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Hawkeye's Member Appreciation
Night on September 8th!

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Educational Resources to Local School

Hawkeye REC is making it easier for local schools to teach students about electricity and electric cooperatives. Through a partnership between Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and Discovery Channel School, the co-op embarked on a campaign last year to ensure that middle and junior high school students in Hawkeye's territory in Howard, Winneshiek, and Chickasaw counties receive a quality education on electricity.

Through this community outreach program called *Get Charged! Electricity and You*, Hawkeye provides students with a comprehensive kit of educational materials focusing on electricity.



Hawkeye REC employee Julie Madsen (back left) distributes a "Get Charged Electricity Education Kit" to Crestwood Elementary Mrs. Barb Schwamman's 6th grade class. Also pictured is Julie's daughter Amanda and Hawkeye employee Rick Hagen's son Ryan. They will be entering 6th grade next fall and will have a chance to use the electricity kit.

Linemen Demonstrate Electrical Safety to Area Students

Hawkeye REC is committed to the safety and education of local children. Lineman Brad Dull and Line Foreman Mike Girolamo presented an electrical safety demonstration to 5th and 6th grade students from Decorah, South Winneshiek and North Winneshiek elementary schools at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds on May 11th as part of the 2004 Winneshiek County Safety Day. The safety presentation demonstrates how dangerous electricity can be if people are not educated and informed.



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



Tom Miller
General Manager

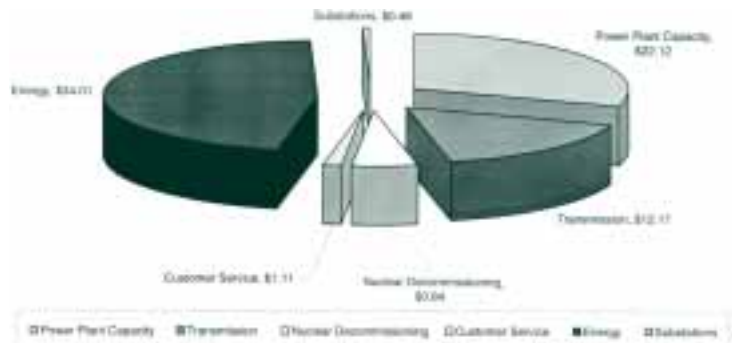
Where your monthly electric bill goes!

As you have heard before, the largest expense at Hawkeye REC is the cost of electric energy from our wholesale power provider, Dairyland Power Cooperative. Talking in "averages" a normal monthly electric bill paid by our members in 2003 was \$136.64. Of that amount, 54% or \$73.51 was paid to Dairyland Power Cooperative. The chart to the right shows how Hawkeye's wholesale bill was itemized.

One of the items to note is the amount we pay for nuclear decommissioning. Our membership paid nearly \$280,000 for the partially dismantled plant. We receive zero (0) kilowatt hours!

In total, Dairyland's annual budget for the La Crosse Boiler Water Reactor (LACBWR) is roughly \$5 million. We pay all this because

2003 - How Dairyland Billed Hawkeye REC



Power Plant Capacity is the peak demand we place on the power production equipment

Nuclear Decommissioning is the cost of safe storage of the waste and security of the facility prior to dismantling the reactor vessel

Energy is the cost of production of electricity

Transmission is the demand placed on the delivery system as electricity is transmitted to our substations

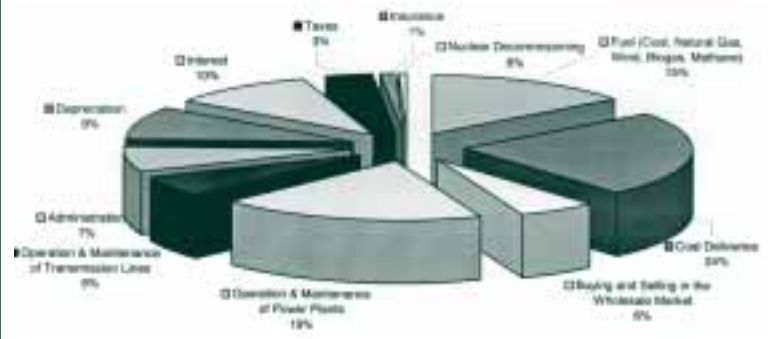
Substations is the cost of retaining back-up equipment in case of failure (insurance is you will)

Customer Service is the cost of various marketing programs passed on to Hawkeye and our members

the federal Department of Energy and congress have not kept their promise to provide a federal depository for nuclear waste.

So, where does that money go?

Here's Dairyland's Major Expenses



The cost of fuel represents over 39% of Dairyland's total annual expenses. With the help of Dennis Rackers, who is responsible for fuel procurement at Dairyland, we found that coal and coal deliveries combined is the

single largest expense in the annual budget. Another item to note is the amount of energy trading Dairyland Power does in the wholesale market. Nearly \$12 million dollars annually is used to support buying and selling power to benefit our members.

When I started writing this article it was my intent to find new revelations about our wholesale power provider Dairyland Power Cooperative. There weren't any; just the reminders of the moth-balled nuclear plant; the dependency our system has on coal and coal deliveries, and the increasing amount of activity Dairyland has in the wholesale power market as they decide about replacing and adding to our fleet of power plants.

Commitment to Community

Hawkeye REC employees Jeff and Kyle Henderson assisted Cresco Park and Recreation with a construction project at Cresco's Evans Memorial Park. A new shelter over the spectator seating is under construction. Hawkeye crews dug holes for the construction project. This is one of the many projects Hawkeye has participated in this year.



Update...

Howard County Fair is June 23-27

Come & Check out Hawkeye's Booth

Winneshiek County Fair is July 6-10

Calling All Apple Pie Makers!

Hawkeye is sponsoring the Apple Pie Contest

\$50 for 1st Place!

(Have your pies ready by 1:00 on Friday July 9th!
Judging starts at 1:30!)



Hawkeye REC welcomes New Members

- Duane Foltz Ossian, IA
- H. Nelson Braniger Elma, IA
- D.E. Frieberg Riceville, IA
- Stephanie Gansen Elma, IA
- Eli Johnson Lawler, IA
- Roger Horton New Hampton, IA
- Daniel Gebel Lawler, IA
- Doug D. Tieskoetter Decorah, IA
- Denise Hager El Cajon, CA
- Lucille Burr Cresco, IA
- David Lehmkuhl Ridgeway, IA
- Darrin Bushman Decorah, IA
- David Sherman Decorah, IA
- Greg and Joy Sim Fort Atkinson, IA

Four Falcons hatch at Dairyland's Generating Site

Peregrine falcons were put on Wisconsin's Endangered and Threatened Species list in 1975, but with the help of Dairyland Power Cooperative, these peregrines are soaring high throughout the region once again. Dairyland employee Bob Anderson noticed that the falcons had not been successful establishing nesting sites at any of their typical dwellings on the cliffs overlooking the Upper Mississippi River. They noticed that the raptors would visit the stacks (which are several hundred feet high) at one of Dairyland's power plants between high bluffs and the Mississippi River, the perfect spot for a falcon family. They speculated that the raptors might find a nest box high on one of the stacks. Since 1987, 54 falcon chicks have hatched. Recently, four Peregrine falcons hatched at Dairyland's Alma Site nesting box. You can visit Dairyland's website at www.dairynet.com and click on the Bird Cam, you will get a glimpse of the chicks and possibly catch mom or dad feeding them.



Member Service News



Dan Kloberdanz
Member Service
Technician



Marc Mikkelson
Member Service
Technician



Wayne Kirkeby
Marketing Representative

All Load Control Receivers Going Digital!

Currently Hawkeye's load receivers are set for analog signals.

If Hawkeye hasn't changed your load management receiver in the past six months, you are on the list! The member service department will be making an appointment to change your receiver. The changing of the equipment takes about 10 minutes and the employee will need access to your load control, which is usually located in the basement of your home. Hawkeye appreciates your cooperation during this process and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you.

One of your Cooperative's member service employees may be contacting you!

Beat the Summer Heat

Air Conditioner Rebates Efficient Central Air Conditioner Program

**Must be under load-management control program

- SEER 12..... \$ 40.00 per Ton
- SEER 13..... \$ 50.00 per Ton
- SEER 14..... \$ 60.00 per Ton

Electric Heat Pumps

**To be on interruptible rate, you must have an automatic backup

- GEOTHERMAL \$160.00 per Ton
- AIR TO AIR PUMP.... \$160.00 per Ton

SAVE MORE MONEY!!

If you have your heat on load control, now add your air conditioner to the load control program and save 2.5 cents per kWh.

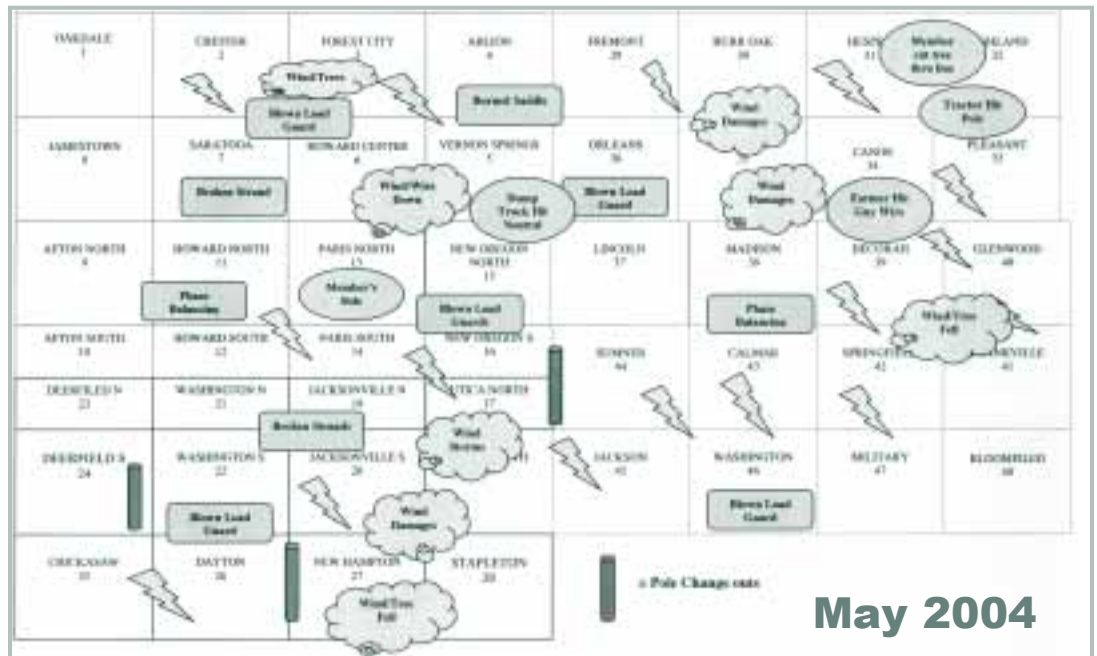
During peak energy alert periods, air conditioning load controls are on 15 minute cycling intervals.



Map of Outages

Have you experienced an outage?

Shown here is a map of all outage causes for the month of May.



2004 Scholarship Winners

In 2003, Iowa cooperatives persuaded the State to allow unclaimed Capital Credits funds to be used for scholarships or for the promotion of economic development instead of forfeiting the funds to the State as in past years. (If Hawkeye cannot find a current address for a former member, their Capital Credits are designated as unclaimed.) This year, Hawkeye offered six \$500 scholarships to area schools.

Alan Brincks South Winneshiek High School

Parents: Donald I. & Joyce Brinks of Ossian

High School

Activities: Cross Country, Track, Large Group and Individual Speech, Band, Choir, School Plays and Musicals, Student representative on an advisory committee for the school board, 4-H Member, National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Scholars

Future Plans: Alan plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska, with a possible major in English and double minor in History and Psychology.



Donna Leff Riceville High School

Parents: Dallas and Evelyn Leff of Riceville

High School

Activities: Band, 4-H Member, National Honor Society, Academic Quest, Physics Club, Speech, Kept stats for the volleyball and basketball teams, Drum Majorette and FFA Officer

Future Plans: Donna plans to attend Waldorf College in Forest City next fall to study Political Science and Public Relations.



JoAnna Ries

New
Hampton
High
School

Parents:

Lyle and Lynn Ries of Alta Vista

High School Activities: Marching, Pep, Jazz and Concert Bands, Freshman Girls Choir, Nu High Chorale, Main Street West Singers, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Club, Catholic Youth Group, National Honor Society, Youth Choir, Area Wide Youth Mass Coordinator, Teens Encounter Christ, National Catholic Youth Conference, Academic Honor Roll for 8 semesters and graduated Summa Cum Laude

Future Plans: JoAnna plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls next fall and will major in Communications and Public Relations.



Jill Christopher Decorah High School

Parents: Brian and Lynn Christopher of Decorah

High School

Activities: Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Track, Choir, 4-H Member, National Honor Society and Student Council

Future Plans: Jill plans to attend Winona State University next fall for Athletic Training.



Michael Oswald Fredericksburg High School

Parents: Mary and Tim Wiltgen of Fredericksburg

High School

Activities: Football, Track, Student Council President senior year and 4-H Member for nine years

Future Plans: Michael plans to attend NICC for two years for an AA degree and transfer to a four year college to obtain a BA degree in Criminal Justice.



Kelly Sir Cresco Area

Parents: Tim and Kim Sir of Cresco

High School Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Youth Group, Youth Group Worship Team, Luther College Dorian Piano Festival, Inner-City Mission Trip and Musical Plays

Future Plans: Kelly plans to attend Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota where she will play basketball. She has not yet decided on a major field.





Hawkeye Board Member Janelle Mahr (far right) joins other REC representatives and visits with Senator Tom Harkin.

Director Mahr to Washington D.C.

Representatives of Iowa’s rural electric cooperatives (RECs), including Director Janelle Mahr representing Hawkeye REC, recently descended upon Washington, D.C., to discuss timely legislative issues affecting electric cooperatives and their members. The meetings were held during the 2004 Legislative Conference of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), May 2-7. Over 2,100 co-op representatives from all over the United States participated in the conference.

The Iowa REC’s discussed the hours-of-service issue. The hours-of-service regulations limit a utility’s ability to meet critical public safety responsibilities and hampers orderly repairs, maintenance and improvement projects. They also discussed other electric issues.



Gerald Kach
Hawkeye Meter
Reader

Hawkeye’s Contract Meter Reader

Starting in June, Gerald Kach of rural Cresco will be reading meters in Winneshiek County. Gerald has been reading Hawkeye meters in Howard & Chickasaw Counties since January of this year.

Gerald lives on a farm south of Cresco with his wife Ann. The Kach’s have four children and five grandchildren. Gerald has been reading meters for Hawkeye for three years. Please take note when a red pick-up pulls in your yard, it’s just Hawkeye’s friendly meter reader!



I was blind, but now I see...



The famous words, immortalized in the hymn Amazing Grace, are appropriate to describe the latest news from the Garwin McNeilus Blind School and Orphanage in Bobilli, India. Thirty children from the blind school received the gift of sight during the first week of May. The orphanage is funded by power sales from one of the Dairyland turbines at the G. McNeilus wind farm in Adams, Minnesota. Dairyland’s participation in the wind farm will generate enough renewable energy to power 4,800 residential homes in their system.



Recipes...

Here are some special strawberry treats to enjoy these early summer months...

Strawberry Milk Shake

2 cups vanilla ice cream (1 pint)
1 cup milk
10 oz. frozen strawberries (thawed, but undrained)

Place vanilla ice cream in a blender, add milk and the thawed strawberries. Cover; blend till mixture is smooth. Pour into glasses and serve immediately. Makes about 2 (8 oz.) servings.

Strawberry Cookie Pizza

Prep Time: 15 minutes, Bake Time: 14 minutes

1 package (18 oz.) refrigerated sugar cookie dough
½ cup whipping cream
1 container (8 oz.) lowfat vanilla yogurt
1 pint (12 oz.) Ontario strawberries, stemmed and halved
1 cup blueberries

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour bottom and side of 14-inch pizza pan. With floured hands, press cookie dough evenly onto bottom of pan. Bake in center of oven 14 to 16 minutes until golden brown. Run metal spatula or thin knife along edge of crust to loosen from pan; cool in pan on wire rack. In mixer bowl, beat cream to form soft peaks. Fold in yogurt to blend. If made ahead, cover and refrigerate. Just before serving, spread cream mixture evenly onto cooled crust. Arrange strawberries and blueberries decoratively over top; cut into wedges and serve immediately. Makes 12 servings.



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



July - Cool and Refreshing Recipes
August - Favorite Canning Recipes

Easy Freezer Strawberry Jam

Just in case you didn't know how easy it is, check out this Sure-Jell jam recipe.

Ingredients:

1 qt. strawberries (Discard stems and crush the strawberries- should equal 2 cups crushed strawberries)
4 cups sugar
1 box Sure-Jell

Makes about 5 cups

Directions

1. Wash and rinse plastic containers with tight fitting lids. Use 1 to 2 cup size containers.
2. Prepare fruit as directed above. For strawberries, crush 1 cup at a time, using a potato masher for best results. If using food processor, pulse to very finely chop. DO NOT PUREE. Jam should have bits of fruit.
3. Measure exact amount of prepared fruit in a large bowl.
4. Measure exact amount of sugar into separate bowl (Do not reduce sugar. Do not use sugar substitutes)
5. Stir sugar into prepared fruit. Mix well. Let stand 10 minutes; stir occasionally.
6. Stir Sure-Jell and ¾ cup water in small saucepan. (Pectin may start out lumpy) Bring to boil on high heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
7. Stir Sure-Jell mixture into fruit. Stir constantly until sugar is completely dissolved and no longer grainy, about three minutes. (A few sugar crystals may remain.)
8. Pour into prepared containers, leaving ½ inch space at top for expansion during freezing; cover.
9. Let stand at room temperature 24 hours until set. If not set after 24 hours, refrigerate for time indicated on recipe. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks. Otherwise, store in freezer for up to 1 year. Thaw in refrigerator.

DATES TO REMEMBER

BILLING CYCLE DATES

- June 21** Automated credit card payments.
- June 23** Member reads meter and records on payment voucher. Please mail your bill today to make sure it arrives to Hawkeye by the 1st of July.
- June 28** Automated checking account payments.
- July 1** Bills become delinquent.
- July 10** Hawkeye REC prints bills based on June meter reading.
- July 11** Bills are mailed to members from Dairyland in LaCrosse.

OTHER EVENTS

- June 23-27** Howard County Fair
- June 25** Hawkeye REC Board Meeting
- July 5** Office Closed in observance of 4th of July Holiday
- July 6-10** Winneshiek County Fair

2004 Summer Help at Hawkeye

Nick Boyle is assisting the linemen out in the field and helping in the warehouse this summer. This is Nick's third summer at Hawkeye. He attended NICC for two years in the Ag mechanics program and this fall he will attend Riverland Community College for Auto Tool & Die Machining. Nick is the son of Bill and Rhonda Boyle.



Evan Carman is helping out the linemen in the field this summer. This is Evan's second summer here. Evan will be attending Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, IA for the linemen program this fall. He is the son of Roger and Jan Carman of Cresco.



Cassie Christensen is one of our receptionists at the front desk this summer. This is her second year at Hawkeye. Cassie will be a sophomore at the University of Northern Iowa and is considering the Pharmacy field. She is the daughter of Cindy and Chris Christensen of Riceville.



Kyle Henderson is working with the linemen out in the field this summer. This is Kyle's first summer at Hawkeye. Kyle plans to attend WYO-Tech college in Wyoming for the automotive program this fall. He is the son of Jeff and Tammy of Cresco.



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