

REC

Hawkeye Tri-County Electric

NEWS

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"Our vision is to provide access to safe, dependable and affordable electric services."

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Member Appreciation Day

You're invited to Hawkeye's Family Night

A Member Appreciation Event

Wednesday, September 4th ♦ 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

At Hawkeye Tri-County, Hwy 9 east of Cresco.

*We hope to see
you there!*



Pork and Beef Sandwiches

Potato Chips

Baked Beans

Moo Mobiles serving ice cream

Clown and Balloons!

Games and activities for the kids!

Back by popular request – Endless Summer playing your favorite oldies from 5:00-8:30

Register to win:

**Kid and Adult Drawings –
Hundreds of \$\$ in Prizes!**

**FREE Coffee Mug
while supplies last!**

\$10

"Going out of business" Sale!

Over 700 items being sold at or below cost!

See Ad on Page 7 for great deals!

**Bring in this coupon for an additional \$10 off
your purchase of \$25 or more!**

\$10

**ONLY 1 COUPON PER CUSTOMER
Valid on purchases made September 4, 2002 only.**

\$10

Vital Statistics

REC Appliance Brand Center to close



Tom Miller
General Manager

After much review and consideration, a difficult business decision has been made. Effective September 28, the REC Appliance Brand Center and RadioShack in Cresco will cease doing business.

While this decision was a very difficult one to make, it was one that had to be made for purely financial reasons. Last month in my newsletter column, I spoke about a recent 17% increase from our wholesale power supplier Dairyland Power. In response to the increase, we've begun taking steps to reduce expenses. We've cut back on major construction projects, trucks and computer equipment purchases, patronage capital requirements and material inventory. We've also been re-evaluating our diversified services. Each of these services will require a hard look in the coming months and year. Only those services able to pull their own weight can and should remain. This will help us continue to meet our newly affirmed vision

of providing safe, *affordable* and dependable electric services.

A going out of business sale will be held through the last day of business on September 28. August 17 will be the last day to charge and purchases from that point forward will be cash and carry. After that date, all sales will be final. Our appliance repair service will also end on September 27. We will continue to offer water heaters, water softeners and Beam Central Vacuums through our main office on Highway 9 in Cresco.

Our dedication to the community remains as strong as ever. It is our intent to do everything we can to see that the business stays in the community. It could be a very successful business opportunity. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-658-2243 or 547-3801. As always, we welcome your thoughts and opinions.

Reduce Energy Use During Peak Hours

Peak hours are busy times for your local Electric Cooperative, since many people are using electricity at the same time. In addition, it costs more to generate electricity when demand soars during peak periods – and the cost of your electricity also may rise. Obviously, using less electricity during peak periods can save your Cooperative – and you – money.

Here's how you can help during peak hours, which generally are on the coldest winter and warmest summer days between 4 p.m and 9 p.m.:

- ◆ Shift household chores and activities away from peak periods. Wait to run your dishwasher until you go to bed, for instance.

- ◆ Use the most energy-efficient appliances you have. Your microwave oven, for example, uses considerably less energy than your stove or cooktop.
- ◆ If you're buying a new appliance, make sure you get a highly efficient one. Look for "Energy Star" labels when you're evaluating different models.
- ◆ Be aware of your energy consumption, and try to get in the habit of using energy efficiently year-round.

Use the energy you need, but use it wisely! You'll help your Cooperative delay building expensive new power plants – and that, in turn, will help keep your electric rates stable.

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Back in the Good Ol' Days...

Oh, how times have changed. Compared to your grandparents, you (just like the rest of us) are most likely an electricity hog. Look around your home. There is probably at least one television, VCR, stereo and computer. And if you're like most of us, there may be more than one.

In the kitchen, you're likely to find a microwave, automatic coffee maker dishwasher, frost free refrigerator, garbage disposal and a host of other appliances that were only a dream in your grandparent's day.

Let's look around some more. Do you have a hot tub or heated water bed? How about air conditioning and central heating, not to mention the water heater? What about the washer and dryer in your laundry room?

Looking outside the home we will probably find a well pump, the dawn-to-dusk automatic security light and the plug-in heater to warm your car or tractor on those cold winter mornings. If you're a farmer, the list gets even longer with grain drying fans, auger motors, livestock tank heaters and confinement ventilation fans. The list is endless.

Only a century ago, few American homes and farms were wired for electricity. Those that were, used it almost exclusively for lighting and a few small appliances. A 1902 home might have had only one socket delivering 100 watts of power. The typical home today is wired to handle 24,000 watts or more, with the average room in that home having a minimum of one outlet for every six feet of wall space. Kitchens will have even more. Look around your home and think about what it would be like to have only one socket to use that would deliver only 100 watts of power.

The average hair dryer in use today consumes 1,500 watts of power.

A recent Wall Street Journal story mentioned that the amount of electricity used for heating, cooling, water heating and refrigeration has remained fairly steady over the past 15 years. Small appliances account for the increase in the use of electricity during that time.

The Journal went on to say that not long ago, small household appliances were categorized as "miscellaneous" energy users and not considered important. Now miscellaneous is the fastest-growing category and accounts for 20% of the energy used in American homes. Even when many appliances are off, they are still using electricity to power clocks and remote control systems.

Yes, times have certainly changed. The "good ol' days" may not have been as good as we all like to think.

There are few of us who would go back to those times even though we now have an electric bill to pay. So this month when you receive your bill and wonder how you could have ever used that much, just take a look around. Your electric bill is more than just a "light" bill.

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ENERGY

News Items...

Heat Pumps: A Cost Effective Heating *and* Cooling Option

Many people are turning to heat pumps as a way to effectively lower their heating and cooling costs.

How they work...

The earth has a handy property that makes geothermal systems possible: year-round temperature stability. Picture a long pipe that loops underground. Pour ice water into one end of the pipe and warmer water comes out the other end. The earth's stable temperature is warmer than the water and gives some of its heat to it. Likewise, warm water going in would come out cooler. This simple piece of physics is what makes the geothermal system work. The whole system is highly efficient and environmentally friendly. You

aren't creating heat – you're only moving it from one place to another. And of course, high efficiency means low cost. With an off-peak rate, you can heat and cool an average home in our area for as little as \$200-\$300 a year. This kind of savings will easily justify the cost of equipment over the long run.

Certain geothermal and air source heat pumps qualify for rebates. For more information on what heat pumps can do for you, contact Wayne Kirkeby at 1-800-658-2243.



Compact Fluorescent Lamps are a bright, money-saving idea

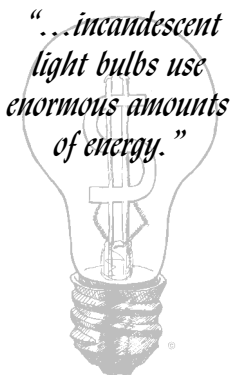
Here's a basic fact of life: A standard incandescent light bulb costs more to operate than to buy – a lot more. When you spend 75 cents for a 100-watt incandescent light bulb, you can expect to spend at least six dollars more for electricity during the bulb's 750-hour life.

However, with a compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), you can spend anywhere from \$12 to \$20 and still save money. How? Compact lamps use a fraction of the electricity to run and last about 10,000 hours – on average about 10 times longer than a cheaper incandescent bulb.

While they may seem relatively cheap at the checkout counter, incandescent light bulbs

use enormous amounts of energy. In fact, only about 10 percent of the electricity is converted into light, while the other 90 percent of energy becomes waste heat.

According to the Department of Energy, replacing just 25% of the incandescent bulbs in your home's high-use areas with CFLs can cut your lighting costs in half. Unfortunately, the majority of Iowa homes primarily use incandescent lighting, costing you hundreds of dollars in wasted energy each year.



Senate Votes in Favor of Yucca Mountain

The U.S. Senate voted 60-39 to approve development of a permanent spent nuclear fuel repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, thereby overriding Nevada's veto of the site selection. In Iowa, Senator Chuck Grassley voted for the site and Senator Tom Harkin voted against it. Overall, 15 democrats voted in favor, along with nearly all the GOP senators.

As was their right under the 1982 law, Nevada vetoed the project earlier this year after the Department of Energy (DOE) recommended the site. The Senate's vote was necessary to move the project forward. While the project has many years before completion, a negative vote by the Senate at this time

would have delayed a permanent repository for decades.

This is an important issue for Dairyland Power and its member cooperatives. Dairyland's LACBWR nuclear facility was not designed for long-term storage. Although it has been inactive since 1987, maintaining the facility costs Dairyland and its members about \$4.5 million annually. Consumers in the Dairyland cooperative system have paid the DOE nearly \$4.6 million under the High Level Waste Act to support Yucca Mountain.

For the complete article and other recent news, visit the website at www.hawkeyerec.com

Constructing New Bins or Drying Set Ups?

Please contact our Operations Department before you begin.

800-658-2243.

Energy Audits Online

The Home Energy Saver is a website for homeowners and renters who want to reduce their energy bills. The site uses advanced simulation software that tells the user how much energy is spent on energy bills and how much could be saved by using energy efficient technologies and practices.

When a user answers about 30 questions concerning the size and characteristics of his /her house, building software calculates the energy use and bill. The site also provides information on the energy bill breakdown for an average house and an energy-efficient house in the area. The software will also provide suggestions for reducing your energy bill.

Using this site is very useful and only takes a few minutes. To access the site, go to www.hawkeyerec.com, click on energy tips and then useful websites. The home energy saver is the first link on this page.



Recipes...

These recipes were taken from Dairyland Power Cooperative's 60th Anniversary Cookbook

Caramel Apple Pie

10 Kraft caramels, cut into quarters
3 C. chopped cooking apples
2tsp. lemon juice
9 inch regular Pet Ritz frozen pie crust
1/3 C. Flour
2/3 C. caramel ice cream topping
pecan pieces



Heat oven to 375 degrees. Preheat baking sheet. Combine caramels and flour. Add apples caramel ice cream topping and lemon juice; mix well. Pour into frozen pie shell and sprinkle pecan pieces. Bake on preheated baking sheet 40-45 minutes. Serve warm.

—Sharon Michalski, Dairyland Power Cooperative

Send us your favorite recipe and we'll send you \$5 if we print it.

September – Casseroles
October – Soups/Stews
November – Favorite Thanksgiving Day Salads



Apple Kuchen

2 C. Bisquick or Jiffy Mix
½ stick butter or margarine
¼ C. boiling water
10 to 12 medium apples
4 eggs
2 C. Milk
1 C. Sugar
Cinnamon to taste



In a 9" X 13" pan, mix the first 3 ingredients with a fork and press into a thin layer on bottom and up the sides about 1 ½ inches. If the dough is sticky, dust with a little flour. Be careful to cover pan evenly without any holes. Peel, core and cut up apples and put into the dough covered pan. Beat eggs and stir in milk and sugar. Pour slowly over apples. Sprinkle top with cinnamon. Bake at 375 degrees for 55 to 60 minutes or until a silver knife comes out clean. Serve warm or cold. Can be used as breakfast coffee cake or as a dessert topped with whipped cream or ice cream. Very good anytime!

—Zona Boettcher, Clark Electric Cooperative

Going *Out of* Business *Sale*

Huge Inventory Priced to Sell – Over 700 items priced at or below cost!

	Original	Sale
4-Channel Personal Radio (210-1811)	99.99	48.59
VHF/UHF/Aircraft Scanner (200-313)	129.99	69.97
150-Channel Trucking Scanner (200-0521)	249.99	157.94
2-Line 900 MHz DSS Digital Answerer/Cordless (430-682)	229.99	143.61
Pocket Digital 900 MHz Cordless (430-1106)	129.99	80.82
Caller ID with call waiting (430-938)	49.99	29.33
7 pc. 500 watt Home Theater Audio System (310-5007)	299.99	230.00
900 MHz Wireless Stereo Headphones 330-1165)	119.99	52.43
Dual Wheel Scroll Mouse (260-553)	39.99	21.86
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Talking Calendar, Clock and Alarm (630-961)	24.99	13.79
RCA 300 +1 Disc CD Changer (420-7005)	249.99	179.59
RCA 5 Disc Carousel DVD/CD Changer (160-3231)	279.99	192.00
90- Minute Digital Recorder (140-1193)	99.99	57.50
RCA 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker (400-5007)	149.99	36.18
RCA 5 CD Carousel Changer (420-7002)	129.99	79.00
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500-watt, 7-piece surround-sound package



2-line digital answerer and Caller ID



Tapeless digital recorder

Other Specials

	Sale
Computer Games	5.00
Batteries, 4 pk. AA or AAA	1.99
Character Phones	up to 50% off

Toys and Radio Controlled Cars

Buy your Christmas Gifts Early!

	Original	Sale
Karaoke Music System (320-1164)	29.99	22.19
PreSchool Play Buggy (600-2763)	29.99	19.18
Lock n' Safe (600-1215)	14.99	9.78
Kid's Karaoke Machine (140-871)	29.99	20.14
Preschool RC Play Truck (600-2777)	29.99	19.47
Jack Hammer RC Car (600-4294)	69.99	44.71
Baja Screamer RC Car (600-4297)	69.99	53.86
Crocodile Hunter RC Car (600-4304)	59.99	42.77
Deceiver RC Car (600-4299)	79.99	53.86
Mangler RC Car (600-4298)	79.99	50.91



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Here's an example of how much you can save.	Verizon Timeless Plan	Sprint Score Anytime	MCI Anytime Advantage	Hawkeye REC Everyday rates*
Out of State per-minute rate	10.0¢	10.0¢	7.0¢	6.9¢
In State per-minute rate	15.0¢	12.0¢	14.0¢	8.9¢
150 Minutes Out of State	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$10.50	\$10.35
150 Minutes In State	\$22.50	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$13.35
Monthly fees	none	\$10.95	\$2.95	none
TOTAL MONTHLY COST	\$37.50*	\$43.95*	\$34.45*	\$23.70*
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