



# INNEC CONNECTION



INNEC is on the front cover of the CFC Solutions News Bulletin!

Here's the scoop!

HAPPY CO-OP MONTH!

This years theme is,  
"Cooperatives Build"

## Petersens Get Up-Close Look at Alaska Hydro

Guided by I-N-N Electric Cooperative General Manager George Hornberger (shown at far right in top photo), CFC CEO Sheldon C. Petersen and his wife Donita enjoyed the beautiful backdrop of America's last frontier during a recent tour of the run-of-river Tazimina Hydro Project, owned by the Iliamna, Alaska-based cooperative. The 824-kW hydro facility, in operation since 1998, supplies almost all of the generation required by I-N-N Electric members. The cooperative—a 100 percent CFC borrower—had previously produced power using diesel generators, but transporting the fuel was challenging and costly. The hydro plant, in turn, saves approximately 200,000 gallons of diesel annually. The Petersens also visited with the I-N-N Electric board and stayed overnight in an apartment located in the cooperative's recently constructed new headquarters.



The reason behind the power outage for 6 hours in Nondalton, was because our Line Man was installing this switch box. See Managers report for more info.

What is a co-op (cooperative)? A cooperative, in our case, as a non-profit electric business, is run by the people who use its facilities. Members of a co-op a community voluntarily come together in unison to maintain and structure a business, for (something) that their members are in need of.

We are not as big as other cooperatives out there, but this brings me back to our motto and that is "The mission of I-N-N Electric Cooperative, INC. is to serve our members needs by providing safe and reliable energy, at reasonable rates, with exceptional customer services and commitment to the communities we serve."

### PUMPKIN PIE CANNOLIS

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 package of vanilla pudding mix, 1tsp pumpkin pie spice, 1cup cold milk (plus Extra for brushing pie crust, 1cup pumpkin puree, 1cup cool whip, 1package Pillsbury ready made pie crust (2 pie crusts)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium bowl combine vanilla pudding mix and pumpkin pie spice and whisk till combined. Pour milk and pumpkin puree and whisk until blended. Gently fold in the cool whip until its all incorporated. Scoop mixture into a zip close bag and seal. Place in fridge for an hour. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. While the mousse is in the fridge, roll out the pie crust and use a 3 inch circular cookie cutter to cut out circles from the pie crust. Combine the scraps of the pie crust and roll out to cut more circles. I was able to get 16 circles. Wrap the circle around a cannoli form making sure to pinch together the overlapping pie crust. Repeat with remaining circles and cannoli forms.



October Bread Basket Winner

**Evelyn Anelon**



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**Special Points of Interest**

- If you have not received a bill by the 15th of every month please call and notify us.
- Payments are due the 21st of every month
- Late notices come out around the 12th of every month with disconnects for non-payment following a week after the 21st

Members with ampy meters be sure to plan ahead of time!

**INNEC HOURS** Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

## Managers Report

### **George Hornberger**

Folks may be aware of the fact that we have Don Henry out here working on our underground power lines. On September 21 we had a 6 hour outage in Nondalton to install a sectionalizing switch in the underground primary lines. This will enable us to more effectively isolate an underground fault in the event that it happens. We will be installing 2 more switches in the system as things progress with our upgrade.

In May INN Electric signed a 5 year contract with Alaska Power and Communications to replace all of our primary underground distribution wires in Iliamna along with replacing the 1.6 mile run from East Wind Lake to Harvey Anelon's driveway. We also at the same time purchased 2 miles extra of underground wire in conduit and 30,000 feet of primary wire not in conduit. The extra wire in conduit is so we have some extra in case we have a major failure somewhere on the run to Nondalton. The 30,000 feet of wire not in conduit is to guarantee having wire to run across 6 Mile Lake in the event of an underwater fault or under ice fault.

All of this wire and work that is being done is quite expensive and the board and management are faced with the uncomfortable reality the electric rates are going to have to bump up so we can make payments on the loan for doing this.

On October 11 we will have 2 fellows from NRUCFC visiting us for a board workshop. At that time we will be running various scenarios on what we need to do with our rates over the next 5 years to be able to complete this upgrade.

This project came only after a lot of serious deliberation and it boils down to the fact that we have power line in the ground that had a 20 year life expectancy and it is now going on 36 years or more in the ground. If we are going to continue to deliver power we must start replacing these power lines. Last January we had an underground fault in the vicinity of East Wind Lake. When we dug that line up, I was shocked at the deterioration of the line. This is helped push us in to realizing we can no longer ignore this old line and hope it will last another 20 years. It must be replaced!!!

On October 12 there will be a Board of Directors meeting here in Newhalen at 11:00 am in the INNEC conference room. Rates will be a major topic of discussion. All INNEC members are welcome to attend.