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Operation Round Up Presentation



May 12, 2021 Southwest Iowa REC, CoBank and Southwest Iowa REC's Operation Round up presented Ringgold County Conservation with an \$8,000 check to the Liberty Lake phase 3 Project in Mount Ayr, Iowa. Pictured are the Ringgold County Conservation Board and Southwest Iowa REC representative Jason Smith. Left to Right: Susie Catanzareti, Doug Frost, Jason Smith, Dale Walkup, Jim Norris and Randy Bishop.

New Hires JD Hitt and Kylee Fleharty



Apprentice Lineman JD Hitt started May 3rd at the Corning location. JD is from Clarinda, Iowa and graduated from Metropolitan Community College Linemen program with an Associates of Applied Sciences degree. JD was a summer intern at the Mount Ayr location. JD says "I enjoy working outside and I am excited to continue working with the line crews of Southwest Iowa REC."

**Welcome JD and Kylee!
Best Wishes Wendy!**



Kylee Fleharty was hired April 26th in the Mount Ayr office. She was hired as the Customer Service Representative to replace Wendy Wimer who is resigning from the cooperative after 33 years of service to be a full-time grandma. Kylee is from Clearfield and is married with 3 children. She enjoys watching her kids play sports and spending time with family. Kylee says "I've enjoyed spending time getting to know all the members and learning so much from Wendy."

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Sunday, June 20th

Our offices will be closed Monday July 5th
in observance of Independence Day.

CEO's COMMENTS:

Annual Meeting Information & Election Process

The 18th Annual Meeting of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lenox Community Center on September 9, 2021. **A major item of business at this meeting will be the election of four (4) directors to a term of three (3) years. The following information on the director election process and qualifications comes from the Bylaws of the Cooperative.**

There shall be two (2) numbered Geographic Regions for the Cooperative, each of which shall be divided into four (4) Districts, and 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. The geographic area of each Region shall initially be as set forth in the Plan of Consolidation of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative, and revised as necessary by the Board of Directors. The district boundaries shall be described hereafter in these Bylaws of the Cooperative and shown on a map of the cooperative service area, with such description and map maintained at all offices of the Cooperative and kept available to members.

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.

Additional Director Qualifications. In addition to the foregoing, No Member shall be eligible to become or remain a Director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:

- (1) within five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination was or during service on the Board of Directors is finally adjudged to be guilty of a felony;
- (2) within five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination was an employee of the Cooperative or the spouse of an employee of the Cooperative;
- (3) is or becomes, or at any time during the five (5) years preceding a director candidate's nomination shall have been, employed by a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any employees of the Cooperative;
- (4) is a grandparent, parent, co-habitant, child, or grandchild of an employee of the Cooperative;
- (5) is a person that is a grandparent, parent, co-habitant, child, or grandchild of an incumbent director whose district seat is not up for re-election at that time;

- (6) is in any way employed by or substantially financially interested in an enterprise competing with the Cooperative or any Cooperative-affiliated business;
- (7) is or becomes the full-time employee or agent of, or who is or becomes the full-time employer or principal of, another director;
- (8) is engaged in conduct that is a violation of law or violation of a Cooperative policy or policies, or whenever a director has materially failed to satisfy his/her duties as a director, including the duty to regularly attend meetings of the Board of Directors; or
- (9) is employed by, materially affiliated with, or has a financial interest in, any individual or entity possessing a conflict of interest with the Cooperative or a Cooperative subsidiary.

For purposes of this Section, financially interested shall not include beneficial ownership of less than 5% of the bonds or the combined voting power of all issued and outstanding voting securities of a publicly held corporation whose stock is traded on a major stock exchange or quoted on NASDAQ.

In regard to the restrictive provisions of this Section that are based upon close relative relationships, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected a director if, during a director's incumbency, a director becomes a first kindred relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage or an adoption to which the director was not a party.

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

Jason Smith (Region 1, District 1) – Union County: Sections 19-36 of Douglas Township, Highland Township, Union Township, Platt Township, and Grant Township. Ringgold County: Sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-16, 21-24, 25-28, 33-36 of Lincoln Township, Jefferson Township, Washington Township, Liberty Township and Sections 25-36 of Tingley Township.

Dale Walkup (Region 1, District 3) – Taylor County: Eastern $\frac{3}{4}$ of Section 13, Eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, Eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 25, Southern $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Section 36 except the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Grove Township, Sections 13-36 of Platte Township, Sections 1,2, Eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, Eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, Eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 13, Eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, Sections 25, 32-36 of Marshall Township, Grant Township, Clayton Township, and Gay Township. Ringgold County: Sections 5-8, 17-20, 29-32 of Lincoln Township, Grant Township, Benton Township, Rice Township, Poe Township, Clinton Township, Middle Fork Township, and Lotts Creek Township.

Deena Moore (Region 2, District 5) – North Border: Assigned area of service. South Border: Assigned Area of service. West Border: U.S. Highway #148. East Border: Assigned area of service except areas specifically designated in District #3.

Dana Morgan (Region 2, District 7) – North Border: Assigned area of service. South Border: U.S. Highway #34. West Border: Assigned area of service. East Border: U.S. Highway #148.

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 (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

**Southwest Iowa REC would like to Congratulate our 2021 Scholarship Winners!
\$500 Scholarships were awarded to twenty High School Graduates.**



Lindsey Jennett, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Steve and Chantelle Jennett. Plans to attend Iowa State University pursuing Animal Science.



Taylor Shields, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Andy & Tara Shields. Plans to attend Freed-Hardeman University pursuing Art Education.



Rose Nippert, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Donald & Chris Nippert. Plans to pursue a Veterinary Technical college.



Hope Whittington, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Aleha Whittington and Clint & Audrey Whittington. Plans to attend Iowa State University.



Cael Ogier, Lamoni
Son of Casey & Shyra Ogier. Plans to attend Iowa Central Community College to pursue Computer Integrated Fabrication.



Jackson Kinsella, Creston
Son of Jason & Marilyn Kinsella. Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Kearney to pursue Agriculture Business.



Rhett Larson, Mount Ayr
Son of Will & Bonnie Larson. Plans to attend Kansas State University pursuing Agriculture Business.



Bricey Dorman, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Sondra Comer. Plans to attend University of Iowa pursuing Engineering.



Makayla Houck, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Craig & Amy Stalcup. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College pursuing Agriculture Business then transferring to Northwest Missouri State to finish Agriculture Business.



Marie Mullin, Creston
Daughter of Julia- Weisshaar-Mullin and Bill Mullin. Plans to attend Luther College pursuing Biology.



Payton Weehler, Mount Ayr
Son of Neil & Jill Weehler. Plans to attend University of Nebraska pursuing Agricultural Engineering.



Tyra Stoaks, Lenox
Daughter of Kurt & Mandy Stoaks. Plans to attend Indian Hills Community College to pursue Sports Medicine.



Haylee Fletchall, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Tory and Brandi Shay. Plans to attend Iowa State University pursuing Human Sciences.



Joslynn Moore, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Corey & Deena Moore. Plans to attend Central College to pursue Business.



Aubrey Boswell, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Chris & Tina Boswell. Plans to attend Illinois State University pursuing Marketing.



Rachel Sobotka, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Mike & Dee Sobotka. Plans to attend AVEDA Institute to pursue Cosmetology and Esthiology.



Isabelle Inman, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Aaron & Tonya Inman. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University pursuing Elementary Education.



Tonna Damewood, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Brian & Carla Damewood. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College to pursue Agronomy.



Bryce Shaha, Mount Ayr
Son of Travis & Judi Shaha. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College pursuing Livestock Production.



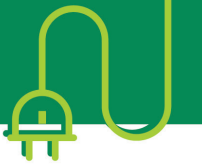
Nicole Vorhies, Stanton
Daughter of Mike & Valerie Vorhies. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems.

Source: www.energy.gov



French Dip Crescents

French Dip Crescents are savory little beef sandwiches with melty cheese all wrapped up in warm and golden crescents. Dip them in au jus sauce for an incredible lunch or dinner!

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound deli roast beef thinly sliced
- 4 pieces Mozzarella string cheese cut in half
- 1 can (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 packet (1 ounce) Au Jus mix

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Separate crescent rolls into 8 triangles. Top each crescent with 2 slices of roast beef and one half piece of string cheese.
3. Roll up and place on baking sheet. Bake for 16 to 18 minutes, or until golden-brown.
4. While crescents are baking, make Au Jus mix according to package directions. Serve with warm french dip crescents.



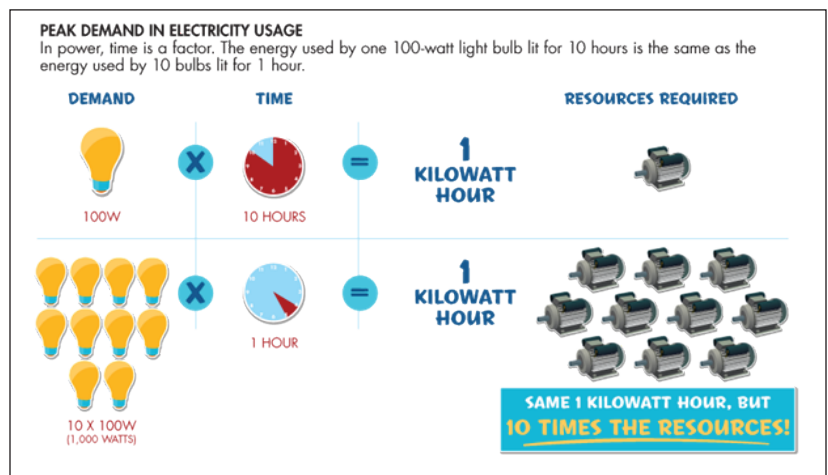
Understanding energy demand

Electric energy demand (measured in kilowatts or kW) is the amount of power needed to supply every electrical device running in your home at a specific point in time. Think about it like your Internet service. When one person streams a movie or television show on a device in your home, the stream works perfectly. But as additional people in your home attempt to stream video at the same time, more bandwidth is needed to accommodate everyone using the service. Electricity demand (kW) is similar. As more appliances in your home run simultaneously, your demand for power increases. For example, ten 100-watt light bulbs demand 1,000-watts (1 kilowatt) of electricity (10x100) to stay lit.

Certain appliances – such as HVAC units, electric ovens and electric clothes dryers – demand significant power from the grid. The higher the demand for energy placed on Southwest Iowa REC and its power supplier during peak times of the month, the higher the expenses are for your cooperative. This in turn drives up the cost for all members. That's why not running all of your electrical devices at the same time is important to minimize the Demand Charge from our power supplier.

The Peak Demand window for Southwest Iowa REC is generally from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., when families return home from work or school, cook dinner and use their appliances the most. Using electricity during this peak demand period often costs more for Southwest Iowa REC and ultimately for you, our members.

The graphic to the upper right illustrates this concept, and why managing kW demand has a positive effect on the power grid.



2021 Energy Efficiency & Beneficial Electrification Program Delivery Costs = \$.0030/kwh



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