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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN HOSTS EVENTS, SCHOOL GIVEAWAYS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

Rockford, Minn. (November 1, 2023) — To celebrate National Co-op Month in October and its Commitment to Community principle, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) donated nightlights and USB plugs to schools in its service territory. The cooperative also hosted its annual Member Lunch and Fall Festival at its Rockford headquarters.

WH donated more than 3,400 LED nightlights to kindergartners and 3,600 USB plugs to third graders in 40 elementary schools in WH's service territory. The kindergarten donations began in 2017, and the USB plugs in 2021. Between 1997 and 2019, WH donated more than 270,000 tree seedlings to third graders to help replenish wooded areas of Wright and Hennepin counties. The program began following a tornado that destroyed many established trees around WH's service territory.

The Member Lunch on Tuesday, October 10 hosted almost 250 members, who enjoyed a hamburger, potato salad, chips, and a cookie. Members who attended were also entered to win one of two \$50 bill credits, with the prizes going to Ken Kluck from Hamel and Sharon Stern from Maple Grove.

This year's Fall Festival, attended by 250 members, offered kids the opportunity to enjoy pumpkin decorating, balloon animals, a giant slide, magic show and more. Children were encouraged to wear their costumes, and received a yellow WH hard hat, glow sticks, snacks, and trick-or-treat bags. They also had the opportunity to sit in a line truck.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 59,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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Kindergarteners at Basswood Elementary School in Maple Grove loved their new nightlights.



Serving line at the Member Lunch on October 10.



Children enjoyed the magic show at WH's Fall Festival October 26.