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## Manager's Message

Dear Members:

While our crews work year-round to prevent outages, being prepared for an emergency and knowing what to do during an outage are vital for personal safety and quick restoration of power.

We are doing all we can to prepare for major storms. You should also be prepared and know what to do if the lights go out.

If your lights start to flicker, turn off and unplug sensitive electronic equipment immediately, and reduce any unnecessary load. Visit our website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop) for more information on outage preparedness and safety. To receive updates on major, system-wide outages via text message, text "PSREC" to 95577.

### Rates

At the Annual Meeting, we received a question on the cooperative's overall long-term goal to modify rates in a way that collects more in the fixed charges and possibly lowers the kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate by an overall equal amount. One of the reasons we cited was the growth of distributed power. Some members thought that we were picking specifically on solar energy and I wanted to reassure the members that this isn't the case. The growth of distributed or rooftop solar is impacting the utility business across the country and most electric utilities are modifying their rates in response. The issue is that the electric utility business collects most of its costs through the variable charge (the kWh rate), but most of our costs are fixed.

There are no plans for implementing any specific rate or fee on solar customers. We plan to treat all members the same. Our overall goal is true cost-of-service rates, both between rate classes and between users inside a rate class. The same issues we face with members with solar are also there with seasonal

customers, as well as customers who have all propane appliances and heating compared to members using mostly electric. Many of the members are using super-efficient ground source and air-to-air heat pumps and we do not want to penalize members using these technologies which are good for the member, for the cooperative, and for the environment.

We will proceed on future rate design with caution, but we want to make sure that if any member is contemplating distributed generation such as solar, that they understand the future savings will most likely not be at the current retail rates, but instead be at the cooperative's avoided cost of wholesale power.

### Telecommunications

PST has recently opened two new access points covering the Valley Ranch area and Kristen Way on C Road. We are also now open for sales in Whitehawk and are targeting late-November to start installations in Graeagle proper.

For more information about PST broadband services or to get on our interest list, please fill out an interest form at [www.pst.coop](http://www.pst.coop), or call (530) 832-4126.

### Winter Rate Assistance Program

We are accepting applications for the Winter Rate Assistance Program, which offers a discounted rate for November through April use to income-qualified members.

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

For more information and an application, visit our website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop), or call (530) 832-4261 or (800) 555-2207.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### November 4 & 5

**Harvest Festival and Holiday Open House.** Every Blooming Thing, 705-670 U.S. 395, Susanville. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday preview, Fall decor and more. Drawings, libations and treats.

For more information, call (530) 251-2330.

### November 9

**Words & Music.** Patti's Thunder Cafe, 557 Lawrence St., Quincy. 7 to 9 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.

### November 11

**Dancing with the Stars.** Plumas County Fairgrounds, 204 Fairground Rd., Quincy. 6 to 10 p.m. Don't miss the one night event featuring ten Plumas County big shots and dance coach partners competing for the gold! Ballroom dances are featured with fancy costumes, great entertainment from local groups and delicious food and beverages, all benefiting the FRC Foundation—which provides direct support to students through programs, scholarships and mini grants. Cost is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children under 12. Special tables: \$25 per seat, including appetizers and one drink.

For more information, call (530) 283-9900 or (775) 232-9536.

### November 15

**Portola Community Supper.** Father Burns Social Hall, 108 Taylor Ave., Portola. 6 p.m.

### November 18

**Craft Fair.** Sierra Valley Grange, 92202 Highway 70, Vinton. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendor spaces \$20. Beef stew lunch \$7.

For more information, call (530) 993-4508.

**Plumas Hospice Benefit Concert.** Town Hall Theatre, 469 Main St., Quincy. 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. Jeff Kepple and friends share their musical gifts to benefit a worthy cause.

### November 23

**Turkey Trot.** Loyalton City Park. One or two-mile fun run/walk. 9 a.m. start.

For more information, call (530) 993-4182

**Free Thanksgiving dinner.** Loyalton Senior Center. 3 pm.

For more information, call (530) 993-4770.

### November 24 & 25

**Mohawk Community Art Faire.** Graeagle Fire Hall, 7620 Highway 89. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Mohawk Community Resource Center. A Graeagle holiday tradition for over 30 years!

For more information, call (530) 836-0446, or email [jpolson@plumasruralservices.org](mailto:jpolson@plumasruralservices.org).

### November 25

**Shop Small Saturday.** A nationwide movement to bring attention to the importance of supporting mall businesses in your community. So grab a friend and get out to SHOP.DINE.PLAY. STAY in Graeagle and beyond. RAFFLE: Make a purchase at participating Graeagle merchants and enter for a chance to win Graeagle Bucks. Winners will be notified by November 26, 2017.

### December 1

**Portola Tree Lighting and Light Parade.** Gulling St., Old Towne Portola. Parade 6 p.m., with tree lighting following the parade. Santa will be taking pictures with the children and passing out stockings. Bon fire, refreshments, bake sale and old fashioned Christmas market.

For more information, call (530) 836-6811.

**Main Street Sparkle.** Downtown Quincy, 6 to 9 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors for a celebration of small town life and the holiday season as merchants open their doors late for shoppers. There will be a light parade, music, Santa visit, and of course the big tree lighting at the courthouse. Support your community while having a great time at one of Quincy's signature events.

### December 2

**Magical Country Christmas.** Historic Uptown Susanville. 5 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Lassen County Chamber of Commerce and Historical Uptown Susanville Association. The celebration will feature live entertainment, a Christmas parade, food, a 'Toys-for-Tots' drive and fireworks to ring in the Christmas season. Main Street will be closed to through traffic during the celebration.

For information on the parade and vendor applications, call (530) 257-4323, or visit [www.lassencountychamber.org](http://www.lassencountychamber.org).

**Graeagle Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting.** Downtown Graeagle. 1 to 5 p.m. This family event is a premier event for the downtown merchants to kick off the holiday season. Open houses, refreshments and unique offerings at the participating businesses. Enter to win the Graeagle Bucks by visiting each participating merchant. Must be present to win. Winners will be announced after the 5 p.m. tree lighting. Horse-drawn trolley/sleigh rides, pictures with Santa, carolers and a bonfire complete the event.

For more information, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @graeaglemerchants.

### December 2, 8 - 9 & 15 - 16

**Santa Trains.** Western Pacific Railroad Museum, 700 Western Pacific Way, Portola. Museum gates open at 4 p.m. Trains run 5 to 8 p.m., or until everyone has had a ride. Admission is \$10 per car load, or \$5 per car load with donation of 3 non-perishable food items, which will be forwarded to EPCAN.

### December 7

**Lassen County Chamber of Commerce Mixer.** Every Blooming Thing, 705-670 U.S. 395, Susanville. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Every Bloomin' Thing and Susanville Auto Center.

For more information, call (530) 251-2330.

### December 8

**Legends of the Celtic Harp present A Winter Gift.** Town Hall Theatre, 469 Main St., Quincy. 7 to 9 p.m. Plumas Arts is delighted to bring storyteller and Celtic harpist Patrick Ball back to the stage with Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter (and their Celtic harps) to serenade, beguile, and enchant you with myth and music to celebrate the season. Details to be announced.

For more information, call (530) 283-3402.

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### Youth Opportunities

Plumas-Sierra and its subsidiary offer many life-changing opportunities to local young people, 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.

Application deadlines are fast approaching. Don't let your children miss out on these opportunities. Please see page 8 for more information about our youth programs.

Applications and information are available on our website at [www.psrec.coop](http://www.psrec.coop), or by calling the Member Services Department at (530) 832-4261 or (800) 555-2207.

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).

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!



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