

Safety Comes First

Hawkeye REC is committed to the safety and education of local children. Hawkeye presented electrical safety demonstrations to three area schools during the month of March. The safety presentations demonstrate how dangerous electricity can be if people are not educated and informed.

Lineman Rick Hagen presented electrical safety information to the 6th grade classes at Crestwood elementary. Line Foreman Mike Girolamo and Line Staking Technician Dave Wilkes also presented to students at Lime Springs schools.



The students had the opportunity to try on equipment, including a safety harness, hardhat, protective gloves and rubber sleeves.



Lineman Rick Hagen helps the students put on a safety harness and lets them experience what it feels like to climb a utility pole.

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"How do I look?"
Larry Murphy puts on a reflective safety vest.

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Annual Meeting

Hawkeye's Board of Directors and employees want to thank you for attending the annual meeting and taking part in your electric cooperative. This year's meeting included regular business reports, director elections and prize drawings totaling over \$1,000. There was also a special video report showing the history of rural electrification, Hawkeye's automation processes and highlights of 2004. This is a great opportunity for members to take part and have a voice in their cooperative.

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



Tom Miller
General Manager

Look up ... Look down ... Look out ... and LIVE!

Whether we are awake or asleep, we depend on electricity. Hawkeye REC is committed to providing you with safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible power. The core of this mission is safety. Safety is what all of the other components must revolve around. It is often easy to take the power and potential dangers of electricity for granted. That's why Hawkeye is dedicated to ongoing safety training, education and accountability for all employees, member-consumers, neighbors and partners. It's a commitment your board members and your employees take very seriously.



While your local co-op can't control certain aspects of electrical safety beyond the meter, we do implement a number of preemptive measures to help reduce accidents as a result of contact with power lines. Through our educational efforts in area schools and other organizations and our

relationships with our members, we strive to build awareness of ways accidents can be avoided, minimizing the risk of you or someone you know suffering an electricity-related accident. We also regularly provide informational safety messages on our website, in our newsletter and through area media.

Electricity demands our respect. Electricity travels at the speed of light – that's about 186,000 miles per second! At that speed, waiting to react is too late. Electricity is distributed at 120 volts at most outlets. A typical distribution line has 7,200 volts per wire. We continuously devote attention and resources to reducing harm that can come from contact with power lines or electrical sources.

We do a number of things to ensure our em-

ployees' and members' safety when dealing with electricity, and it begins with providing a safe product to our members. The electric lines that carry this product are built and maintained under extremely strict procedures and guidelines.

To ensure the co-op's electrical system can withstand the seasonal stresses of Mother Nature, for example, Hawkeye has a maintenance plan, line inspection program and line patrol procedure in place in which we inspect our system annually. Through these programs we check each pole to detect and fix any damage or breaks that could pose threats to the safety of the system. During the inspection, every pole, bolt, insulator, tie wire, ground wire and transformer is evaluated to make sure it meets our strict guidelines for safety.

As part of our line inspection program, we also closely review clearances to make sure objects meet the requirements of a safe distance from the power lines. Clearance hazards can relate to many things such as trees, grain bins, antennas, towers or any other object that could come into contact with a power line. It can also involve moving farm equipment by hand or machine and the siting of new buildings.

On an ongoing basis, our vegetation management process helps to ensure trees, bushes or shrubbery have not grown or been planted in places that make them a potential safety hazard. I encourage you to contact our office if you suspect vegetation may be too close to power lines.

As we approach the spring planting season, remember to **Look up ... Look down ... Look out ... and LIVE!** Farm-related accidents involving power lines are always a concern during this time of year and must be taken seriously. Safety is our number one priority!

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Annual Meeting Highlights

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Director Election Results

At this year's annual meeting there were two director elections, one from the Howard district and one from the Winneshiek district. Dennis Ptacek from the Howard district and Dean Nierling, Winneshiek district were both re-elected to Hawkeye's board of directors. Hawkeye would like to give a special thanks to James Kitchen, Annemarie Stockman and William Stoen for running on the ballot and offering to lend their time and talents to Hawkeye REC.



Hawkeye employees Julie Madsen and Karen Pecinovsky handed out colorful power cords to every member who attended the annual meeting.



Dennis Ptacek
Elma



Dean Nierling
Burr Oak

Hawkeye members Adah Steinmetz and Elaine Doubek were happy to receive their power cords for attending the annual meeting.



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 ballots for the director elections. Their dedication to their electric cooperative is truly appreciated.



Bill Seele, Tom Ryan and Elsie Ryan help count ballots for the Howard and Winneshiek districts director elections.

Marvin Ladwig and Darwin Melcher are busy tallying ballots.



Annual Meeting Prize Winners!

\$50 Electric Bill Certificate	Gene Stockman
\$50 Electric Bill Cert. ..	Conrad & Kathleen Kriener
\$50 Electric Bill Cert.	Jan & Ken Grimes
\$50 Electric Bill Cert.	Robert B. Bronner
\$50 Electric Bill Cert.	Delbert Winter
\$50 Electric Bill Cert.	Mary Ellen Lukes
\$50 Electric Bill Cert.	Harlan Hovey
\$50 Electric Bill Cert.	Melroy Buhr
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Robert Shatek
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Jim Marik
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Philip Rink
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	George F. Meyer
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Gale E. Schuman
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Raymond L. Balik
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Elmer Schmitt
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Sharon D. Perry
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Francis Gebel
\$25 Electric Bill Cert.	Leonard J. Soukup
REC Crock	Duane McIntosh
REC Crock	Edward F. Bouska
REC Crock	Agnes A. Hidding
REC Crock	Denis D. Reicks
REC Crock	David Pecinovsky
REC Crock	Alvin Myers
REC Crock	Rich Roethler
REC Crock	Galen Huhe
REC Crock	Everett Tenge
REC Crock	Edward F. Hubka
REC Cooler	Andrew Tieskotter
REC Cooler	Wesley Frana
REC Cooler	Robert Dietzenbach
REC Cooler	Betty Busta
REC Cooler	Leonard Kappes
REC Cooler	Brad Trautsch
REC Cooler	Ronald Hovey

Electrical Safety Demonstrations...

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Various experiments are conducted throughout the demonstration including climbing and cutting trees, safety with kites and toys, metal ladders, TV antennas, overhead machinery and downed power lines. One demonstration uses a hot dog comparing how electric current would pass through the human body.

Lineman Ron Stika presented a safety demonstration to 4th and 5th grade students from Notre Dame Elementary School in Cresco.



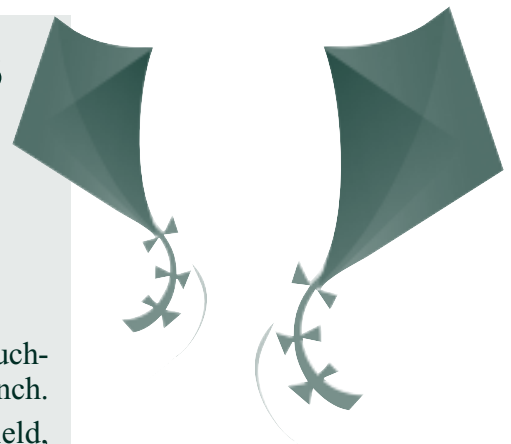
All area schools received a "Get Charged" Electricity Kit provided by Hawkeye REC.

Electrical Safety Tips

Springtime brings a calendar of outdoor fun, but don't let an electrical mishap spoil that fun. Make sure children know and follow basic safety rules.

Safety tips to keep in mind:

- ▲ Keep a safe distance from power lines when fishing or sailing.
- ▲ Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- ▲ Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines. Fly kites made of paper or wood, not metal, with cotton or nylon string. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Instead, call your electric cooperative for help.
- ▲ Never climb a utility pole or play around pad-mounted electrical equipment.
- ▲ Never go into an electric substation for any reason. Tell your children that a "high voltage" sign means "keep out."
- ▲ If a ball or toy winds up behind the fence of an electric substation, leave it there, do not try to retrieve it.



Thank you

I would like to thank the membership for their support during this year's director elections.

*Annemarie Stockman
Frankville, Iowa*

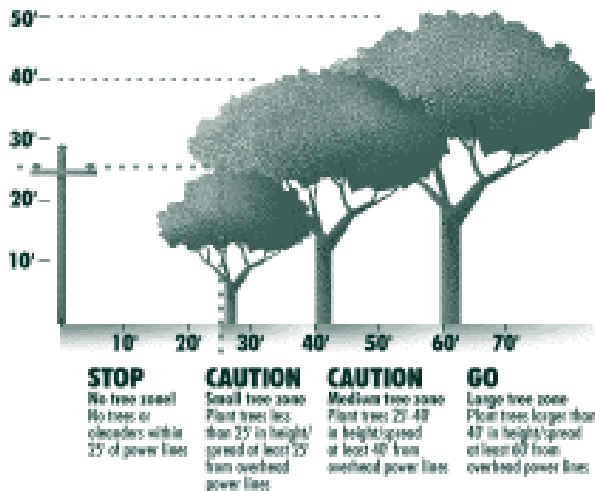
Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

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1-800-292-8989**

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.

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



Shrubs
(Height: 4' – 10')
Arrowwood, Azalea, Burning
Bush, Bush Honeysuckle,
Caragana, Chokecherry,
Cotoneaster, Cranberry Bush
Currant, Dogwood,
Hydrangea, Juneberry, Lilac,
Ninebark, Potentilla, Sumac

Small Trees
(Height: 10' – 15')
Amur Maple, Flowering
Crabapple, Flowering
Dogwood
Hawthorn, Eastern Red Cedar,
Russian Olive, Canada Cherry,
Ironwood, Mountain Ash,
Nanking Cherry

Medium Trees
(25' – 40')
Ash, Marshall Seedless,
Birch, Paper & River,
Butternut, Honey Locust,
Sunburst, Shademaster,
Skyline, Littleleaf Linden,
Norway Maple, Pear,
Bradford

Large Trees
(40' – 70')
Basswood, Bur Oak, Pin
Oak, Elm, Sugar Maple,
Hackberry, Ginkgo, Black
Walnut, Catalpa
Pines: Austrian, Red,
Scotch, White, Spruce

The Living Snow Fence

In the last couple of months we have felt the wrath of winter and have also witnessed the results of the north Arctic fury. Just one trip on snow covered roads or busting drifts to go down your driveway will remind you of this. Blowing snow not only poses as a hazardous problem to folks traveling on the highways and county roads, it also adds to the economic costs of snow removal on public roads and an individual's property.

grasses & forbs (flowers). Living Snow Fences do a tremendous job of slowing and trapping wind driven snow and dirt to help control wind erosion on open exposures.

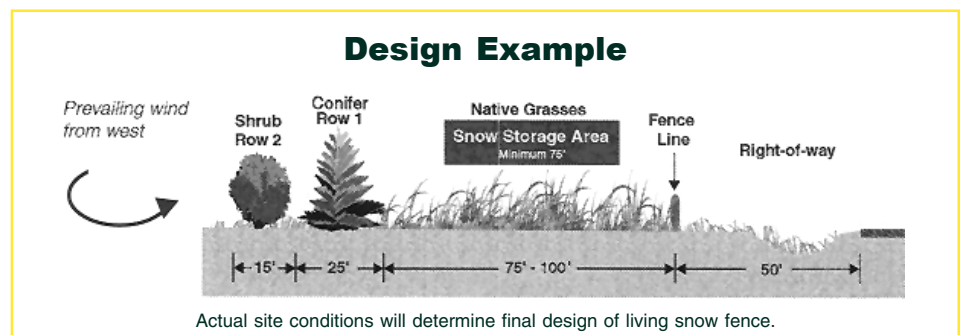
public facilities and railroad right-of-ways with prevailing exposure to north & west winds.

We have been working with the Iowa Department of Transportation to identify problematic spots adjacent to highways to resolve some of blowing snow issues. The eligibility of this practice is not just limited to areas next to highways, but also to lanes, roads,

A properly placed Living Snow Fence offers all the incentives of the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program and the satisfaction of having one of the best snow fences on the market. For more information, please contact your area conservation office.

—By: *Corey Meyer,*
SWCD Conservation Specialist

The *Living Snow Fence* practice is a part of the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) that focuses on buffers to help protect our natural resources and enhance wildlife habitat. This practice will provide excellent habitat for pheasants and song birds alike, and be aesthetically pleasing to the eye with its native



Spring is in the Air...

But so is dust, pollen and allergens

Air Purifiers & Air Cleaners

Studies have shown that the air in our homes and offices can be more polluted than the air outside. And since most people spend about 90% of their time indoors, that means your home environment could be full of potential health risks. Air cleaners and purifiers are designed to treat indoor air that has become polluted by particulates or gases. Common indoor particulates include pet dander, dust mites, fungal spores, molds and pollens. Gaseous pollutants include carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, nitrogen dioxide or the organic chemicals released from gas appliances, cigarette smoking and vehicle exhaust. Other pollutants can arise from gases released by building materials such as insulation, plywood or particleboard.



How do I Choose an Air Purifier

With all the different types of air cleaners available, how do you decide which one is best for your home? Most air cleaners remove particles, a few remove gases (and odors), and some do both. Your first

step is to identify what air quality issues are most prevalent in your home:

◆ **Portable vs Central Filtration**

Between tabletop and room-model portable units, most people agree that the room models are more effective at cleaning a single room. If you want a larger living space or an entire house cleaned, consider a built-in central filtration system. The smaller portable units cost between \$50 and \$150, while larger or more efficient portables may cost up to \$800. Central air cleaners can cost \$1000 to \$3000, depending on the size and efficiency of the device.

◆ **Efficiency**

System efficiency can be measured by the particle size captured. - 0.3 microns or smaller is an excellent "capture" size for any air purifier. Small particles that are inhaled can cause serious health issues, so look for filters or electronic air cleaners that effectively trap both large and small particulates.

◆ **Noise**

Make sure you get a demonstration of any model or system to determine noise levels, even at slow speeds.

◆ **Clean Air Delivery Rate**

The Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) is a standard of measurement that describes the number of cubic feet of clean air per minute an air cleaner can provide. CADR values can range

from 30-450 CADR, depending on sizes and models. Many models will express a CADR number for different particulates. For example, a system may cover a room of 70 square feet and report CADR ratings of 45 for dust, 45 for smoke and 60 for pollen.

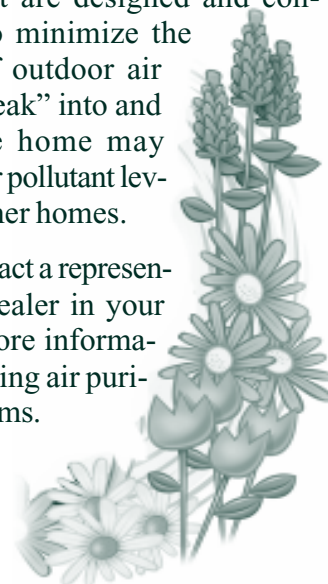
◆ **Reliability and Cost**

Check the warranty on any unit you wish to purchase. Compare the product's life-span, both for the motor and for the filters or cleaning plates. Look for filters with a long life, and which can be changed manually without requiring a professional. You may also want to check out filterless air purification systems.

Amount of Ventilation

If too little outdoor air enters a home, pollutants can accumulate to levels that can pose health and comfort problems. Unless they are built with special mechanical means of ventilation, homes that are designed and constructed to minimize the amount of outdoor air that can "leak" into and out of the home may have higher pollutant levels than other homes.

Please contact a representative or dealer in your area for more information regarding air purifying systems.



Ditch Burning

BE CAREFUL!

Pole replacements could cost YOU up to \$600!

To prevent a pole from burning, remove dead vegetation around the pole or soak the area around the pole with water.

Energy Efficiency Tips...

Heat and Cool When You Need It Most

Setting your thermostat lower at night during winter (higher during summer) will save a tremendous amount on your utility bills. By installing a “smart” thermostat, you can go to bed and awake to a comfortable house and never know the thermostat changed itself overnight while you slept.

Most new smart thermostats allow you to set different temperatures during four periods throughout the day and night. Just as it saves energy at night when the thermostat is set lower, it saves additional energy to have the thermostat set lower while you are gone at work or at school.

Smart thermostats have followed the lead of other electronic items and are now smarter and easier to program and use. Some of them are so smart, they sense both the indoor and outdoor temperatures and determine the precise time to start the furnace in the morning. Your bedrooms will be warm when your alarm goes off in the morning no matter how cold it is outdoors.

Smart thermostats are available with several programming methods that even the digitally-challenged can handle. They have their own

internal power storage so you can snap them off the wall base and program them in your easy chair. They include a generic preprogrammed time/temperature schedule so you can use them immediately and program your personal schedule later.

When shopping for a smart thermostat, you will see designation of 7, 5+2 or 5+1+1. These refer to the programming flexibility. A 7-day thermostat allows you to program a different temperature schedule every day of the week. With the prices more reasonable now, this type is generally your best choice.

A 5+2-day thermostat provides for the same schedule every weekday and another for the weekend. A 5+1+1-day model is the same except you can set different Saturday and Sunday schedules. For some families, these are adequate.

You can find these smart thermostats at most home center stores. The thermostat wiring is safe low-voltage and color-coded for simple installation. If you have a relatively new furnace or central air conditioner with a variable-speed blower, it would be wise to have your heating contractor select and install one for you.



Electric Water Heaters

Hawkeye REC offers great discounts for our member’s domestic water heating needs. Please call our office for more information or to schedule an appointment to install an electric water heater.

80-Gallon Water Heater	
Retail Price	\$384
Member’s Price	
New Construction	\$1
Gas Change-Out	\$1
Electric to Electric	\$150

All water heaters are on the load control program. While the water heater is on load control, all maintenance and repairs are free of charge.



Hawkeye REC visits State Capitol



*Dean Fisher, Charles Frana,
Senator Mark Ziemann,
Representative Brian Quirk,
Roger Nibaur and Norman
Dickman*

Over 200 cooperative supporters, including four directors from Hawkeye REC, traveled to Des Moines on Tuesday, March 22 to advocate for the RECs. The co-op representatives met for a briefing in the afternoon and received updates on state and federal legislative issues. The group then traveled to the state Capitol where they met with their local elected officials.

“This annual event is an excellent opportunity to personally visit elected officials and provide them with a co-op perspective on issues important to our business and ultimately our member-consumers,” says Dean Fisher, Board Chairman.

The cooperatives also discussed their involvement with renewable energy, including information on interconnections with member-consumers and integrating renewables into the overall generation mix.



Legislative Happenings

Extension of daylight-saving time

If Congress passes an energy bill, Americans may see more daylight-saving time. Lawmakers approved an amendment to extend daylight-saving time by two months, having it start on the first Sunday in March and end on the last Sunday in November. Daylight-saving time now runs from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October. The amendment was approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee that is putting together major parts of energy legislation likely to come up for a vote in the full House in the coming weeks.

Estimates from the Transportation Department show that the two-month extension would save the equivalent of 10,000 barrels of oil daily. The country uses about 20 million barrels of oil per day.

Some of the bills that are still alive include:

- ◆ Increasing the interstate speed limit to 70 mph (HF 826)
- ◆ Re-creating the Grow Iowa Values economic development fund (HF 794)
- ◆ Decreasing the state’s deer herd (SF 206)
- ◆ Making it illegal to send unsolicited bulk e-mail (HF 610)
- ◆ Requiring insurers to cover some mental illnesses (HF 420)
- ◆ Changing the bottle deposit law (HF 766)

For more information, please visit:

www.legis.state.ia.us/legislation.html

Maintenance Programs Help Reduce Outages

There are many ways that your cooperative works throughout the year to help prevent outages. Listed below are some of the preventative programs that help reduce the chance that you may lose power at your home, farm or business.

- ◆ Pole Testing Program
- ◆ Vegetation Management
- ◆ Distribution Automation

It is important to understand the purpose behind these programs and why Hawkeye invests so much in them.

Pole Testing Program

The utility pole is the backbone of the above-ground electric distribution system. Every year this backbone gets a checkup to make sure the poles are in good condition. Ameripole Inspection Company of Marshalltown, IA is hired to check, evaluate and treat utility poles in Hawkeye's service territory.



Vegetation Management

Controlling and maintaining the growth of vegetation (brush and trees) along power lines is how the electric industry uses the word vegetation management. Overgrown trees and brush can cause problems during severe weather and can make it difficult to reach trouble spots to make repairs. The clearing of trees and brush provides adequate electrical clearance, reduces hazards to the public and delivers continuous, uninterrupted service to you, the member. The importance of maintaining power line accessibility and controlling tree growth along these lines can hardly be overstated. It's a matter of safety and reliability along with meeting requirements set by the Iowa Utilities Board.



All-Seasons Tree Service of Canton, MN cuts the trees and clears the brush and Chem-Trol of Des Moines handles all the spraying for Hawkeye.

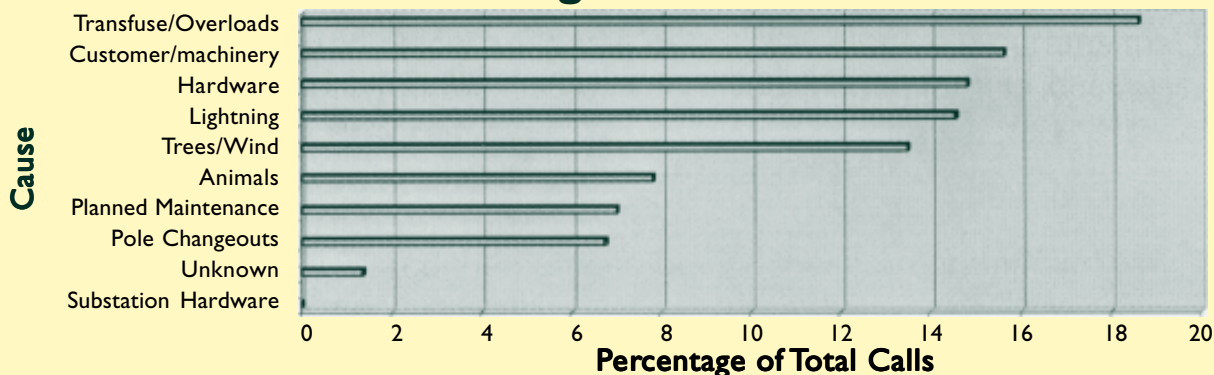
Distribution Automation

The automation of Hawkeye's electric distribution system will provide cooperative staff information regarding power outages, voltage problems, system load factors, and the capability to retrieve auto-

matic readings from the meters. With modern digital technology, we will often know of an outage before the member calls which will allow quicker restoral time in managing an outage.



2004 Outage Information



2004	Members Out	Hours Out	SAIDI	SAIFI	CAIDI	ASAI
Goal	0	0.00	2.00	1.50	2.00	99.999999%
w/ Storms	5,315	12,105.84	1.93	.85	2.28	99.978000%
w/o Storms	3,865	7,214.85	1.15	.62	1.87	99.987000%

Youth Marketing Program

Entrepreneurship Education for area schools

Youth Marketplace is an exciting, hands-on learning unit designed for upper elementary or middle-school students. Together, groups of students create, market, and manage their own businesses. Students learn valuable business skills and can even earn profits in the process. The Youth

Marketplace involves all students, encourages teamwork and most importantly, is FUN for everyone!

Hawkeye REC received a grant to help coordinate this program at Crestwood Junior High and St. Benedicts School in Decorah from the Community Vitality Center and ISU Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship.

The integrated curriculum was divided into various sessions such as writing a business plan, creating a business logo, business cards and other marketing materials to help sell their products. Business owners from the community spoke to the students regarding personal experiences with starting and operating their own business. They addressed what has been successful and challenging in managing their business day-to-day.

Students from Crestwood Junior High will be holding their Youth Marketplace Event on Wednesday, May 11th, downtown Cresco from 9:00 a.m to 11:00. The public is invited to the event where student entrepreneurs will set up their business to sell their products and services. St. Benedicts School in Decorah already held their Youth Marketplace Event at the KDEC Home Show on March 6th which was a tremendous success.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 11th!

May 2005						
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Welcome

Hawkeye REC welcomes New Members

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Omnitel Communications | Nora Springs, IA | Jamie Riley | Decorah, IA |
| Terry Decker | Ionia, IA | Merry Hunter | Decorah, IA |
| Thomas Cannon | Decorah, IA | Donald Neuzil | Waukon, IA |
| Ron & Brigitte Nightingale | Chester, IA | Nikki Schlitter & Nathan Wubben | Decorah, IA |
| Gail Backes | Decorah, IA | Paula Kreger | New Hampton, IA |
| Gerald & Mollie Kling | Walcott, IA | Three Brothers Investing, LLC | Eau Claire, WI |
| Theresa Layeux | Decorah, IA | Elgin Lewis, Jr. | Riceville, IA |
| NE IA Land Co./Richard Sullivan | Waukon, IA | Russell & Lisa Sims | New Hampton, IA |
| Timothy & Shirley Abbott | Decorah, IA | Jason Orthaus | Ionia, IA |
| CAPA Properties/Cliff Carey | Decorah, IA | David & Pamela Phillips | Spring Valley, MN |
| Irene & Donald Brumm | Mabel, MN | Bruce & Doreen Dahl | Spring Grove, MN |
| Ken & Deanna Dhy | Decorah, IA | Troy Anderson | Highlandville, IA |
| Robin Ahrens | Decorah, IA | Wayne Krivachek & Holly Kleve . | Fort Atkinson, IA |
| Ed & Becky Lyon | Decorah, IA | James Neuzil | Fort Atkinson, IA |

Recipes...

Springtime Salads



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 - Dad's Favorite Recipes
(In Honor of Father's Day.)

Vegetable Salad

1 can peas
1 can french-style green beans
1 can red kidney beans
Diced carrots

Drain very good! Add:

½ c. diced celery
¼ c. green pepper
⅓ c. chopped onions
7 oz. box rotini macaroni

Janice Dougherty
Waukon, IA

Dressing:

2 c. miracle whip
¾ c. sugar
1 c. whipping cream (not whipped)

Mix together and pour over the above ingredients. This makes a big batch and can be made 1 day ahead.

Red Red Salad

2 pkgs. Raspberry Jell-O
2 c. boiling water
10 oz. pkg. frozen raspberries
1 lb. jellied or whole cranberry sauce
2 t. lemon juice

Dissolve Jell-O in hot water. Add frozen raspberries and cranberry sauce and beat with mixer. Add lemon juice and chill.

Geraldine Otto
Lime Springs, IA

Spinach & Berries Salad (with Non-Fat Curry Dressing)

6 oz. fresh spinach, torn in bite-sized pieces
1 c. thickly sliced strawberries
1 c. blueberries
1 small red onion, thinly sliced, pulled into rings
½ c. chopped pecans

Non-Fat Curry Dressing

2 T. balsamic vinegar
2 T. rice vinegar
4 t. honey
1 t. curry powder
2 t. Dijon mustard
Salt, pepper to taste

Wash and dry spinach. Whip together dressing. Add to spinach and toss lightly. Add berries, onion and pecans. Toss lightly.

Makes 6 servings.

Frozen Fruit Salad

½ c. white sugar
2 c. water
1 (6 oz.) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 (6 oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
4 bananas, sliced
1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice
1 (10 oz.) package frozen strawberries, thawed

Dissolve sugar in the water. Add orange juice, lemonade, bananas, crushed pineapple with juice, strawberries and mix well. Pour into 9 X 13 inch glass pan. Freeze until solid. When ready to serve, let it sit out for about 5 minutes before attempting to cut.

Makes 6 servings.



DATES TO REMEMBER

BILLING CYCLE DATES

- April 21** Automated payments by credit cards are processed.
- April 25** Member reads meter and records on payment voucher. 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 La Crosse.

OTHER EVENTS

- April 29** Hawkeye REC Board Meeting

Hawkeye's Meters to be Read

Gerald Kach of rural Cresco is reading meters in Howard County. He will be reading meters in all three counties throughout the summer months.

Gerald lives on a farm south of Cresco with his wife Ann. He has been reading meters for Hawkeye for four years.

Please take note when a red pick-up pulls in your yard, it's just Hawkeye's friendly meter reader!



*Gerald Kach,
Hawkeye Meter
Reader.*

Meter Reading Schedule

April - Chickasaw County (almost completed)
Howard County
May/June - Winneshiek County



The Power Is Yours

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(Closed Sat., Sun., & Holidays)

OUTAGES

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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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