

400 Members and Guests Attend Annual Meeting

Thanks for attending!

Hawkeye's Board of Directors and employees want to thank you for attending the annual meeting and taking part in your electric cooperative. We had great attendance this year. In addition to the normal business reports, there was the election of directors, a question and answer session fielded by Hawkeye's CEO Tom Miller, and a drawing for over 50 attendance prizes. This is a great opportunity for members to take part and have a voice in their cooperative.



Director Election Results



Dennis Young

At this year's annual meeting we had four director elections, one from Howard district, one from Chickasaw district and two from the Winneshiek district. John Hockspeier, Janelle Mahr and Norman Dickman were re-elected from their districts, Chickasaw, Howard and Winneshiek respectively. Dennis Young was elected to represent the Winneshiek district. Please help welcome Dennis to the board of directors. Thanks to Duane Kuehner, Phil Hemesath, James Kitchen and Robert Shatek for run-

ning on the ballot and offering to lend their time and talents to Hawkeye REC.

Fisher chosen as Board Chairman and Dairyland Power Director



Dean Fisher

At the organizational meeting of the board, fellow directors elected the officers for the cooperative. Dean Fisher was elected as the board chairman and Dairyland Power director. Fisher has been in this leadership role for several years and works hard to ensure a

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



*Tom Miller
General Manager*

Stopping to smell our roses!

We used to travel around the system in late winter having coffee and rolls at the local gathering spots. The intent of these events was to go out into the membership and have a positive exchange of ideas, ask and answer questions, and give us an idea where we could improve our electric cooperative. We stopped having coffee together after noting how few of our members were able to attend. Also, it is just hard to find a time that was convenient for more of our members to participate. Early 1999 was our last formal outing.

About a month ago, Winneshiek County Supervisor and Hawkeye REC member Dean



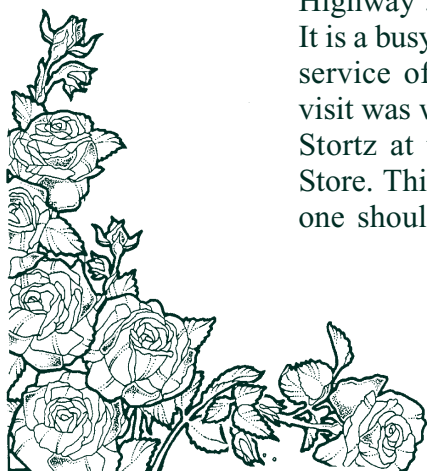
Darling commented to us that he missed us coming around. Supervisor Darling has a coffee shop route that he frequents from

time to time in Winneshiek County. I believe running his route has become a routine that both he and his constituents have come to expect and enjoy. This past month I had the pleasure of riding along with him on his route as his guest. One of our stops was Winn Coop Country Express on US Highway 52 near Burr Oak. It is a busy place with lots of service offerings. Our next visit was with Gary and Bev Stortz at the Highlandville Store. This is a place everyone should visit when they

get a chance. Be sure to ask about the Highlandville Literary Society during your visit.

I observed and was impressed during my travels that our long-time members are very tuned in to their electric cooperative. They ask a variety of questions and listen intently to details. They remember not having electricity and doing without. These members are very appreciative of the work electricity does for them. One member remarked to me on how important it is to engage in small talk with your owners as it's becoming a lost art. I guess what they meant was, "I don't know anyone at the coop anymore." They want to know us better. News about the proposed coal-fired power plant near New Hampton was on everyone's mind. The hardest question for me was, "Why do people want to be a director at the REC?" The easiest question for me was, "When do I read my meter?" It was fun watching others listen in on the activities at Hawkeye REC.

Dean Darling was a wonderful host and has mastered the art of casual conversation. Thanks to Dean for inviting me to participate, the local establishments for the warm coffee, our members for the friendly conversation, and the "locals" for allowing me to invade. I enjoyed smelling the roses in Winneshiek County.



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positive vision for the cooperative. These two positions (chairman and Dairyland director) require a tremendous time commitment. Many thanks to Dean for his efforts. Also elected were Dean Nierling as vice chairman and Dennis Ptacek as secretary/treasurer. These officers play important roles at the cooperative.

Thanks to the Teller and Credential Committees

Hawkeye would like to thank the members of the Teller and Credential committees for their help with tallying the votes for the director elections and the Articles of Incorporation. Their hard work and dedication is truly appreciated.



Peggy Berg, Hawkeye's Chief Financial Officer, instructing Teller and Credential Committee members Elsie Ryan and Joyce Jirak.



Hawkeye employee Karen Pecinovsky gives member Tom Ryan a Hawkeye REC crock. The crocks will be available to purchase for \$25 starting May 1st at Hawkeye's office.



Shelly Hruska, Hawkeye's CPA, assisting Teller & Credential Committee members Tom Ryan, Darwin Melcher, Marvin Ladwig and Loren Kriener.

Annual Meeting Prize Winners!

\$50 Electric Bill Cert. ... Robert Dietzenbach	REC Crock Linus Voves	REC Crock Ralph Wieling
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Richard Vrzak	REC Crock Gerald Bakken	Weather Radio Clair Pecinovsky
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Robert Leo Smith	REC Crock Edward Bouska	Weather Radio Mindy Johnson
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Lawrence Hageman	REC Crock Elmer Schmitt	Calendar Clock Bernice Karnik
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Eugene Daley	REC Crock Gary Hovey	Surge Protector Melroy Buhr
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Leo A. Funk	REC Crock Thomas Ryan	Surge Protector Alvin Myers
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Everette Tenge	REC Crock Howard Ness	Surge Protector.. Genevieve Harvey
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. Raymond L. Balik	REC Crock Raphael Ferrie	Surge Protector Delbert Winter
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Donald E. Miller	REC Crock Leonard Shatek	Power Strip Gene Larson
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Billy Einwalter	REC Crock Francis Meier	Power Strip Patrick Schmelzer
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Edward Hubka	REC Crock Earl Schnur	Power Strip Robert Schnepfer
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Regina Kuboushek	REC Crock Theo Lickteig	Power Strip Charles Nast
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Harold Anderlik	REC Crock Milton Stevens	Power Strip Wesley Frana
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. .. Edward Christopher	REC Crock Allan Shatek	Power Strip Roger Westby
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Vera Cline	REC Crock Godlove Busta	Power Strip Joseph Chihak
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Linus Kriener	REC Crock Obert Sacquitne	Power Strip Mildred Jacobson
\$25 Electric Bill Cert. Gerald V. Smith	REC Crock Lester Praska	

DATES TO REMEMBER

BILLING CYCLE DATES

- April 21** Automated payments by credit cards are processed.
- April 23** Member reads meter and records on payment voucher. **NO MORE METER CARDS.** Please mail your bill today to make sure it arrives to Hawkeye by the 1st of May.
- April 28** Automated payments from checking accounts are processed.
- May 1** Bills become delinquent.
- May 10** Hawkeye REC prints bills based on April meter reading.
- May 11** Bills are mailed to members from Dairyland in LaCrosse.

OTHER EVENTS

- April 20** Hawkeye REC Board Meeting

Ditch Burning

Be cautious while burning ditches and fence lines this spring. Remember, a utility pole that has been burned may be weakened to the point of being hazardous to you, the public, or linemen who may have to work on or near the pole.

Even if the fire does not burn the pole, the intense heat from the fire can pull the wood preservative out of the pole. This loss of preservative shortens pole life. Early replacement of poles is an added expense to your Cooperative and ultimately to you, the member-consumer.

In addition, a few minutes spent cleaning around the poles and fixtures may save you the inconvenience of being without electric service. Piling things around electric meter and transformer poles is also a common safety hazard. The accumulation of objects or machinery around or by poles can make work difficult and hazardous for the Cooperative personnel and meter readers.

Play it safe and be careful when burning this spring.

BE CAREFUL!
Pole replacements could cost you up to \$600!

Welcome

Hawkeye REC welcomes New Members

February

Winneshiek Coop/Pioneer Office Decorah, IA
 Jayden Burns Lime Springs, IA
 WhiteStone Farms LLP Wahpeton, ND
 Chuck Pierce/Shawn Kalvelage Cresco, IA
 Jay & Ericka Rice Lime Springs, IA
 Kim Witt Cresco, IA
 Paul B. Miller Lime Springs, IA
 Robert & Tammie Kappes Cresco, IA
 Rich & Carol Buhr New Hampton, IA
 Waterloo Service Co. Waterloo, IA
 Jonathan Strand Shoreview, MN
 Burr Oak Mercantile/Diana Kingsbury Burr Oak, IA
 Sandra Evenmoe Ridgeway, IA
 Jon Lubke Ridgeway, IA
 Ryan Brynsaas Decorah, IA
 Gordon & Linda Tangen Decorah, IA
 Jeff Schmitz Fort Atkinson, IA

March

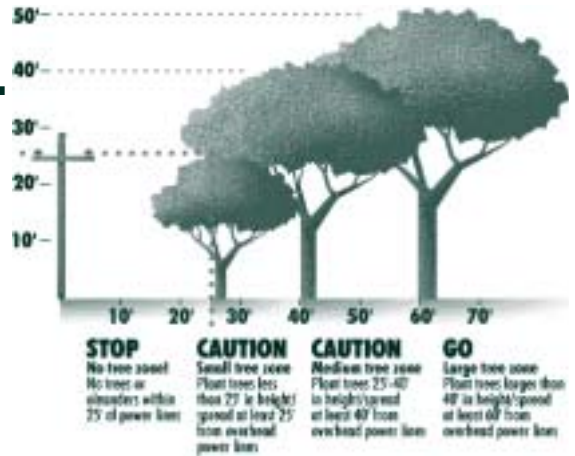
Justin A. Gerleman Riceville, IA
 Charles Gallmeyer Lime Springs, IA
 Mike & Retha Praska Elma, IA
 Dustin Eiffler Cresco, IA
 James Langreck Lawler, IA
 Joe Gossling Lawler, IA
 Russ & Cheryl Adams New Hampton, IA
 April L. Martinez Decorah, IA
 William Heine Denver, IA
 John Jevne Decorah, IA
 Brian Bullerman Decorah, IA
 Stephanie Mork Decorah, IA
 Dustin & Erika Wyant Decorah, IA
 Jim & Cindy Nefzger Decorah, IA
 Joe & Amy Fahey Waukon, IA
 Judy & Leon Tupy Boulder, CO
 Forrest & Amy Averhoff Decorah, IA
 Jeff & Colleen Clement Decorah, IA
 Riley & Kathleen Uglum New Hampton, IA
 James Bechtel Harmony, MN
 Sarah Fromong Decorah, IA

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

Before you plant a tree, get the facts.

April brings more than rain showers. It also brings Arbor Day on April 30, a great time to learn about proper tree planting procedures.

Summer is just around the corner and you may be planning ways to beat the heat. Trees are a good solution. If you plant trees on the southwest and west sides of your home, they can block the sun and dramatically reduce the heat in your house. The Department of Energy estimates that just three trees positioned correctly around a house can cut the energy used for cooling by one-fourth. And in the winter, those same trees can cut your heating costs by 10-20 percent. But be aware that a tree on the south side of a house can actually increase heating costs in the winter because it casts shade.



**In Iowa call:
1-800-292-8989**

Remember that trees and power lines don't mix. If you plant trees near power lines, make sure they're small and that they'll stay small. Also don't forget about underground power lines when you're planting. Call Iowa One-Call before you dig.

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| <p>Shrubs
(Height: 4' – 10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrowwood, Azalea, Burning Bush, Bush Honeysuckle, Caragana, Chokecherry, Cotoneaster, Cranberry Bush, Currant, Dogwood, Hydrangea, Juneberry, Lilac, Ninebark, Poternilla, Sumac | <p>Medium Trees
(25' – 40')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash, Marshall Seedless, Birch, Paper & River, Butternut, Honey Locust: Sunburst, Shademaster, Skyline, Littleleaf Linden, Norway Maple, Pear, Bradford |
| <p>Small Trees
(Height: 10' – 15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amur Maple, Flowering Crabapple, Flowering Dogwood, Hawthorn, Eastern Red Cedar, Russian Olive, Canada Cherry, Ironwood, Mountain Ash, Nanking Cherry | <p>Large Trees
(40' – 70')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basswood, Bur Oak, Pin Oak, Elm, Sugar Maple, Hackberry, Ginkgo, Black Walnut, Catalpa Pines: Austrian, Red, Scotch, White, Spruce |

Map of Outages

Have you experienced an outage?
Shown here is a map of all outage causes for the month of March.





You have a choice for the future

Evergreen is a renewable energy (green power) program available to your home, farm or business through your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative.

Evergreen is for you if you are willing to pay a little bit more to purchase a portion or all of



your electricity from renewable energy sources. In addition to your normal monthly electric bill, you volunteer to pay a small, additional charge each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy.

That's it. There are no other requirements. There is nothing to hook up. And, you will continue to re-

ceive the same reliable electric service you always have.

Evergreen renewable energy comes from the wind and waste-to-energy sources such as landfill gas and livestock manure. We purchase energy from highly efficient wind farms. New technology methane digesters located throughout our system convert waste from landfills and livestock confinements to bio-gas that is used to generate electricity.

By participating in Evergreen, you are investing in the future of the environment. Your purchase of one 100 kilowatt hour (kWh) block of Evergreen renewable energy each month has the same environmental benefits (CO2 reduction) as planting one-half acre of trees or not driving a car 2,400 miles.



Yes! I want to participate in Evergreen Renewable Energy.

Please fill out the following form and mail to Hawkeye REC.

Number of blocks of energy: ... Amount added to my monthly bill:

- 1 block (100 kWh) \$1.50
- 2 blocks (200 kWh) \$3.00
- 3 blocks (300 kWh) \$4.50
- 4 blocks (400 kWh) \$6.00
- 5 blocks (500 kWh) \$7.50
- Other: Please specify number of blocks
- Please provide me with more information.



I understand that this amount is in addition to my monthly energy bill. Also, that my commitment is for one year and will continue monthly thereafter until I notify Hawkeye that I no longer wish to participate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Account No. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Recipes...

Springtime recipes to keep your diet on track

Send us your favorite recipe. If we print your recipe in our newsletter you'll receive \$5 off your next electric bill.



May- Favorite Springtime Recipes
June- Early Garden Recipes
(strawberries, spinach, asparagus, etc)

Cheese Soup

10 oz. Velveeta Light
3 cups Fat free chicken broth
1 can diced tomatoes
1 cup mixed veggies

Add all ingredients and simmer until cheese is melted, stirring to keep cheese from sticking.

Special Note: Use tomatoes with green chilies for extra spice.

Weight Watchers Recipe
6 Servings • 1 Point per serving

Whole Wheat Banana Muffins

Ingredients
2 cups whole wheat flour ½ cup sugar
¼ tsp. salt 4 Tbs. Veg. Oil
2 large eggs 1 cup chopped pecans
1 ½ cups mashed banana

Instructions
Preheat oven to 400. Blend egg, bananas, sugar and oil. Add flour mixed with soda and salt, and nuts. Stir until moistened. Spray Pam in muffin cups. Fill cups to about 2/3 full. Bake for 20 minutes.

A Weight Watchers Recipe
Servings 12 • 1 point per serving

Asparagus with Walnuts and Vinaigrette

Atkins Diet Recipe

Perfect in springtime, asparagus' natural sweetness contrasts beautifully with this tart vinaigrette.

Ingredients
1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
1/4 small onion, very finely chopped
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 packet sugar substitute
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup olive oil
1 pinch salt
Freshly ground black pepper
4 cups spring salad mix (mesclun)
1/4 cup toasted walnuts, or almonds

Directions

1. Steam asparagus until crisp-tender. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Set aside.
2. Combine shallot, vinegar, mustard and sugar substitute, salt and pepper in a mixing bowl. Gradually whisk in oil.
3. Divide lettuce on 4 plates; arrange asparagus on top and drizzle with vinaigrette. Sprinkle with walnuts.

Net Carbs: 5 grams
Fat: 19 grams
Calories: 211



Members Helping Members

Commitment to Community

Every year Hawkeye mails to its members a RECare pledge card as shown below. This year a total of \$4,417 was distributed to 45 members experiencing financial hardships. Distribution amounts ranging from \$50 to \$200 were credited to their accounts.

The Hawkeye RECare Committee met on Thursday, March 25. Those in attendance were representatives from Northeast Iowa Community Action offices in Howard, Chickasaw and Winneshiek counties, Hawkeye REC's Board of Directors and

Hawkeye's billing department.

Hawkeye appreciates your generosity and the pledges given by members to help these people in need. What a great way to show you care about your community and know that you have made a difference in the lives of these 45 families!

If you would like to make a pledge to the RECare fund or would like to continue your support please fill out the form below.

If you would like to make a pledge – fill out this form...



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1-800-658-2243 or 547-3801
www.hawkeyerec.com

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(Closed Sat., Sun., & Holidays)

OUTAGES

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Dean Fisher, President - Lawler
Dean Nierling, Vice President - Burr Oak
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Norman Dickman - Decorah
John Hockspeier - Alta Vista
Janelle Mahr - Lime Springs
Roger Nibaur - Elma
Charles Frana - Calmar
Dennis Young - Decorah

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Peggy Berg, Chief Financial Officer
Jim Murphy, Information Tech. Manager

EDITOR

Cindy Christensen



CONSUMER AUTHORIZATION FORM

YES! I would like to be a part of "Members Helping Members" and contribute to RECare.

Monthly Pledge \$1.00 \$2.00 \$5.00 Other _____

(I understand that this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.)

One-time contribution \$ _____ (Checks should be made out to RECare, c/o Hawkeye REC)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Billing Number: _____



Please return to:



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