They represent the margins (capital remaining after expenses) allocated to cooperative members each year. These credits are based on the amount and cost of electricity each member purchased during the year.

Capital credits become PSREC's equity. This equity makes it possible to secure loans and maintain facilities and services needed to deliver electricity to each member.

PSREC's board of directors decides when the equity is sufficient to return credits to members.

Capital credits are reserved for members even if they leave the cooperative and move out of the area. If members are eligible for disbursements, PSREC will make a diligent effort to send them a check by mail to the most current address on file.

If the check is returned or unclaimed, names will be published in local newspapers of general circulation and on PSREC's website.

# Energy Services News

## Plumas-Sierra REC Winter Rate Assistance Program

PSREC is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 Winter Rate Assistance Program (WRAP).

Call or go online for an application today; once approved you can receive a discount on your kilowatt-hour rate during the heating season!

This program is available to PSREC income-qualified members for electric service at their permanent residence in Plumas, Sierra, Lassen and Washoe counties. Income qualifications and restrictions do apply.

Call today for an application and program details, (530) 832-4261 ext. 6047 or you may access the information on our website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop).

### Resources for Additional Assistance and Emergency Programs:

<p><b>Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance Resources.</b></p> <p>Worried about high energy bills this winter? You may qualify for heating assistance or home weatherization assistance. Contact your local agency for more information and applications.</p> <p><b>Plumas and Sierra Counties</b> Plumas County Community Development Commission (530) 283-2466</p> <p><b>Lassen County</b> Lassen Economic Development Corporation (530) 256-3531</p> <p><b>Washoe County</b> Nevada Home Energy Assistance Program (775) 684-0730</p>	<p><b>Personal Crisis and Emergency Assistance Resources</b></p> <p>Have you experienced a crisis and need immediate assistance? Please contact the following organizations to find out if help is available. Be sure to communicate with PSREC staff to find out if you can make payment arrangements to ensure that your electricity is not disconnected.</p> <p><b>Plumas County</b> Plumas Crisis and Intervention (530) 283-5515 Portola Family Resource Center (530) 832-1827</p> <p><b>Lassen County</b> Fort Sage Family Resource Center (530) 827-3007 The Salvation Army Social Service Center (530) 257-0314</p> <p><b>Sierra County</b> Sierra County Family Resource Center (530) 993-1110</p> <p><b>Washoe County</b> Nevada Home Energy Assistance Crisis Intervention Program (775) 684-0730</p>
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### Fast and Free Energy Saving Tips

- Turn down your thermostat.
- Eliminate wasted energy. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms and unplug unused electronics.
- Turn off kitchen and bath-ventilating fans after they've done their job.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning to prevent your furnace-heated air from going up the chimney.
- Reduce hot water temperature and shower time. Set your water heater to the "normal" setting or 120° and keep showers as short as possible.

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## Quote of the Month

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them.  
- Phyllis Battome

## Upcoming Events

**September 1**, Artists Opening Reception. The Plumas Arts Gallery, located at 525 Main Street in Quincy, will host a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. for featured photographer Betty Bishop, showing her recent series of vivid color photographs. For more information, call (530) 283-3402.

**September 1 - 3**, [Antique & Collectibles Fair](#). Graeagle Fire Hall. Opening Times: Friday, September 1, 12 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, September 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free to the public. For more information, call (530) 836-6811.

**September 2**, Pancake Breakfast. Plumas Eureka Fire House, 200 Lundy Lane, Plumas Eureka Estates. 8 to 11 a.m. Prize drawings. \$10; 10 and under, \$3. All proceeds benefit Plumas Eureka Volunteer Fire Department and community events. For more information, visit [www.pecsd.org](http://www.pecsd.org).

**September 9**, Plumas-Sierra REC Annual Member Meeting & EPHC Health Fair. Please join us for a fun, informative day at the co-op. Eastern Plumas Health Care will again host a free health fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Portola office, 73233 State Route 70. For more information, call (530) 832-4261.

**September 9**, Honey Lake Valley Riders Horse Show and Play Day. Janesville Park, 464 - 400 Church Street. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shows start at 8 a.m. Play days start at 2 p.m., and include barrels, poles and two other fun classes. For more information, call (530) 257-0934, or visit [honeylakevalleyriders.org](http://honeylakevalleyriders.org) for horse show classes and an information flyer.

**September 9 & 13**, Music at the Mill Works. 7539 Highway 89, Graeagle. 6 to 9 p.m. Free live music. A different band each week. June 21-Sept. 13. For more information, call (530) 836-2828.

**September 13**, Wild and Scenic Film Festival. The largest environmental film festival in North America is coming to the Quincy Town Hall Theatre. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at Quincy Natural Foods, Plumas Arts gallery, and online at [www.plumasarts.org](http://www.plumasarts.org).

**September 14**, Farmers' Market. Hosted by Lassen Land and Trails Trust, North Gay Street, Historic Uptown Susanville. This is Lassen County's only certified market. For more information, call (530) 257-3252.

**September 14**, Lassen County Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Hosted by Artisan Coffee, Steve's Pumps and Pizza Factory. 464-440 Church Street, Janesville. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (530) 257-4323.

**September 15**, Blood Drive. Father Burns Social Hall, 100 Pine Street, Portola. 2 to 6 p.m.

**September 16**, Third Saturday Dinner/Dance. Sierra Valley Grange Hall, 92202 Highway 70, Vinton. Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Lessons, 6:30 p.m. Dance, 7:30 p.m. Dance to Country Western CDs. Dinner, \$10; Dance, \$5. For more information or to order tickets, call (530) 993-1182, or email [annygrny@att.net](mailto:annygrny@att.net).

**September 16**, High Country Cruise. Lassen County Fairgrounds, 195 Russell Ave, Susanville. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration fee \$25. For more information, call (530) 257-3857.

**September 16**, Third Saturday Breakfast. Susanville Masonic Hall, 84 N Lassen Street, Susanville. 8 to 11 a.m. Hosted by Friends of the Lassen-Janesville Masonic Lodge #149. \$6. For more information, call (530) 310-6097.

**September 16**, Blue Star Cougar Challenge (Race). Susanville Ranch Park, 480 Paiute Lane, Susanville. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The race begins with a two-mile run on a dirt trail, followed by a nine-mile bike ride on a dirt trail and ends with a two-mile run on a dirt trail. Register early to ensure your spot, your free t-shirt and participation medal. September 1 prices increase by \$5.00 per individual/team. Anyone registering after September 10 is not guaranteed a t-shirt. Free one-mile fun run for kids 16 years old and younger. Starts at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds go to Soaring Eagles Blue Star Moms and the Angel Bike program. The Angel Bike program provides hand-bikes to veterans who are unable to use their legs. Every bike is custom made for the veteran who will own and use it. For more information, call (530) 249-0453. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/blue-star-cougar-challenge-tickets-33410211843](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/blue-star-cougar-challenge-tickets-33410211843).

**September 30**, Sierra Valley Art + Ag Trail. Sierra Valley, Beckwourth. Spend the day on a free self-guided tour of market farms and working ranches (many featuring 100+ year old dairy barns) and other historic buildings where local artists and their works of every color – wood, paint, glass, ceramic, metal, fiber and more – are hosted for the day. Start the day at one of three trailhead information centers located near entry points to Sierra Valley. Be sure to purchase a keepsake event passport to join in the fun of collecting stamps from sites and artists along the Trail. The Sierra Valley Art + Ag Trail is free. For more information, call (530) 428-5016, or visit [www.SierraValleyArtAgTrail.org/](http://www.SierraValleyArtAgTrail.org/).

**See a full list of events at our website, [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop).**