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## Electric Cooperatives Contribute to Flood Relief Funds in Mills and Fremont Counties

Representatives from Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, and CoBank are pleased to announce their support of the flood relief efforts in Mills and Fremont Counties. A five thousand dollar donation was made to the Mills County Flood Fund on Monday, April 15. Additionally, a five thousand dollar contribution was made to the Fremont County Flood Fund on Wednesday, April 17. Flood relief funds were established by the Mills County Community Foundation and the Fremont County Community Foundation to provide relief in their respective counties to those who have

been affected by the 2019 Missouri River flooding. Donations to the funds go directly to flood victims in Fremont and Mills County, Iowa, with the local County Public Health Department serving as the facilitator in distributing support. Stacey Goodman, Iowa Foundations Director with the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa, expressed her thanks, noting "These funds will make critical relief grants possible to those whose homes and livelihoods have been so greatly impacted by the recent flooding in Mills and Fremont Counties." According to Phil Kinser, CEO and General

Manager at Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative, "So many of our customers, neighbors and colleagues have been impacted by this historic flooding. As a cooperative, we are honored to be able to give back to help flood victims and support communities across southwest Iowa in their time of need." For additional information on the flood relief funds, please contact Stacey Goodman, with the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa which are affiliates of the Omaha Community Foundation, at 800-794-3458 or [stacey@omahafoundation.org](mailto:stacey@omahafoundation.org).



Representatives from the Mills County Flood Fund accept a contribution from Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, and CoBank on Monday, April 15, 2019 (left to right): Sheri Bowen, Administrator for Mills County Public Health; Kerry Koonce, Manager of Communications & Public Affairs for Central Iowa Power Cooperative; Phil Kinser, CEO and General Manager at Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative; Carol Robertson, Mills County Auditor; Lana White, Chair of the Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board; Liz Baldwin, Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board Member; Stacey Goodman, Iowa Foundations Director for the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa.



Representatives from the Fremont County Flood Fund accept a contribution from Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, and CoBank on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (left to right): Stacey Goodman, Iowa Foundations Director for the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa; Kent Claiborne, Chair of the Fremont County Community Foundation Advisory Board; Jamie Behrends, Agency Director of Fremont County Public Health; Phil Kinser, CEO and General Manager at Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative; Kerry Koonce, Manager of Communications & Public Affairs for Central Iowa Power Cooperative; Mike Crecelius, Fremont County Emergency Management Director.

Our offices will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

## CEO's COMMENTS:

# Annual Meeting Information & Election Process

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lenox Community Center on September 5, 2019. A major item of business at this meeting will be the election of three (3) directors to a term of three (3) years. The Cooperative consists of two (2) numbered Geographic Regions, each of which is divided into four (4) Districts. Region 1 consists of the former service territory of Rideta Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Region 2 consists of the former service territory of Southwest Iowa Service Cooperative, both as they existed at the time said Cooperatives consolidated to form Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative. Districts 1 through 4 shall initially be located in Region 1 and Districts 5 through 8 shall initially be located in Region 2. The election of directors shall be by such districts, with one (1) director representing each District. In addition, two (2) at-large directors will be elected, one (1) from each Region. Directors shall reside in and receive service from the Cooperative at a location within the district (or Region in the case of at-large directors) they are elected to represent. Any member of the Cooperative shall be eligible to become a director if said member has a legal capacity to enter into a binding contract and said member's election as a director would not violate any other provision of the Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative.

The following directors' terms expire at the Annual Meeting in September:

**Richard (Dick) Ballantyne (Region 1, District 4)**

– Ringgold County: Monroe Township, Athens Township, and Riley Township. Decatur County: Grand River Township, Decatur Township, Bloomington Township, Burrell Township, Eden Township, Woodland Township, Fayette Township, New Buda Township, Hamilton Township, and Morgan Township.

**Dennis Meier (Region 2, District 8)**

– North Border: U.S. Highway #34. South Border: J20, U.S. Highway #48. West Border: Assigned Area of Service. East Border: U.S. Highway #71.

**Mark Herzberg (Region 2, At-Large)**

– All of the former service territory of Southwest Iowa Service Cooperative.

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee, which Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors, not less than sixty days (60) nor more than one-hundred twenty (120) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected. The Nominating Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the Committee to the geographical areas served by the Cooperative. Said Nominating Committee members so elected shall nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors and a list of the

nominations so made shall be posted at the offices of the Cooperative no less than 45 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any twenty (20) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which directors are to be elected, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations by the Committee is posted; such nominations so made by such members to be subject to the same service location requirements as nominations by the Nominating Committee heretofore prescribed. The election of the directors shall be by ballot, and each voting member shall be entitled to cast one ballot for each director to be elected from the member's Region. To the extent the same is specifically authorized by the Board of Directors, members may vote by mail-in ballot. The election of directors shall be subject to ratification by a majority of all members present at the Annual Meeting of members, and directors elected shall qualify and take office immediately following the Annual Meeting of Members.

If you are interested in being considered as a candidate for one of these director positions, and meet the requirements stated above, please contact Phil Kinser at 888-220-4869. Your name will be given to the Nominating Committee and they will contact you to discuss the matter further.



**Phil Kinser**

## New Line Foreman



Southwest Iowa REC would like to welcome Danny Stamps to the Foreman position at the Corning location as of June 1st. Danny is replacing Mike Stargell, who retired from the REC on May 31st after 42+ years. Danny has 38 years of experience serving the members of the REC and we have confidence that he will continue to assist members effectively. Congratulations Danny!

## Solar – Wind – All CO-Generation News

If you're considering the purchase and installation of solar, wind or any other type of co-generation, you need to contact your utility.

As of January 1, 2013, it is required by law that you contact your electricity utility prior to installing an alternate energy generator including: solar, wind turbine, waste management, resource recovery, refuse-derived fuel, agricultural crops or residue or wood-burning facility that will be connected to an electric line – to produce electricity.

The owner must provide written notification to their electric utility **at least 30 days** before construction or installation of the technology.

Our lineman could be seriously injured or even killed while working on the electric lines without knowing about the members' new technology.

**Safety is our #1 Priority!**

**And .. after all – It IS the law**

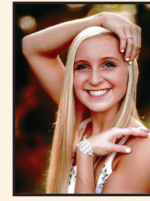
## Southwest Iowa REC would like to Congratulate our 2019 Scholarship Winners! Twelve \$500 Scholarships were awarded to High School Graduates.



**Clarissa Hoffman, Creston**  
Daughter of Robert and Pamela Hoffman. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College and then transferring to Iowa State University pursuing Fashion, Merchandising and Textiles.



**Emma Mobley, Mount Ayr**  
Daughter of Greg and Amy Mobley. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College enrolling in their Nursing Program.



**Mackenzie Shields, Mount Ayr**  
Daughter of Josh and Julie Shields. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College pursuing General Education.



**Connor Shipley, Southwest Valley**  
Son of Leland and Amy Shipley. Plans to attend Iowa State University pursuing Agriculture Engineering.



**Hayley Whittington, Mount Ayr**  
Daughter of Aleha Whittington and Clint Whittington. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College pursuing Livestock Production.



**Mallorie LeeAnn Wookey, Stanton**  
Daughter of Jake and Mindy Wookey. Plans to attend Iowa State University pursuing Business.



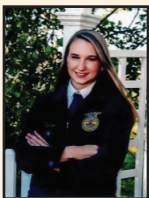
**Daniel Kinyon, Southwest Valley**  
Son of Shawn and Jennifer James. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College enrolling in the Carpentry Program.



**Hunter Poston, Southwest Valley**  
Son of Jason and Darci Poston. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College and then Northwest Missouri State University pursuing Agriculture Business.



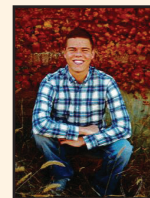
**Morgan Shuey, Southwest Valley**  
Daughter of Scott and Karen Shuey. Plans to attend Salve Regia University pursuing a medical degree.



**Emily Peterson, Red Oak**  
Daughter of Bob and Kimberly Peterson. Plans to attend the University of Iowa pursuing Music Therapy and Child Life.



**Lauren Hadley, East Union**  
Daughter of Dean Hadley. Plans to attend Mercy College of Health Sciences pursuing Physical Therapy.



**Myles Greene, Mount Ayr**  
Son of David and Jody Greene. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College pursuing Associated of Arts degree.

Southwest Iowa REC also awarded one \$1,000 scholarship to an individual attending Powerline School or pursuing an Electrical trades degree.



**Lucas Brockshus, Stanton**  
Son of Dale and Sharmyn Brockshus. Plans to attend Metropolitan Community College enrolling in Utility Lineman Technology.

### Make life a little easier with SmartHub

Southwest Iowa REC offers another convenient way to pay your electric bill – it's SmartHub. All you have to do is visit our website ([www.swiarec.coop](http://www.swiarec.coop)) – click the green Pay Online link, and you can pay your bill online. The payment site is fully secure – using state-of-the-art encryption.



With SmartHub you will be able to:

- Make a payment
- Access payment history
- View your bill
- View your electric usage
- Update your account or contact information
- Communicate directly with Southwest Iowa REC

Once you're registered for SmartHub you will receive monthly e-mail notifications when the latest billing information is available on-line and when accounts are due. SmartHub is just another way your cooperative strives to provide the latest in convenience and technology for our members. SmartHub option is available for you to use to pay your electric bill on-line. It will cost you \$3.95 per transaction for up to \$500 maximum with a credit card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover) or by check. All you need is your REC account number, an email address and then create your own password.

### When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Seek shelter indoors or in a hard-topped vehicle. If you can't get to shelter:

- avoid open fields and hilltops.
- stay away from tall, isolated trees and objects.
- spread out (if you're in a group).

#StormSafety

# Bravo!

Thank you for participating in the Essex STEM Festival.

The students were very impressed with the vehicle you brought and loved learning about the mechanics involving the bucket.

Mrs. Isaacson, Mrs. Johnson, Sarah Madsen,  
Jessie James, Morgan Alexander

Thank you for supporting the East Union After Prom 2019. It was a huge success!

-East Union Junior/Senior Students

## FOR SALE BY SEALED BID



### Clark Forklift, Model C500 Y-45

5,670 engine hours

Propane fueled

Max. Capacity 4,500 lbs.

39" forks

Runs and drives but needs work

Sold as-is, where is, with no warranty

Forklift may be seen at our Corning office located at 1801 Grove Avenue, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sealed bids are due by June 26, 2019. Please mark your envelope "Forklift Bid" and mail it to the following address:

Southwest Iowa REC  
1801 Grove Avenue  
Box 367  
Corning, Iowa 50841  
Attn: Phil Kinser

**Southwest Iowa REC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.**

## Beef Burgundy

### Ingredients

2-2.5 pounds lean stew meat  
1 package dry onion soup mix  
1 can cream of celery soup (undiluted)

1 can cream of mushroom soup (undiluted)  
1 cup Burgundy or red wine

### Directions:

- Put everything in a roaster; do not need to stir.
- Cover and bake at 275-300 degrees F for 4 hours.
- Serve over rice, Chinese noodles, egg noodles, or baked potatoes. No need for any salt or pepper.

This month's recipe was submitted by Anita Mittag, of Prescott. It was chosen to be in the May edition Living with Energy in Iowa magazine. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, please send to:

### Recipes

Living with Energy in Iowa  
8525 Douglas Ave., Suite 48  
Des Moines, IA 50322



## The RECipe



If your entry is selected, you will win a \$25 bill credit! Congratulations Anita!

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

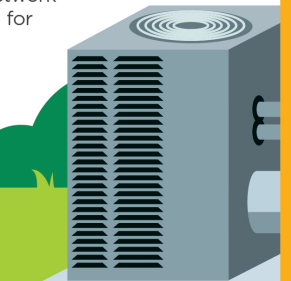


### 3-Step HVAC Test

As summer temperatures rise, so do electric bills. Follow these steps to test the efficiency of your HVAC unit.

The outdoor temperature should be above 80 degrees, and you should set your thermostat well below the room temperature to ensure the system runs long enough for this test.

1. Using a digital probe thermometer (about \$12), measure the temperature of the air being pulled into your HVAC filter.
2. Measure the temperature of the air blowing out of your A/C vent.
3. Subtract the A/C vent temperature from the HVAC filter temperature. You should see a difference of about 17 to 20 degrees. If the difference is less than 17 degrees, you may need a licensed technician to check the coolant. If the difference is greater than 20 degrees, your ductwork may need to be inspected for airflow restrictions.



**2019 Energy Efficiency & Beneficial Electrification Program Delivery Costs = \$.0029/kwh**



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