

SOUTHWEST LINES

**SOUTHWEST IOWA
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

OFFICE HOURS 7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM Find us at www.swiarec.coop

“Offices will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day”

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• **BEFORE DIGGING...**
CALL 811 – Make sure underground lines are located **BEFORE** you start to **DIG!!**

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• In case of Down Power Lines **REMEMBER:** no matter what vehicle you're in(tractor, car, pickup, combine) – always remember to:
– Stay in the vehicle
– Call for help
– If you **MUST** exit the vehicle (in case of fire) **JUMP CLEAR!**
– Never touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time. It could be a deadly mistake!
– Do not touch any wires!

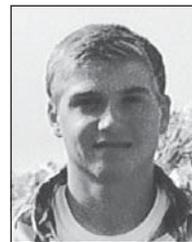
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Southwest Iowa REC would like to congratulate our 2014 scholarship winners!

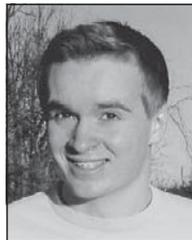
Twelve \$500 scholarships were awarded to twelve high school graduates and one \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to a student attending Power Lineman School.



Catelin Haight, East Union
Daughter of Steve and Linda Haight of Ellston. Plans to attend Central College in Pella and pursue a career in journalism, psychology, or education.



Danny Savage, Lamoni
Son of David and Jill Savage of Lamoni. Plans to attend Iowa State University and major in industrial engineering.



Gabriel Galusha, Lamoni
Son of George & Yvonne Galusha of Lamoni. Plans to attend either the University of Missouri or Iowa State University and major in mechanical engineering.



Leah Klejch, Mount Ayr
Daughter of Gary and Linda Klejch of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend the University of Iowa this fall and major in Actuarial Sciences.



Hagan Willis, Mount Ayr
Son of Craig & Brenda Willis of Diagonal. Plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall and major in either Ag Business or Animal Science.



Noah Larsen, Mount Ayr
Son of John & Debbie Larsen of Kellerton. Plans to attend Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge and later transfer to UNI and enroll in the Industrial Technology Program.



Cody Stackhouse, Mount Ayr
Son of Rob and Lesa Stackhouse and Kelly Richards. Plans to attend Northwest Iowa Community College enrolling in the Powerline Technology Program.



Dylan Amdor, CAM
His guardian is Marion Stewart of Cumberland. Plans are to attend either Morningside College or St. Ambrose University and pursue a degree.



Sydney Maynes, Southwest Valley
Daughter of Melissa and Arnold Maynes of Corning. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University and get an Ag Business degree.



Paige Fast, Clarinda
Daughter of Scott and Julie Fast of Nodaway. Plans to attend Buena Vista University to major in exercise science.

**Manager's
Comments**



Phil Kinser

**Southwest Iowa REC
Mission Statement:**

Provide safe and reliable electric service, while also advancing community and economic development opportunities, in a manner consistent with sound cooperative business practices and values.

Interconnecting Distribution Generation for Your Property

Southwest Iowa REC's mission is to provide you with power that is safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable. Whether the power is generated through the cooperative's generation and transmission systems, or through an individual customer's distributed generation system, we never deviate from these principles of our mission.

In my column last month, I outlined the key steps to follow if you are considering installing a distributed generation system at your home or business. You also can find this column on our website at www.swiarec.coop.

To ensure your own safety and that of your fellow member-consumers, you must notify Southwest Iowa REC if you intend to install a distributed generation system and an interconnection agreement must be in place. Whenever a generating resource is connected and providing power, Southwest Iowa REC must be aware that the system is in place so that our line personnel and other employees are not put in harm's way. There are a number of safety mechanisms that must be taken into account and put into place with generating facilities.

When a member-consumer's distributed generation facility, such as a wind turbine or solar panel, is generating power and serving some or all of the premise's load, while at the same time the electric cooperative is generating and serving load, the two systems are operating in parallel.

If two or more systems are operating in parallel and they are not properly interconnected with the main power supply – which comes from Southwest Iowa REC – there is a significant risk to overall system reliability and safety for all member-consumers of the cooperative.

If you have already installed a distributed generation system and have not notified Southwest Iowa REC, contact us right away. Working together we can ensure that your system is properly interconnected and that all appropriate agreements and safety mechanisms are in place.

As part of Southwest Iowa REC's commitment to system reliability, we conduct annual line inspections to identify any weaknesses in our system that need to be addressed. As part of this process, we're also able to identify any distributed generation facilities on our system. We'll assess each system to ensure the integrity of our power grid is not being compromised in any way. We know that all of you count on us for power safety and reliability, and we're committed to operating our system at the highest levels.

Please contact us today if you have any questions or need to inform us of a distributed generation system.

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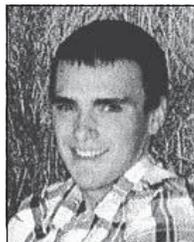
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Todd Stoaks, Lenox

Son of Kurt and Mandy Stoaks of Lenox. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Ag Business.



Kara Gillespie, Southwest Valley

Daughter of Tom and Michelle Gillespie of Nodaway. Plans to enroll at Southwestern Community College and later attend either ISU or Northwest Missouri Sate University and complete an Ag Business and/or Animal Science degree.



Moriah Kammerer, Stanton

Daughter of Tim and Sara Kammerer of Stanton. Plans to attend Iowa Western Community College and later transfer to the University of Iowa and work toward a psychology major.



Annual Meeting Information & Election Process

The 11th Annual Meeting of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lenox Community Center on September 23, 2014. 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 Township, and Pleasant Township. Ringgold County: Sections 1-24 of Tingley Township, Union Township.

Richard Fast (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.

Carroll Baker (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 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.

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 888-591-1261. Your name will be given to the Nominating Committee and they will contact you to discuss the matter further.

LEE COLE'S MAGICOMEDY



September 23rd, following business meeting

REASONS TO ATTEND THE SOUTHWEST IOWA REC ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 AT THE LENOX, IOWA COMMUNITY CENTER:

- **FREE ADMISSION** – Plus, each membership in attendance will receive a \$10 bill credit.
- **FREE ENTERTAINMENT** - Roger Burger will entertain during the meal and Lee Cole will perform his Magicomedy Act at the conclusion of the business meeting.
- **FREE MEAL** – The Taylor County Cattlemen will be grilling some tasty beef.
- **FREE ELECTRICITY** – Be present for your chance to win one of several door prizes as well as the Grand Prize of FREE ELECTRICITY for one year or the runner-up Grand Prize of FREE ELECTRICITY for six months.



Employee Spotlight

Name: Danny Stamps
Family: Married to Cindy. Two daughters – Oakley, 24, a recent graduate from the University of Iowa with a degree in Pharmacy and getting married to Justin June 7th, 2014. Tasha, 22, also a recent graduate from the University of Iowa with her CPA certification.
Date of Hire: January 5, 1981
Current Position: Lineman – (Corning)
Favorite Recipe: Oyster Stuffing



The RECipe

OYSTER STUFFING

8 cups plain bread cubes or	2 (8 ounce) cans oysters,	1 teaspoon pepper
8 cups Italian bread cubes	with liquid	1 teaspoon ground sage
(dried overnight)	1/3 cup butter, melted	1/2 teaspoon thyme
1 cup celery, finely chopped	1/2 cup chicken broth	
3/4 cup onion, chopped	2 teaspoons salt	

Heat broth, butter, and oyster liquid in small pan.
 Combine bread cubes, celery, onion, spices, and oysters.
 (You may cut up the oysters if they are too large for you.)
 Add liquid and stir.
 Place in greased baking dish.
 Bake @ 350° until heated through with a crust on the outsides.
 Approximately 25 to 40 minutes.

Reduce Energy Use During Summer Peak Hours

Peak hours are the busiest times for your local electric cooperative, since many people are using electricity at the same time. In addition, it costs your co-op more to generate electricity when demand soars during peak periods – and the cost of your electricity also may rise. Obviously, using less electricity during peak periods can save your co-op – and you – money.

Here’s how you can help during peak hours, which generally are on the hottest summer days between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.:

- Shift household chores and activities away from peak periods. Wait to run your dishwasher until you go to bed, for instance.
- If you have air conditioning, turn the thermostat up when you are gone and at night. Cool only the rooms that you are using.
- Use the most energy-efficient appliances you have. Your microwave oven, for example, uses considerably less energy than your stove or cooktop.
- If you’re buying a new appliance, make sure you get a highly efficient one. Look for “Energy Star” labels when you’re evaluating different models.
- Be aware of your energy consumption, and try to get in the habit of using energy efficiently year-round.

Use the energy you need, but use it wisely! You’ll help your co-op avoid building expensive new power plants – and that, in turn, will help keep your electric rates stable.



Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Replacing your conventional power strips with advanced power strips (APS) can help reduce the electricity wasted when electronic devices are idle. These power strips are a convenient and low-cost way to save.

Source: Department of Energy

CRIME STOPPERS TOGETHER, WE CAN CUT DOWN ON COPPER THEFT AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST IOWA’S ELECTRIC UTILITIES!

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