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# PREMA

## PREMA's Employees Donate to United Way

PREMA's employees donated \$1,798.00 in 2018 to United Way of Western Nebraska. These donations are given on a volunteer basis and each employee chooses the amount they donate. United Way of Western Nebraska covers the panhandle and the office in Alliance services the area of Box Butte and Dawes Counties. Box Butte County is partnering with nine agencies in 2018-19 including: CAPstone, Doves, East Point Horspice, Alliance First National Spartans, Alliance Oldtimers Baseball and Softball, TeamMates of Alliance, Community Services (Northwest Community Action Partnership), Habitat for Humanity, and Western Community Health Resources. There are four events each year that are held to raise money in Box Butte County which are: Game Showcase in March, Shopping Spree in April, Cinco de Mayo in May and Jingle Bell Dash in December. Dawes County has two events which are: Stuff the Bus and a Father/Daughter Dance.

For more information visit <https://www.unitedwayofwesternnebraska.com>



## You're More Than a Customer

*By Anne Prince*

Author Anthony J. D'Angelo observed that, "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

To a large degree, this reflects PREMA's philosophy toward our consumer-members and the broader service territory that we serve. As a cooperative, we have a different "bottom line." While our priority is always to provide reliable and safe energy, there is another equally important part of this equation. Your well-being and that of the larger community that we serve are of paramount concern. To us, you are not just a customer; you are a *member* of our co-op and without you, we would not exist.

In 1945, PREMA was founded to fulfill a vital need in our community that would not have otherwise been met. Concerned local leaders came together to build this co-op and bring electricity where there was none.

At that time, members of the community understood we were different because they likely knew someone who helped to create PREMA. For most people, our founding and its circumstances have been long forgotten. Over time, folks in the community may have come to think of us as simply another energy provider. But we are not. We are a co-op that is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the communities we serve, and we are able to do this because of members like you.

Since our inception, we have sought feedback and engagement from you and that of the larger community to guide our long-term decisions. This is why annual meetings are held each May.

PREMA members help guide important co-op decisions that improve and enrich the community. We value the perspective of our board members, who are members of the co-op and community – just like you.

While the times may have changed, our mission and outlook have not. We view our role as a catalyst for good. Working together, we can accomplish great things for our community now and in the future.

## Notices

Capital Credit checks were mailed September 14, 2018. Numerous checks have not been cashed. If you are unable to locate your uncashed check, please send a request for a check re-issue to Janet at the PREMA office. Send an email to [billing@prema.coop](mailto:billing@prema.coop) or mail to P.O. Box 677, Alliance, NE 69301.

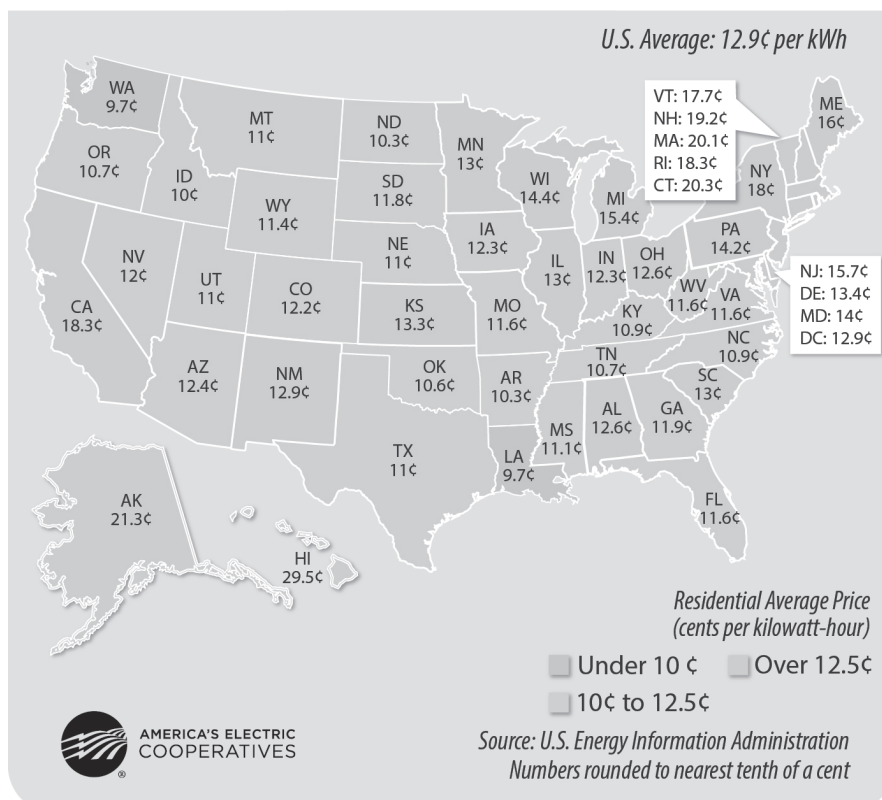
If you lost or didn't cash a Capital Credit check issued before December 31, 2017, those checks have been voided. The check amount was credited to the bills sent out in January. If you have any questions, please call Janet at 308-762-1311.

## Reminder

If you will be making any changes to your irrigation arrangements, such as rentals, leasing, etc., it is important to make PREMA aware of these changes by April so the correct name and address will be billed. Please contact Janet at our office 308-762-1311. Thank you.

## Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2017 figures, in cents per kWh





## *Notes From Load Management*

The Load Management informational letter was mailed in January. Owners and operators of irrigation accounts should have received this letter outlining the guidelines for Load Management for 2019. The deadline to enroll in Load Management is March 8th.

If you have not received the Load Management letter or have questions, please call the office at 308-762-1311 or email Tim Sherlock at [tims@prema.coop](mailto:tims@prema.coop).



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