



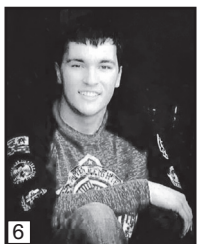
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# Southwest lines

A monthly publication for members of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative

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## Congratulations 2017 REC Scholarship Winners!



**T**welve \$500 scholarships have been awarded to local high school graduates.

### 1. Cassidy Becker, Diagonal

Cassidy is the daughter of Joseph and Susan Becker of Diagonal. She plans to attend Southwestern Community College to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

### 2. Macy Evans, Creston

Macy is the daughter of Christopher and April Evans of Creston. She plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agriculture Education.

### 3. Grace Hall, Diagonal

Grace is the daughter of William and Hope Hall of Shannon City. She plans to attend Indian Hills Community College in the Dental Hygiene Program.

### 4. Connor Hultman, Stanton

Connor is the son of Bret and Danis Hultman of Red Oak. He plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agriculture.

### 5. Karley Keiser, Griswold

Karley is the daughter of Trevor and Kristine Keiser of Griswold. She plans to attend Iowa

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## Co-op Job Opening: Apprentice / First Class Lineworker

**S**outhwest Iowa REC, an electric distribution cooperative, is seeking qualified applicants for an Apprentice/ First Class Lineworker position at its Corning facility.

This position requires experience in the construction and maintenance of overhead and underground distribution utilities with a great emphasis on safety and OSHA regulation knowledge. Candidates must have and maintain a valid driver's license and CDL and be able to pass a pre-employment medical examination and drug/alcohol screen. Candidates must have the knowledge and experience to operate all necessary equipment associated with powerline construction and maintenance. Candidates that have completed a certified lineworker program are preferred.

Southwest Iowa REC offers a competitive wage, commensurate with qualifications and experience, and an excellent benefit package. Please submit a cover letter, resume and application on or before June 30, 2017 to: Southwest Iowa REC, 1801 Grove Avenue, Corning, IA 50841 or via email to [postmaster@swiarec.coop](mailto:postmaster@swiarec.coop). Applications can be downloaded from our website [www.swiarec.coop](http://www.swiarec.coop) or picked up at one of our office locations.

Southwest Iowa REC is an equal opportunity employer.

# Annual Meeting Information & Election Process



**Phil Kinser**

The 14th Annual Meeting of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lenox Community Center on September 7, 2017. 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:

Marilyn Werner (Region 1, District 2) – Union County: Sand Creek Township, Jones

## Interested in Becoming a Director?

If you are interested in being considered as a candidate for one of these director positions, and meet the requirements stated in this article, 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.

Township, and Pleasant Township. Ringgold County: Sections 1-24 of Tingley Township, Union Township.

Vacant (Region 2, District 6) – North Border: U.S. Highway #34 to U.S. Highway #71, J20 to U.S. Highway #48. South Border: Assigned Area of Service. West Border: U.S. Highway #71 to J20, U.S. Highway #59. East Border: U.S. Highway #148.

Ken Peppmeier (Region 1, At-Large) – All of the former service territory of Rideta Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee, which shall be elected by the Board of Directors not less than sixty (60) days, 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 not 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.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



## Offices Closed

Our offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We wish all of our members a safe and happy holiday weekend!

# 2017 RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES

**S**outhwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative provides our members with ways to save on your energy budget. We offer rebates on the following products that will offer substantial savings for your home.

**APPLIANCES:** When replacing appliances always look for ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances. Appliances can account for 13% of your energy bill. ENERGY STAR qualified appliances incorporate advanced technologies that use 10-50% less energy and water than standard models.

## ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer

If both water heater & dryer are electric	\$60/unit
With only electric water heater	\$30/unit

**PULL THE PLUG APPLIANCE RECYCLING:** Contact your Cooperative to request collection and recycling of your old, working refrigerator, freezer or window air conditioner and receive an incentive for up to three operable units per address. Curbside pick up and recycling is done by the cooperative's contractor.

Refrigerator	\$35/unit
Freezer	\$25/unit
Window Air Conditioner	\$25/unit

**INDOOR AIR QUALITY:** Equipment must serve the entire conditioned space of the home. Limit of one air quality system per home.

Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV)	\$250/unit
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**HEATING AND COOLING:** As much as half of the energy used in your home goes to heating and cooling. So making smart decisions about your home's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system can have a big effect on your utility bills – and your comfort.

## Geothermal Heat Pump

Closed loop system	\$350/ton (AHRI listing)
Open loop system	\$250/to (AHRI listing; no "pump & dump" systems)
Hybrid System	\$450/ton
G.S.H.P. Replacement	\$250/unit
Air Source Heat Pump	\$150/ton (ASHP units over ¾ ton, including mini splits systems)
Hybrid System	\$250/ton
ENERGY STAR Bonus	\$350/unit (Min. SEER 15.0, EER 12.0, HSPF 8.5)
ENERGY STAR Central AC	\$75/unit (Min. SEER 15.0 & EER12.5)
ECM Fan Motor Replacement	\$50/unit (with qualifying AC replacement)

**LIGHTING:** Lighting is one of the easiest places to start saving energy. Up to 12% of your energy usage in a home. Replacing your five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with ENERGY STAR qualified lights can save \$70 a year in energy costs.

## Interior Lighting

Residential ENERGY STAR Hardwired Fixtures	50% of price paid for qualified products; up to \$10/fixture
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Qualified products include: ENERGY STAR LED fixtures, ENERGY STAR ceiling fans with light kits.

*(Lighting, continued) Maximum incentive of \$15 per fixture and \$600 per home. Household limit applies to a 5-year period. (Installs prior to 1/1/13 are exempt). Minimum 4watts per unit. Fixtures with screw-in adapters do not qualify.*

## Outdoor Security Lighting

High Pressure Sodium Fixtures (replacement only)	\$10/fixture (>100 watt)
ENERGY STAR LED or DLC Qualified	\$15/fixture (20-34 watt)
	\$20/fixture (35-49 watt)
	\$40/fixture (50-74 watt)
	\$50/fixture (75-124 watt)
	\$60/fixture (125 watts+)

*\*New lighting fixtures must be more energy efficient (lower wattage) than original installed fixtures.*

**WATER HEATERS:** From warm showers to clean dishes, we count on hot water. In fact, the average household spends \$400-\$600 per year on water heating, making it the second largest energy expenditure behind heating and cooling. Depending on the technology you choose, you can cut your water heating costs in half!

ENERGY STAR Heat Pump Water Heater	\$650/unit
Add-on to Electric Storage Tank	\$300/unit (> 2.00 EF)
Solar Water Heater with Electric Auxiliary Tank	\$350/unit (must be ENERGY STAR Qualified)
Electric Resistance Storage Tank Water Heater	\$50/unit (50-55 gal. tank-min. EF 0.95)
Drain Water Heat Recovery Systems	\$450/unit (Not to exceed cost of system. Must have electric water heater. Homemade systems are not eligible for the incentive.)

**WEATHERIZATION:** Weatherizing your home will put money back in your pocket every month. It's that simple. On average, weatherization helps homeowners reduce their energy consumption by 25-30% – a savings of \$600 per year, every year. Older homes save around 35% or more!\*

Requirements are you must have electric heat and/or central air conditioning (homes with natural gas heat do not qualify).

- Home must be built prior to 1996.
- Must be upgrade to existing home (new additions do not qualify)
- Project cost must be \$150 or more (labor costs for self-installed projects cannot be included).
- Maximum incentive per home \$2,200 (with electric heat with or without AC)  
\$300 (with central AC only and non-electric heating)

*\*Inquire with the Cooperative for details.*

**NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION:** Building an All-Star home is the maximum goal you can obtain toward energy efficiency and will result in putting the most money back in your pocket.

All-Star Home	\$500/home (new construction, all electric heating, water heating and appliances)
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*For terms and conditions to receive an additional \$500, call Southwest Iowa REC for details.*

## 2017 Scholarships... from pg. 1

Western Community College to pursue a degree in Forestry Resources.

### 6. Joseph Kernen, Southwest Valley

Joseph is the son of Joseph and Lisa Kernen of Nodaway. He plans to attend Indian Hills Community College and pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Robotics/Automation Technology.

### 7. Jacob Kinyon, Southwest Valley

Jacob is the son of Shawn and Jennifer James of Prescott. He plans to attend Southwestern Community College to major in Automotive Mechanics.

### 8. August Taylor, Red Oak

August is the son of Mitch and Denise Taylor of Villisca. He plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College to pursue a Paramedic career.

### 9. Katie Walter, Orient-Macksburg

Katie is the daughter of Robert Walter and the late Laurie Walter of Prescott. She plans to attend Indian Hills Community College to pursue a Dental Assistant degree.

### 10. Megan Warin, Mount Ayr

Megan is the daughter of Joe and Donna Warin of Maloy. She plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business.

### 11. Mara Weis, East Union

Mara is the daughter of Mark Weis and Gale Vert of Afton. She plans to attend Iowa State University and double major in Global Resource Systems and Agronomy.

### 12. Clay Wimer, Mount Ayr

Clay is the son of Brian and Wendy Wimer of Diagonal. He plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College to pursue a degree in Diesel Technology.

## Picnic Perfect: Grandma's Potato Salad

7 large russet potatoes	1/3 c. sugar
12 large hard-boiled eggs	2 tsp. mustard
3/4 c. finely diced white onion	1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 c. light salad dressing	1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 c. mayonnaise, preferably Hellman's	

- Place clean, unpeeled potatoes in large pot. Add enough water to cover the potatoes.
- With the lid on, boil the potatoes over medium-high heat for about 30 minutes or until a knife easily slides in and out of each potato. Drain potatoes and set aside to cool.
- On a cutting board, roughly chop the hard-boiled eggs.
- Add the eggs and onion to a large bowl.
- In a medium bowl, mix the salad dressing, mayonnaise, sugar, mustard, salt, and pepper.
- Peel cooled potatoes and cut into chunks.
- Add potatoes to eggs and onion and then add salad mixture.
- Fold until mixture covers all potatoes.



## 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.

*Bravo!*

Thank you so much  
for the donation  
from Operation

Round-UP to help with repairs on the hose tower. We are grateful for your program.

-Corning Opera House Board of Directors



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