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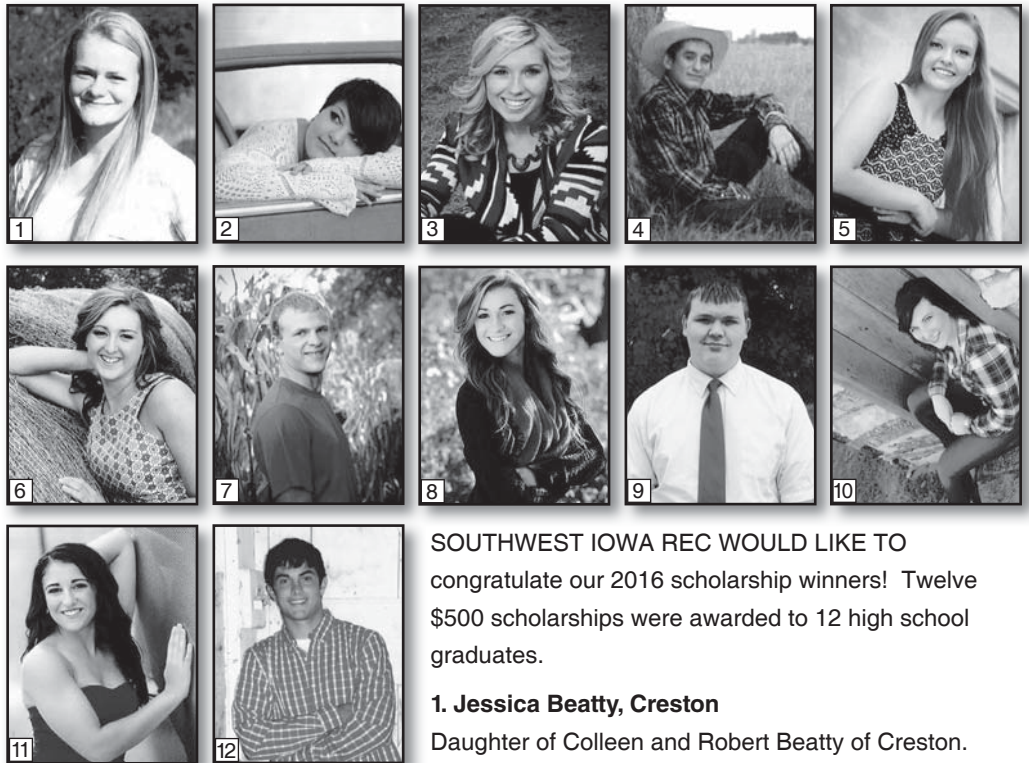
Introducing Chance Greenman : 2016 REC Scholarship Winners



CHANCE BEGAN his duties as a Member Services Technician in the Mount Ayr office on May 2. Chance will be assisting members regarding rebates, high usage

investigations, energy efficiency updates, water heater installs, and more.

Chance resides in Mount Ayr with his wife Wendy. Welcome Chance!



SOUTHWEST IOWA REC WOULD LIKE TO congratulate our 2016 scholarship winners! Twelve \$500 scholarships were awarded to 12 high school graduates.

1. Jessica Beatty, Creston

Daughter of Colleen and Robert Beatty of Creston. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Horticulture or plant related field.

2. Ashley Boswell, Southwest Valley

Daughter of Tina and Chris Boswell of Corning. Plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa pursuing a degree in English education.

3. Reagan Brown, East Union

Daughter of Joy and Dennis Brown of Shannon City. Plans to attend the University

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Use small electric pans, toaster ovens or convection ovens for small meals rather

than your stove or oven. A toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Another benefit is that by not running your stove or oven, your kitchen will stay cooler on hot summer days and save your air conditioner from working so hard to keep your entire house cool.

Source: energy.gov.



Offices Closed

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

Annual Meeting Information & Election Process



Phil Kinser

THE 13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lenox Community Center on September 15, 2016. 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, Burrel 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.

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.

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



"A certificate of appreciation is awarded to Southwest Iowa REC for their generous investment in the UCDA (Union County Development Association) 2016-2018 Strategic Plan."

--Randy Huewe, UCDA Board President
--Wayne Pantini, UCDA Executive Director

"Thank you so much for the contribution for the Corning Opera House from Operation Round-Up."

--Corning Opera House Cultural Center Board of Directors



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 month's Manager Column, 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.

2016 RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES

SOUTHWEST 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 (AHRI listing)	\$350/ton
Open loop system (AHRI listing; no "pump & dump" systems)	\$250/ton
G.S.H.P. Replacement	\$250/unit
Air Source Heat Pump	\$150/ton (ASHP units over ¾ ton, including mini splits systems)
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)
ENERGY STAR Central AC (with replacement of ECM fan motor)	\$75/unit (Min. SEER 16.0 & EER13.0)

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: ENERGY STAR CFL and LED fixtures, ENERGY STAR ceiling fans with light kits, T8 and T5 fixtures (not ENERGY STAR rated)
<i>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.</i>	

(Lighting, continued)

Outdoor Security Lighting	
High Pressure Sodium Fixtures (replacement only)	\$10/fixture (>100 watt)
ENERGY STAR CFL (Cold-start rated to -20 deg. F.)	\$15/fixture (>26 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 (must be ENERGY STAR Qualified)	\$350/unit
Electric Resistance Storage Tank Water Heater (50-55 gal. tank-min. EF 0.95)	\$50/unit

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% to 30% - a savings of \$600 per year, every year. Older homes save even more - 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)

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
<i>(new construction, all electric heating, water heating and appliances)</i>	

**For terms and conditions to receive an additional \$500, call Southwest Iowa REC for details.*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Name: Sarah Newton
Family: Jeremy (husband); children Will (12), Anne (10), and Kate (6)
Date of Hire: March 10, 2014
Current Position: Accountant

Favorite Recipe: Taco Chicken

Taco Chicken

- Ingredients:
- 2-3lbs. chicken (cooked and diced)
 - 1 bag crushed nacho chips
 - 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
 - 1 8 oz. bottle taco sauce
 - 2 c. shredded cheese
 - Tomatoes (diced)
 - Shredded lettuce
 - Onions (diced)
 - Sour cream
 - Black olives (sliced)



The RECipe

Spray 9" x 13" pan.

Combine chicken, soup, and taco sauce. In pan, start layering with ½ bag chips, then chicken mixture, then cheese, then top with ½ bag chips. Bake at 350° for 35-40 min.

Garnish with tomatoes, shredded lettuce, onions, sour cream, and black olives.

2016 Scholarship Recipients...continued from pg. 1

of Northern Iowa majoring in international business.

4. Tanner Burton, Lamoni

Son of Erin and Tim Burton of Davis City. Plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science.

5. Marcel Confer, Stanton

Daughter of Wendy and Ken Confer of Stanton. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Education.

6. Kristen Dolecheck, Mount Ayr

Daughter of Lesa and Rob Stackhouse; Linda and Roger Dolecheck of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend the University of Iowa pursuing a nursing degree.

7. Kyle Dolecheck, Mount Ayr

Son of Lesa and Rob Stackhouse; Linda and Roger Dolecheck of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Ag Science.

8. Shea Jensen, Essex

Daughter of Connie and Blake Jensen of

Essex. Plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College studying Animal Nutrition.

9. Nikolaus Martin, Essex

Son of Jeanette and Charles Martin of Essex. Plans to attend Northwest Iowa Community College pursuing an Associate degree in Applied Science.

10. Hannah Misner, Griswold

Daughter of Deb and Charlie Misner of Griswold. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University pursuing a degree in Biology Pre-Medicine.

11. Ashton Quick, Mount Ayr

Daughter of Kris and Bruce Quick of Tingley. Plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa pursuing a business degree.

12. Caleb Schnoor, Mount Ayr

Son of Jackie and Marty Schnoor of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture Studies.

Congratulations, Tim!

SOUTHWEST IOWA

REC's Tim Pfeiffer

has successfully

completed the

Management

Essentials

Certification program

through the National

Rural Electric

Cooperative Association (NRECA). The

Management Essentials Certificate (MEC)

is attained by completing a curriculum

of courses designed for experienced

supervisors and mid-level managers.

The program explores how to maintain

technical expertise while demonstrating

the right type of leadership.

MEC provides the personal, interpersonal

and group skills to be influential in

one-on-one situations, facilitate group

performance and become effective

leaders.



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