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## LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY - APRIL 12TH



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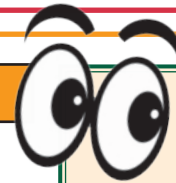
America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day. Southwest Iowa REC gratefully supports our 16 linemen that maintain 2,531 miles of power lines in our service territory and recognizing the risks they take to carry out their daily duties. We would like to take this opportunity on April 12th 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!

### 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 Avenue, Stanton, Iowa  
Or you can call (888) 220-4869.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety or engineering standards, or renewable energy and Southwest Iowa REC 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, 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 9, 2021**  
for this year's  
**Southwest Iowa REC  
Annual Meeting!**



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## CEO's COMMENTS:

# Thank a Lineworker on April 12

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Southwest Iowa REC, I bet you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

"Lineworker" is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb 40 feet in the air, often carrying heaving equipment to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That's why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at Southwest Iowa REC, it's important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes. Engineering & Operations provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Member service representatives and front office staff are always standing by to take your calls and questions. Our information technology (IT) experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data. And these are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn't be able to "bring the light" to our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent Southwest Iowa REC, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, I hope you'll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you'll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.



**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 Union counties; and Southwest Iowa Service Cooperative that served Adair, Adams, Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Taylor and Union Counties for

the years 2003-2004. This month, we will be showing names listed A-J (by first name) 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.

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HARRIET GRIM  
HEATHER FISCHER  
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# LINEWORKERS BRING THE LIGHT.

## Lineworker Appreciation Day

On April 12, remember to  
#ThankALineworker.

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List continues next month.

# Bravo!

Thank you for your prompt response to our outage.

It is greatly appreciated.

-Joyce & Jim Garrett

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Thank you so much for your generous contribution and continued support for the Viking Center. Donors like you make it possible for us to continue providing amenities to our communities.

Best Wishes,

Lauren Bond, Director,  
Stanton Viking Center

## WINTER MORATORIUM ENDS APRIL 1, 2021

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, 2021 to make payment arrangements on your past-due bill to avoid disconnection of your electric service.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Don't keep your refrigerator too cold. The Department of Energy recommends a temperature setting of 35 to 38 degrees for the fresh food compartment and zero degrees for the freezer. Make sure the refrigerator doors are sealed airtight to maximize efficiency.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



## Chicken Florentine

*This one skillet recipe brings golden brown chicken breasts, mushrooms, garlic and spinach together in a rich creamy Parmesan white wine sauce. Serve over rice, angel hair pasta, mashed potatoes or smashed cauliflower (as a low carb option). Serves 4*

- 2 large chicken breasts cut in half lengthwise
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 8 ounces white button mushrooms sliced
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 cups baby spinach



1. Heat 1 tablespoon butter and olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook until golden brown and cooked through. Plate the chicken and cover to keep warm.
2. Add remaining butter to same skillet over medium/medium high and cook the mushrooms until golden brown; approximately 8 minutes. Turn the heat down to low and add the garlic. Cook for 1 minute stirring constantly. Plate the mushrooms and garlic and cover to keep warm.
3. Add the wine and scrap to remove any browned bits from the skillet. Reduce the wine by half; approximately 3-4 minutes. Add the cream and let it simmer for about 15 -20 minutes; until is reduced by half. Slowly add Parmesan cheese stirring constantly until melted. Add spinach and cooked just until wilted. Place the chicken, mushrooms and garlic back in the pan. Cover and warm for 2-3 minutes.

### NOTES

- Most chicken breasts these days are quite large. Cut them in half lengthwise. They will cook better and they will still be more than an ample serving.
- The heat should be reduced when adding fresh minced garlic. Garlic burns easily so stir constantly.
- Cook mushrooms over medium to medium/high to ensure beautiful browning and to ensure that the moisture from the mushrooms is gone before adding the cream.
- Use heavy whipping cream. If you go with something lighter like half n half then you will need a thickening mixture like a slurry or a cornstarch mixture. Half n half will never reduce enough to thicken but heavy whipping cream will.
- Don't add the spinach until the very end. It only takes a couple of minutes to wilt.



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