

To safely provide reliable power and high-quality service to our cooperative members In an efficient and cost-effective manner.



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the Circuit



Manager's Comments *by Jayson Bishop*

The accounting firm DeCoria & Company conducted our audit again this year. They presented their findings to our Directors at our April Board meeting and gave the Board an opportunity to ask any questions they might have. I am pleased to report that they again found no issues with our financial records and statements. In their opinion, "the financial statements referred to [in the audit] present fairly, in all material respects, the financial

position of the Cooperative as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the results of its operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

Some highlights from the audit include our Total Assets increasing 19.4% to \$104 million. The significant increase in Total Assets was mostly due to some bigger projects that were completed or are currently in progress. Midwest completed a rebuild of 17.5 miles of our 69,000-Volt transmission loop from our Paxton substation (southeast of the Village of Paxton) to our Dickens Switch (along the highway north of Wallace). That was the first phase of rebuilding the entire loop that stretches 65 miles from Paxton to Wallace to the Venango area. That line is about 50 years old and has begun showing its age. Midwest has also purchased a significant amount of equipment that will be used to build our solar and battery projects this summer.

Operating Revenue decreased by \$2.1 million and our Operating Expenses decreased by \$0.5 million from 2024. The decrease in Operating Revenue was caused by the abundant rainfall our area received last summer. Unfortunately, the timing of some of the rain meant we paid higher costs for some peak demands that didn't have a lot of kilowatt-hour sales to go with it when it rained shortly after. Net Margins for the year were \$1.0 million.

If you have questions about any of our financial statements or have comments for us, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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It is fine to plug in some things into a power strip, such as computers, lamps, phones and other light-load electronics.

However, appliances that require a lot of power should not be plugged into a power strip. Do not use a power strip with the following appliances:

IN THE KITCHEN × Refrigerators × Microwave ovens × Toasters × Coffee makers × Blenders × Slow cookers × Rice cookers	IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM × Washing machines × Dryers
IN THE BATHROOM × Hair dryers × Curling irons × Other hairstyling tools	ANYWHERE × Sump pumps × Space heaters × Portable air conditioners

 Do not overload power strips by plugging in appliances that consume more watts than the cord can handle. This can cause the power strip to overheat or start a fire.

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Caprese Avocado Toast

Caprese salad meets avocado toast! This is the BEST avocado toast and it's so easy to make! It's great anytime of day!



Ingredients:

2 ripe avocados
 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 Sea salt and black pepper, to taste
 4 slices bread, toasted
 4 ounces fresh mozzarella, sliced and cut into pieces, to fit the bread
 1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
 1/4 cup basil leaves, roughly chopped
 Balsamic Glaze, for drizzling

Directions:

1. Cut the avocados in half, remove pit, and scoop the flesh into a small bowl. Add the lemon juice, sea salt, and black pepper, to taste. With a fork, mash the ingredients together, keeping the texture slightly chunky.
2. Spread the mashed avocado evenly onto toasted bread slices. Top with fresh mozzarella slices, tomatoes, and basil. Season with additional salt and pepper, if desired. Drizzle with balsamic glaze and serve immediately.

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