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North Plains EC Announces Child ID Program

The NPEC Scholarship Program, recognition of leadership in 4-H, the youth tour to Washington, D.C., and numerous safety programs for youth are some of the ways that North Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) helps the young people of the communities in its service area. NPEC is proud to add to its list of services for young people by announcing its sponsorship of the National Child Identification Program (NCIDP), a community service program aimed at helping law enforcement agencies locate missing children.

NCIDP is the largest child identification program of its kind. Sponsors distribute inkless fingerprint ID kits to children and their parents. The free kits are available at the NPEC office. The identification kits provide all the materials necessary for parents, family or friends to record a child's fingerprints, physical description and distinguishing marks. Should the need ever arise, the kit can be given to authorities to help identify a child.

"This program has immense worth to our communities," says General Manager Randy Mahannah. "The Child ID Program fits our core value of commitment to community. Our children are our future, and we're excited about helping local families protect our most valuable resource."

National Child
Identification
Program

The program's inkless fingerprint kits have helped to protect more than 10 million children since 1997. NCIDP has set a goal to distribute 60 million ID kits to children over the next few years. The American Football Coaches Association, the national association for all NFL and NCAA coaches, started the program. Other program sponsors include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Clear Channel Communication radio stations, Best Western Hotels, Hershey Foods Corporation and Optimist International.

"According to national statistics, more than 800,000 children become missing every year, or one every 40 seconds," Mahannah says. "NPEC is proud to be associated with an organization that works to reduce that number and help keep our children safe."

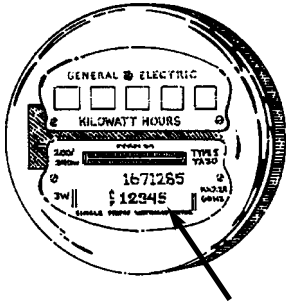
If you have questions about the National Child Identification Program or would like a free kit, please stop by the office or contact Member Service Specialist Bill Carson at (806) 435-5482 or 1-800-272-5482.



**Happy
Holidays!
From
North Plains
Electric
Cooperative**

The offices of your electric cooperative will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas, and Thursday, January 1, for New Year's.

When reporting an outage:



Giving us the meter number helps us locate you faster and better than directions.

**For service call:
(806) 435-5482 or
1-800-272-5482**

If you would like a refrigerator magnet to record your meter number to have it easily available in case of an outage, please call NPEC.

Reminder!



NPEC is continuing its scholarship program. Please see next month's *TCP* for details, or contact Bill Carson for more information.



No matter what your home's construction, weatherstripping, caulking and insulation are important.



Play it safe this holiday season by being certain that power cords for holiday decorations are in good repair.



Warm clothing can take the chill out of winter indoors and out — and let you lower your thermostat setting.



Saving energy around the holidays (and all year long) will give you a pleasant surprise — a lower electric bill.

Happy Holidays

from the directors and employees of
North Plains Electric Cooperative