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# Southwest lines

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## ENERGY USE SURVEY



Please be aware that Southwest Iowa REC, in conjunction with our power supplier, is conducting a survey of a random sample of our residential members this spring. This survey asks about your home, your appliances, energy efficiency measures, and your opinions about energy use and related topics. Only a small portion of our residential members will receive a copy of the survey in the mail. If you receive a survey, we ask that you take 10 minutes to complete it and return in the postage-paid envelope provided or complete it on-line at the web address found on the questionnaire. We appreciate your help!

### Complaints Resolution Process

Southwest Iowa REC makes every effort to resolve all complaints brought to its attention. You can contact us at 1801 Grove Avenue Corning, Iowa; 1502 W South Street, Mount Ayr, Iowa or 415 Broad Street, Stanton, Iowa. Or you can call (888) 220-4869. If your complaint is related to the Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative's service rather than its rates, and Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling (515) 725-7321, or toll free 1-877-565-4450, by writing to 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines IA 50319-0069, or by email to [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

### Annual Meeting Date Set!



Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 10, 2020 for this year's Southwest Iowa REC Annual Meeting!

## CEO's COMMENTS:

# Remember to #ThankALineworker on April 13

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Southwest Iowa REC's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

### Family Support System

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A lineworker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages.

This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

### Community Commitment

In the communities we serve and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering as firefighters, and serving on local advisory boards to name a few.

### Bright Future

The lineworker profession has a bright future indeed. Lineworkers enjoy a rewarding career and also receive excellent pay and benefits. Southwest Iowa REC sees a need to hire several Apprentice Linemen in the next several years to replace our current lineworkers as they retire after long and successful careers. If you want to learn more about the steps you need to take to enter the lineworker profession and what we have to offer here at Southwest Iowa REC, please contact us for more information.

### Thank You

Monday, April 13 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Southwest Iowa REC's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. You can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.



Phil Kinser

## Help us Find these Former Members

We are looking for the following former members of Rideta Electric Cooperative that served Ringgold, Decatur, Taylor and Unions counties; and Southwest Iowa Service Cooperative that served Adair, Adams, Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Taylor and Union Counties

A T & T CORP  
ABBOTT, DUSTIN A  
ABBOTT, RONALD  
ABELL, TERRY  
ADAMS, MICK  
ANDERSON, DAVID C.  
ANDERSON, JAMES F.  
ANDERSON, JOHN W.  
ANDERSON, R. P.

ANSTEY, W. EDWARD  
BACON, JEAN  
BAIRD, KATHLEEN  
BAKER BROWN, M. CATHERINE  
BAUER, FRANK SR  
BECKETT, EARL  
BEEDLE, ROBERT  
BEEMER, DENNIE  
BELL, JEFF

for the year 2002-2003. This month, we will be showing names listed A-J and next month we will do K-Z. These members have patronage checks at our offices. If the member is deceased, we would like to have a family member contact us with estate information so we can refund their patronage. Thank you for your help.

BENEDICT, HOLLY  
BENSKIN, DUANE R.  
BERRY, NEIL  
BETHEL, JOHN  
BLACK, BERDINA  
BLAIR, DUANE  
BLAKE, JOSEPH  
BOOGE, VINCENT H.  
BORDENARO, JUDI

BOWERS, TIM  
BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA IN  
BRANDT, GARY E.  
BRASSFIELD, ELMA  
BRAYMEN, JOEL A.  
BRIGGS AUDRIA  
BRIGHT, DONALD G.  
BROSHAR, FLOYD  
BROWN, MATT  
BROWN, VAN  
BRUMBAUGH, RUSSELL  
BRYANT, PAUL  
CARLSON, ALEX  
CARLSON, RUSSELL  
CHRISTENSEN, TOM  
CLINE, CHRIS  
COLE AIRPORT  
CONNET, DAWN  
COOPER, JUSTIN  
CRESTLAND COOPERATIVE  
CRILL, OSCAR  
CROSS, JEREMY W.  
CROW, CURTIS G



# LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day. Southwest Iowa REC gratefully supports our 16 linemen that maintain 2,531 miles of power lines in our service territory and recognizing the risks they take to carry out their daily duties. We would like to take this opportunity on April 13th to acknowledge and appreciate those men at Southwest Iowa REC that work so hard to provide our members with safe and reliable energy 24 hours a day throughout the entire year!



**Southwest Iowa REC Linemen, pictured back row, left to right:** Tysen Sederburg, Ben Knapp, Scott Geer, Bill Scharfenkamp, Paul Vanderholm, Zach Schafer, Ken Van Wyhe, Nathan Weeda.  
**Front row, left to right:** Tanner Rinehart, Shayne Larson, David Head, Les Helvie, Lucas Dalton, Sam Elsberry, Dustin Smith, Danny Stamps.

**WINTER MORATORIUM ENDS APRIL 1, 2020**

For those members who are on energy assistance or have a past-due electric bill – please remember that you need to contact the REC office before April 1, 2020 to make payment arrangements on your past-due bill to avoid disconnection of your electric service.

LINeworkERS KNOW HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE.  
 LET'S THANK THEM FOR POWERING OUR LIVES.

Lineworker Appreciation Day  
 April 13, 2020

CUNITZ, RICHARD  
 CURTIS, STEVE  
 DAUGHERTY, JOHN E.  
 DAVENPORT, FRANK E.  
 DAVIS, ANNA E.  
 DAVIS, BILL  
 DAVIS, CLYDE A.  
 DAVIS, CYNTHIA  
 DAVIS, NANCY  
 DAWSON, CHARLIE K.  
 DENALI VENTURES INC  
 ELLISON, MARY  
 EVANS, ANGELA  
 EVANS, TIERRA A.  
 FAIRCHILD, DOROTHY  
 FEILEN, DON  
 FIELD, RUSSELL D.  
 FILKINS, EVELYN G.  
 FLETCHER, BRETT  
 FLOWERS, DAN L.  
 FOGGIA, GENE  
 FORSYTH, ROBERT N.  
 FROST, LARRY S.

FUNK, NILES  
 GADINO, NICK  
 GAGE, CURTIS E.  
 GALLUP, SCOTT  
 GARBER, PATRICIA A.  
 GARDNER, GLENN  
 GASKILL FARMS  
 GILBREATH, CHUCK  
 GITTINGS, BRIAN D.  
 GREELIS, JERRY  
 GRIM, HARRIET  
 GRUBER, MARCI K.  
 GTE 1079-801  
 GTE TELEPHONE OPERATION  
 GWINN, BUDDY G.  
 HALE, ROBERT

HALLEY, JOHN W.  
 HAMILTON, MARTI  
 HARNE, WARREN  
 HARRIS, RICHARD D.  
 HATFIELD, SANDRA  
 HATFIELD, WM  
 HAYES, DUSTI J.  
 HENDERSON, J.R.  
 HEWITT, JAMES R.  
 HILL, MARY L.  
 HILTON, SHAWN  
 HOUSTON, RICHARD  
 HOWARD, LORI  
 HOYT, GLEN JR  
 HOYT, JOHN  
 HUMMEL, DEBORAH A.

HUMMELL, IRMA G.  
 HUSS, TERRI  
 HUTTON, ROBERT  
 INGBRITSON, LOIS G.  
 INGBRITSON, LOIS G.  
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 JAMES, GARY  
 JAMES, MARIE  
 JOHANNES, SHIRLEY  
 JOHNSON, ANDREW L.  
 JOHNSON, MARK P.  
 JOHNSON, PHILLIP A.  
 JOHNSON FARM COMPANY  
 JORGENSEN, DAN

# Bravo!

Hello All, thank you for the coffee pot! I was surprised and delighted to be drawn for it. I love coffee!

– Darleen Stamps

Dear REC, On behalf of the Stanton Viking Center, we would like to thank you for your generous contribution.

– Sincerely, Lauren Bond

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## Cake Mix Oreo Bars



- OREO BARS:
- 1 box Pillsbury Devil's Food Cake Mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 C. oil

### CREAM CHEESE FILLING:

- 6 Tbsp. unsalted butter softened
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2-3 C. powdered sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking pan with parchment paper.
2. Combine cake mix, eggs and oil. Dough will be thick.
3. Press into a 9X13 pan (or use half of a regular sheet pan, the dough won't spread) (or you can use two loaf pans!)
4. Bake for 10-15 minutes. These will be fudgy cookie bars.
5. Let cool in pan.
6. Filling: Beat butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add vanilla extract and 2 cups powdered sugar. Continue to add sugar

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- until you reach your desired sweetness. Remember that the chocolate layers will be sweet so the filling can be less sweet to balance it out.
7. If you baked your dough on one pan, cut the bake in half and frost one on the halves. Then place the other side of the bake on top to sandwich the two together with your layer of cream cheese filling in the middle.
  8. Let chill in the fridge for at least 20 minutes and then cut into bars. These are very rich, so I recommend small slices. I also recommend serving them cold!



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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Placing hot food in the refrigerator makes the appliance work harder than necessary, using more energy. Allow food to cool down before you place it in the fridge.

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