

## Start the New Year off right by “Plugging Leaks in Your Home”

**M**ost New Year’s resolutions involve personal goals like losing weight or quit smoking. Why not do something different this year and make a commitment to your house? By “plugging leaks in your home,” you can decrease power consumption and help lower your energy bill. What a great way to start the New Year by putting money back in your pocket and with this easy to follow checklist, your resolution this year won’t be hard to stick by!

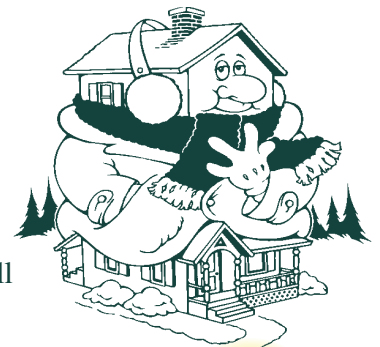
A typical home loses a houseful of warm air every hour. Air seeps out of the tiniest of openings and even new homes have air leaks. Many times, home owners find leaks where walls meet floors and ceilings, where plumbing or ductwork enters a wall, around doors and windows, and even through electrical outlets. Not tending to these small

leaks is just like leaving a window open all winter.

### New Year Checklist

- Look for unfilled gaps and cracks near dryer vents, chimneys and faucet pipes.
- Caulk cracks between windows, walls, and door frames.
- Replace screens with storm windows or doors or consider plastic film kits for temporary fixes.
- Make sure new windows, doors, or skylights have the Energy Star label.
- Make sure attics and flooring above unheated areas, such as crawl spaces and the garage, are properly insulated.
- Have your furnace checked by a professional and change your furnace filters monthly.
- Close fireplace damper when not in use.

—Source: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)



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## Why not become a Hawkeye REC Director?

Consider becoming part of your electric cooperative by submitting your name as a director candidate in this year’s election. Becoming a director is a great opportunity to learn more about your cooperative, work with local legislators and create new relationships that will last a lifetime. Contact one of the nominating committee members today to be considered for this great learning experience and to become a leader for your electric cooperative.

Turn to page 10 for more information.

## Public Forum Meetings

### Come talk to your local legislators

Senator Mark Ziemer  
Representative Chuck Gipp  
Representative Brian Quirk

Saturday, February 2nd  
Farm Bureau Office • New Hampton  
9:00 a.m.

Fireman’s Inn • Ridgeway  
10:30 a.m.

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



Tom Miller  
General Manager

## Board approves an 11.5% rate increase

**A**s a part of the Cooperative's annual budget process, the projected cost of service exceeded distribution revenues creating an operating loss. This was expected as our depreciation and interest expenses continue to grow with our strong investments in new plant and new long-term borrowings. We have to meet our financial targets two out of any three-year time frame under the terms of our mortgage with the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Also, our equity continues to erode weakening the financial strength of our Cooperative. We need to keep our Cooperative in good financial order to ensure our members access to safe, dependable, and affordable electric service.

As many of you experienced in February 2007, the ice storm created significant damage to our retail distribution system. As a result of this event, we have identified \$14 million in projects. In most instances, due to the age of the lines, we have opted to replace entire circuits in order to meet current codes and standards of construction. We are working with FEMA and the Iowa Department of

Homeland Security to help us defray some of the costs of these projects. We are utilizing our existing \$7.2 million RUS loan to help finance some of these

projects. Both FEMA and RUS operate on a reimbursement basis. This requires the Cooperative to utilize our \$2 million operating line of credit and a special \$7 million ice storm construction line of credit in the short-term. Heavy use of our lines of credit placed additional burden on this year's budget.

Currently, we have completed just over 100 miles of new line and have 200-300 miles to go. We will continue to use our crews and contractors to complete about 200 miles in 2008. This will add \$5 million to Hawkeye's new plant and long-term borrowing.

But this isn't the entire picture. Our system has been growing requiring upgrades. We continue to add 180-200 new services each year, which is helpful. To ensure reliability, we have upgraded many of our substation tie lines and substations. And, we have a few more substation tie lines to upgrade. This growth has come quickly in the scheme of the cooperative's life cycle. What normally is rebuilt over a 30-40 year time frame is being crammed into 10 years. The last two years, we have reduced the amount of dividends paid out putting us behind on our rotation of patronage capital. We are hearing grumblings about not paying dividends.

In the perfect world, our system would generate enough sales to cover the cost of new investments and pay dividends. This isn't the perfect world, hence the reason many of our lines are long over-due for replacement and we are lagging in our dividend retirements.

The official rate increase notice will be mailed to all Hawkeye REC members by February 1st. The increase will be implemented March 1st and reflected on your April bill.

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# Snowmobile Safety

The snowmobile season is here. Please take extra caution as there are still many low-lying power lines scattered throughout Chickasaw and Howard counties which are part of Hawkeye's ice storm restoration project. This is dangerous for snowmobilers, especially at nighttime when the lines will be very hard to see. Your safety is important to Hawkeye and the repair of these low lying lines are part of the 2008 construction plan.



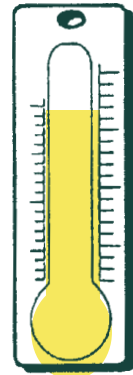
## PROGRESS UPDATE

### Installation of AMR meters

Your cooperative plans to have all AMR meters installed by the end of 2008. Not only will the new meters automatically retrieve meter readings, they will also assist staff with power restoration efforts, voltage problems, system load factors and provide improved customer service regarding members' energy usage.

Please continue to read your meter until the words "Your meter(s) are automatically read by Hawkeye REC" appear on your monthly bill statement."

AMR Meters  
Goal - 6,546  
meters!



5,711  
so far...

## Map of Outages

OAKDALE 1	CHESTER 2	FOREST CITY 3 	ALBION 4	FREMONT 29 <i>Bad Insulator</i>	BURR OAK 30 <i>Open OCR-Turkey</i>	HESPER 31	HIGHLAND 32
JAMESTOWN 8 <i>Weather-Hot Line Clamp (2)</i>	SARATOGA 7 	HOWARD CENTER 6	VERNON SPRINGS 5 	ORLEANS 36 	BLUFFTON 35	CANOE 34 	PLEASANT 33
AFTON NORTH 9	HOWARD NORTH 11 	PARIS NORTH 13 <i>Weather-Hot Line Clamp Unknown-Load Guard</i> 	NEW OREGON NORTH 15 	LINCOLN 37	MADISON 38 <i>Transmission Problem</i>	DECORAH 39	GLENWOOD 40
AFTON SOUTH 10	HOWARD SOUTH 12	PARIS SOUTH 14	NEW OREGON S 16	SUMNER 44 <i>Line Fuse-Unknown</i>	CALMAR 43	SPRINGFIELD 42 <i>Faulty OCR</i>	FRANKVILLE 41 
DEERFIELD N 23	WASHINGTON N 21	JACKSONVILLE N 19	UTICA NORTH 17	JACKSON 45 	WASHINGTON 46 	MILITARY 47	BLOOMFIELD 48
EERFIELD S 24	WASHINGTON S 22 	JACKSONVILLE S 20	UTICA SOUTH 18 	JACKSON 45 	WASHINGTON 46 	MILITARY 47	BLOOMFIELD 48
CHICKASAW 25	DAYTON 26	NEW HAMPTON 27 	STAFFINGTON 28	= Pole Change outs     = Single Outage     = Planned Outages			

Have you experienced an outage lately?

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## Grants and Loans Available

USDA Rural Development is offering grants and guaranteed loans to help rural business or agricultural producers looking to produce renewable energy or make energy-saving improvements to their facilities or farms. A popular use of the program has been to assist in the purchase of new, more efficient grain-drying systems.



*\*Funds are not available for residential use.*

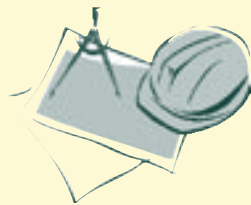
Contact Pat Boyle at (563) 547-3801 for more information or go to [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia).

## Are you building or remodeling your home?

### Plan to Attend Hawkeye's Home Efficiency Expo

**Thursday, March 13, 2008  
4:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

Nob Hill Supper Club  
2955 U.S. Hwy. 52  
Decorah, IA  
(5 miles north of Decorah)



This FREE workshop is open to contractors, builders and the public. Attendees can come and go as their schedule allows.

No registration is required.

Go to [www.hawkeyerec.coop](http://www.hawkeyerec.coop) for a schedule of events and a list of exhibitors.

**ATTENTION  
BUILDING &  
ELECTRICAL  
CONTRACTORS!**

**CONTRACTORS CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 7-8**

**MOMENTUM  
IS BUILDING**



### This is your opportunity to:

- 🏠 Gain insight into new techniques from top-of-the-industry, nationally known speakers
- 🏠 See the latest building products and technologies offered by our vendors
- 🏠 Network with other building, electrical and HVAC professionals
- 🏠 Qualify for door prizes: More than \$1,000 in tools will be given away throughout the conference.

This annual contractor's conference is sponsored by Iowa's electric cooperatives and the Iowa Energy Center. It will be held at the Sheraton in West Des Moines on **February 7-8**. Go to [www.momentumisbuilding.com](http://www.momentumisbuilding.com) to download the brochure or call Pat at (563) 547-3801 for more information and to register.



# Win a Trip of a Lifetime



**Who:** High school sophomores and juniors

**What:** Free trip sponsored by your local electric cooperative

**Where:** Washington, D.C.

**When:** June 14-19, 2008

**Why:** The Iowa Rural Youth Tour is a perfect opportunity to travel, work with REC leaders, and enhance your leadership skills! You will travel with 40 other students from Iowa and meet

over 1,000 teens from across the nation! It's a great way to make new friends. Students that have participated in the Youth Tour in the past will tell you what a great experience it is, something truly unforgettable.

**How:** Fill out the form below and send to Cindy at Hawkeye REC. You will receive Youth Tour study materials and an open book test which must be completed and returned to Hawkeye by

March 17, 2008. The five students with top scores will qualify for the final examination and judging. Judges will select the winner of the Washington D.C. trip and an alternate.

For more information regarding the Youth Tour, please visit: **www.hawkeyerec.coop** or contact Cindy at (563) 547-3801.

**Deadline**  
**March 17,**  
**2008**

**Invest in your future! Sign up now to compete with area students for your chance to win an unforgettable trip to our nation's capitol. Complete application form and return to: Hawkeye REC, Attention: Cindy, PO Box 90, Cresco, Iowa 52136.**

## Iowa REC Youth Tour • June 14-19, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that we are the parents or legal guardians of the youth who has signed above and that we give our permission for him/her to participate in the Youth Tour 2008 Contest and to participate in the trip to Washington, D.C. should he/she be selected.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ REC Service Location No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Log-on to**  
**www.hawkeyerec.coop**  
**to complete the open**  
**book test after you**  
**submit the application**  
**and receive the study**  
**materials.**



# Hawkeye will award five \$500 scholarships

**A**ny graduating high school senior, whose parents or guardians are members of the Cooperative, are eligible for the scholarship. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2008. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

## How Do You Apply?

Applications are available at your area high school guidance counselor office or at the REC office in Cresco. Applications can also be downloaded and printed on Hawkeye's website at [www.hawkeyerec.coop](http://www.hawkeyerec.coop).

Return the completed application to the Cooperative by **April 14, 2008** with the following:

▲ Copy of the student's high school transcript

- ▲ Letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor or counselor
- ▲ Essay (minimum 250 words) including the following items:
  - 1.** How is your electric cooperative currently promoting energy efficiency?
  - 2.** What more can your cooperative and cooperative members do to promote energy efficiency?



# Employees Recognized for Years of Service



**Janelle Mahr**  
(Board Member)



**Roger Carman**  
(Mechanic)



**Mike Girolamo**  
(Lineman)



**Dolores Donlan**  
(Operations Assistant)



**Eldred Rethamel**  
(Lineman)

*Thank you  
for your  
dedication!*

**Best Wishes  
Dolores!**

## Congratulations on Your Retirement

Dolores Donlan, more commonly known as DD, started at Hawkeye on January 18, 1982. Over her 25 years of service, she has been involved in many different areas of the cooperative.

Dolores is looking forward to her retirement and has many plans. She

enjoys gardening, riding her bike and walking on the recreational trails in our area. She also plans to do some volunteer work but most importantly she will have more time to visit her children and grandchildren.

• Carmel Donlan, Waterloo, IA

- Lee & Jun Donlan, Gig Harbor, WA  
Granddaughter Erina (4)
- Annette & Paul Lorenz, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Grandson John Paul (2)
- Valerie & Steve Madison, Littleton, CO



## Another Great New Year's Resolution

Start the New Year off right by pledging to change at least one incandescent light bulb to a CFL in your home. You don't need a receipt, just log on to [www.energystar.gov/changealight](http://www.energystar.gov/changealight) and click on "Join Us" to pledge. You will need to provide your name, zip code and an email address if you have one and then choose Hawkeye REC as the organization that referred you. That's it!

### Where can I recycle my burned out CFL's?

You can drop off your burned out CFL light bulbs at the REC office in Cresco. Please follow disposal instructions by putting the bulb in a sealed plastic bag before bringing it to the cooperative in case the bulb would break.

### Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL) Sale

Bulbs are available to purchase at Hawkeye while supplies last. Limit 10 per member.

**14-Watt Dura Bright Mini-SpringLamp** (60 watt eq.)  
**\$1.50 + Tax**

**23-Watt Dura Bright SpringLamp** (100 watt eq.)  
**\$2.50 + Tax**





# Kids' Korner

Kids' Korner Kids' Korner



## Path to Safety

Fill in the blanks on the board to complete the messages and color. Color and cut out game pieces and you're ready to play. Advance by flipping a coin. Heads - 1 space; Tails - 2 spaces.

<b>cord</b>	<b>lines</b>
<b>power</b>	<b>substation</b>
<b>kite</b>	<b>plugs</b>
<b>storm</b>	<b>tree</b>

**START**

Flying a \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ in open spaces; MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE

Climbing a \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ near a power line; GO BACK TO START

Went swimming during a \_\_\_ O \_\_\_; GO BACK THREE SPACES

Downed \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ line; Called power company; MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE

Stayed far away from a S \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ N; TAKE AN EXTRA TURN

Looked overhead for \_\_\_ I \_\_\_ when fixing antennae; MOVE AHEAD THREE SPACES

Too many P \_\_\_ in an outlet; GO BACK TWO SPACES

Radio next to the sink; LOOSE A TURN

Fixed frayed \_\_\_ D; MOVE AHEAD ONE

Pulled plug out by cord; GO BACK A SPACE

**FINISH**

RED

GREEN

BLUE

# Cooperation Among Cooperatives



*Hawkeye linemen Ron Stika and Josh Lenz assisted with power restoration efforts at Clarke Electric in Osceola, Iowa after devastating ice storm damage to their service territory in December. Cooperation among cooperatives is one of Touchstone Energy's 7 cooperative principles.*

## Storm Preparation Tips

**T**he severe winter weather season is still upon us. We encourage member-consumers to be prepared. Before a storm hits, gather these items:

- flashlight and extra batteries;
- battery-powered portable radio;
- plenty of water – one gallon per person per day;
- high-energy foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking, such as dried fruit, nuts, granola bars, cereals and canned goods;
- a non-electric can opener;
- a week's worth of medicines;
- first-aid supplies;
- individually wrapped moist wipes for hand cleaning;
- extra baby items;
- sleeping bags, blankets and pillows;
- books and games to keep kids occupied;

- ABC-type fire extinguisher;
- plenty of food and water (and shelter) for pets.

### **In addition:**

(1) If a family member relies on life-support equipment, make sure your electric cooperative is aware of this and possible shelter options are explored. (2) Make sure a fuel-burning space heater and/or wood stove operates properly – and that you have enough fuel on hand. (3) Check the batteries in – and test – all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. (4) An electric garage door opener won't work during a power outage, so make sure you know how to open the door manually.

### **Advice for Dealing with a Power Outage**

- Call the 24-hour toll free Outage number **(800) 927-5265** to report the outage – even if you think a neighbor already has done so

- Turn off the stove, oven and other appliances (except the refrigerator and freezer, unless they're empty)
- Unplug sensitive electronic equipment such as computers, TVs and other home entertainment equipment
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed
- Leave one light turned on
- Keep curtains and exterior doors closed
- If you have an unvented, fuel-burning space heater, placing it on a level, hard and nonflammable surface—not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Cross-ventilate by opening a window an inch on each side of the room; it's better to let some cold air in than to run the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, never leave a space heater unattended or within the reach of children or

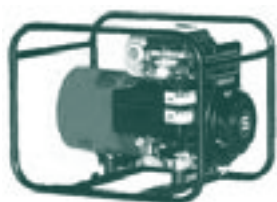
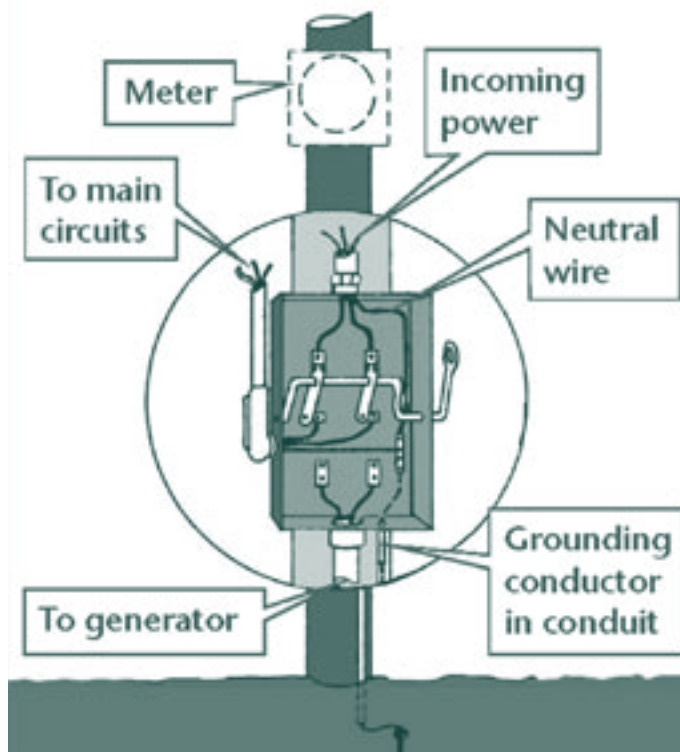
- pets – and turn it off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- If temperatures fall to near freezing in your home, open all faucets slightly so they drip
- Close off as many rooms as possible, unless you are using an unvented, fuel-burning space heater. Then you should keep the doors open to the rest of the house
- Do not use your stove, oven, cooktop, outdoor grill, camping stove or any other fuel-, charcoal- or wood-burning cooking equipment to try to produce usable heat inside your home. The carbon monoxide these devices produce could be fatal within in a matter of minutes.
- Use your fireplace if you have one
- Don't use candles for lighting; Use a flashlight or battery-powered camping lantern instead.

**Also, keep these things in mind when using a portable generator:**

- Read the manufacturer's instructions and learn how to operate and shut off your generator before you need to use it.
- Make sure the extension cord you use is in good shape and rated for a load greater than the total wattage of all connected appliances and other devices (125 volts x amps = watts).

- Keep the generator dry, and don't operate it indoors or in an enclosed or partially enclosed area such as a garage or porch. Generators quickly can produce high levels of deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- Keep children and pets away.
- Practice power management. For example, when the power is out for several hours or longer, use the generator to run the refrigerator every few hours so food won't spoil – instead of just powering lights in your home all day long.
- Give your generator several breaks during the day.
- Always switch the engine off and allow it to cool before adding fuel in a well-ventilated area.
- Turn off the generator's circuit breaker before starting, so the load doesn't draw current until the generator is running smoothly. Turn off the breaker before stopping the generator.
- Test the ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) on the generator every time you fire up the engine.

**Make sure your generator is hooked up correctly.**



*“Be sure to start your generator regularly to make sure it is ready if needed.”*

# Why would you want to be a director for your Cooperative?

## Becoming a director offers you the opportunity to:

- ▶ Learn more about the electric utility industry
- ▶ Gain knowledge of how a cooperative business operates
- ▶ Become more involved in national and state organizations
- ▶ Work closely with local and state legislative representatives
- ▶ Create new relationships with other directors from Iowa and across the nation

As we go through life it seems we are always looking for ways to gain more knowledge. We also know that our community involvement is vital to the survival of rural Northeast Iowa and our area communities. When past directors have retired, they always remark how serving as a director has enriched their lives and how thankful they are to have had the opportunity to work for their local electric cooperative.

Any member may be nominated by volunteering their name or being appointed by the nominating committee. One director will be elected in Howard and Winneshiek Counties for 3-year terms. There will be no election in Chickasaw County this year.

Consider becoming part of your electric cooperative by contacting one of the Nominating committee members for your area or Hawkeye's office.

Once the nominating committee posts the candidates, a member would have to be nominated by petition containing the signature of not less than 1% of the cooperative membership. If by petition, such petition must be received by the Secretary not less than 45 days before April 9, 2008. The secretary shall post the nomination (s) at the Cresco office along side the list of nominations made by the nominating committee.

### Nominating Committee Members

Kenneth Ehler, Calmar ..... (563) 562-3895  
Ray Rance, Lime Springs.... (563) 547-4731  
Winifred Reis, Lime Springs (563) 547-3717  
Keith Sersland, Decorah ..... (563) 382-8211

## 3-Year Term

### Directors up for re-election

#### Howard County



**Dennis Ptacek**

#### Winneshiek County



**Dean Nierling**

**No Election in Chickasaw County this year**

## Plan to Attend Hawkeye's Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, April 9th**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Crestwood High School**



# Recipes...

## Busy Day Chili

- 2 t. vegetable oil
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 (1.25-ounce) package chili seasoning mix
- 4 c. vegetable juice cocktail
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans chili-style chunky tomatoes
- 1 (16-ounce) can dark red kidney beans
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1/2 c. (2 ounces) cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan; add beef, onion and yellow pepper. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until beef is cooked and vegetables are tender (5 to 8 minutes).

2. Stir in chili seasoning mix. Stir in all remaining ingredients except sour cream and cheese. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, stirring occasionally, until chili comes to a boil (5 to 7 minutes).

3. To serve, dollop each serving with 1 tablespoon sour cream; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon cheese.

Makes 8 (1-cup) servings.

Janice Lansing – Cresco

## Big Crowd Chili (About 15 quarts)

- 5-6 lbs. hamburger
- 1 pkg. celery stalks (about 10 stalks)
- 2 large onions
- 1 large green pepper
- 3 tall cans tomato juice
- 1 large (6 lb. 8 oz.) can stewed tomatoes
- 1 large (6 lb. 15 oz.) can Mexican style chili beans
- 1 pkg. (1.25 oz.) chili seasoning mix
- 2 T. chili powder
- 2 T. cumin
- 1 T. black pepper
- 1 T. salt

Brown hamburger and drain. Dice celery, onions and peppers. Sauté in butter until tender, add salt and pepper. Put drained meat and sautéed vegetables in large stock pot. Add juice, tomatoes, beans and spices. Simmer on low heat so beans don't stick.

Janice Dougherty – Waukon



Send or e-mail your favorite recipe.

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

E-mail to: [mmoellers@hawkeyerec.com](mailto:mmoellers@hawkeyerec.com)

Feb. – Favorite recipes from past President's and First Ladies from the White House (no need to send recipes this month.)

March – No Newsletter

April – Diabetic recipes

May – Gourmet Sandwich recipes

All recipes can be found on our website.



## The Best Chili Ever

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 (46 oz) can tomato juice
- 1 (46 oz) can tomato sauce
- 1 (15 oz) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 oz) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1-1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1/4 c. chopped green pepper
- 1/8 t. Cayenne pepper
- 1/2 t. white sugar
- 1/2 t. dried oregano
- 1/2 t. ground black pepper
- 1 t. salt
- 1-1/2 t. ground cumin
- 1/4 c. chili pepper

Place ground beef in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain and crumble.

In a large pot, combine the ground beef, tomato juice, tomato sauce, kidney beans, pinto beans, onions, green pepper, cayenne pepper, sugar, oregano, ground black pepper, salt, cumin, and chili pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours. (If using a slow cooker, set on low, add ingredients and cook for 8-10 hours)

Mary Reicks – Cresco



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### BILLING CYCLE DATES

- Jan. 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 February.
- Jan. 28** Automated payments from checking accounts and credit cards are processed.
- Feb. 1** Bills become delinquent.
- Feb. 11** Hawkeye REC prints bills based on January meter reading.
- Feb. 12** Bills are mailed to members from NISC in St. Louis.

### OTHER EVENTS

- Jan. 25** Hawkeye REC Board Meeting

## What's the better value?

The price you pay for taking your family of 4 to the movie theatre could pay for enjoying 11 rented movies, plus electricity and 1 bag of microwave popcorn in the luxury of your own home.

### 4 Movie Tickets:

**\$28.00**



### 4 Combos:

**\$20.00**



Electricity for  
10,224 hours on  
DVD player:  
**\$48.00**

*(Based on 9-cents per kW)  
(Based on 213 hours for  
\$1 of electricity)*



The Power Is Yours

Box 90 - Cresco, Iowa 52136  
1-800-658-2243 or 547-3801  
[www.hawkeyerec.coop](http://www.hawkeyerec.coop)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed Sat., Sun., & Holidays)

### OUTAGES

**1-800-927-5265**

**IOWA STATE ONE CALL**  
**1-800-292-8989**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

### PERSONNEL

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Roger Halverson, Operations Manager  
Jim Murphy, Information Tech. Manager  
Cindy Christensen, Communications Manager  
Peggy Berg, Chief Financial Officer  
Pat Boyle, Business Dev./Mbr. Serv. Manager

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