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12 Students Receive 2015 Co-op Scholarship

SOUTHWEST IOWA REC IS PROUD TO announce the recipients of our 2015 scholarship. Twelve scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to area high school graduates. Congratulations to them and best wishes for success in the future!

- 1. Shelby Cooper, Southwest Valley**
Daughter of Doug and Julie Cooper of Nodaway. Plans are to attend the New York Film Academy to major in professional photography.
- 2. Alyx Flippin, Griswold**
Daughter of Mark and Kelly Boucher; Bruce Flippin. Plans to attend the University of Central Missouri and pursue a degree in biochemistry.
- 3. Maggie Ganley, Bedford**
Daughter of Scott and Teresa Ganley of New Market. Plans to attend Morningside College in the pharmacy program.
- 4. Shelbie Greene, Mount Ayr**
Daughter of David and Jody Greene of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College majoring in Child Psychology and then transfer to Iowa State University.
- 5. Katelyn Holmes, Mount Ayr**
Daughter of Colby and Tricia Holmes of Benton. Plans to attend the University of Missouri pursuing an Ag Ed degree.
- 6. Regan Jessen, Southwest Valley**
Daughter of Rick and Jana Jessen of Corning. Plans to attend Southwestern Community College this fall and transfer to Northwest Missouri State University to pursue a business management degree.



- 7. Ryan Johnson, Bedford**
Son of Roy and Patricia Johnson of Gravity. Plans to attend a four year university to obtain an Ag Business degree.
- 8. Kaitlyn Klomnhaus, Diagonal**
Daughter of Kevin and Shellie Klomnhaus of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend Simpson College studying Forensic Science and Criminal Justice.
- 9. Bailey Schmitz, Lenox**
Daughter of Rick and Esther Schmitz of Lenox. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Elementary Education.

- 10. Tyler Triggs, Mount Ayr**
Son of Kevin and Kathy Triggs of Mount Ayr. Plans to attend Iowa State University.
- 11. Riley Weehler, Mount Ayr**
Son of Neil and Jill Weehler of Maloy. Plans to attend Mid-Plains Community College majoring in Ag Business and then transfer to a four year college.
- 12. Jade Wilbourne, Adair-Casey**
Daughter of Blake and Jodie Wilbourne of Corning. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State majoring in Pre Veterinary Medicine.

Phone Number Change Reminder



As of June 1, 2015, remember that you will need to dial (888) 220-4869 to reach all three Southwest Iowa REC locations—Corning, Mount Ayr and Stanton.



The offices of Southwest Iowa REC will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015, in observance of Independence Day. We wish our members a fun and safe holiday!!

Annual Meeting Information & Election Process



Phil Kinser

THE 12TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTHWEST Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lenox Community Center Sept. 22, 2015.

An important item of business at this meeting will be the election of four (4) 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:

Jack Stephens (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 ¼ of Section 13, eastern

Interested in Becoming a Board Member?

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.

½ of Section 24, eastern ½ of Section 25, southern ¼ of Section 35, Section 36 except the north ½ of the northwest ¼ of Grove Township, Sections 13-36 of Platte Township, Sections 1,2, eastern ½ of Section 3, eastern ½ of Section 12, eastern ½ of Section 13, eastern ½ 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.

Glen Roberts (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 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.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know that by regularly cleaning your air conditioner's air ducts, you can lower your energy consumption by between 5 and 15 percent? *Source: energy.gov*

2015 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/ton
Air Source Heat Pump	\$150/ton (ASHP units over ¾ ton)
ENERGY STAR Bonus	\$350/unit (Min. SEER 14.5, EER 12.0, HSPF 8.2)
ENERGY STAR Central AC	\$75/unit (Min. SEER 14.5 & EER12.0) \$75/unit (Min. SEER 16.0 & EER 13.0)

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)

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.

(Lighting, continued)

Outdoor Security Lighting	
High Pressure Sodium Fixtures (replacement only)	\$10/fixture (>100 watt)
ENERGY STAR CFL	\$15/fixture (>26 watt)
(Cold-start rated to -20 deg. F.)	
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 0.94)	

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
(new construction, all electric heating, water heating and appliances)	

**Inquire with the Cooperative for more incentive details.*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Name: Ben Knapp
Family: Married to Melanie. Daughter, Allie and sons, Dawson and Briar.
Date of Hire: January 26, 1998

Current Position: Line Foreman

Favorite Recipe: Fried Frog Legs

Fried Frog Legs

- Ingredients:
- Children (any age) to catch frogs
 - 4 oz. saltine crackers, crushed
 - 12 pair frog legs
 - 1 cup flour
 - ½ cup milk
 - ½ cup cornmeal
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 tsp salt
 - 1 T ground black pepper
 - Other seasonings to taste



The RECipe

Vegetable oil for frying

Mix milk and eggs in bowl. Combine crushed crackers, flour, cornmeal, and seasonings and place in a bag. Rinse and dry frog legs. Dip frog legs in wet mixture, place in bag, and shake. Cook in oil at 365° for 5 minutes or until golden brown.

Small Change that Changes Lives

ONE OF SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES that guide Southwest Iowa REC is “Concern for Community.” Your cooperative lives up to this principle by offering the Operation Round-Up® program.

The way it works is simple. Each month, Southwest Iowa REC “rounds up” the electric bills of participating member-owners to the next highest dollar. All Operation Round-Up® donations are then placed in a separate fund to be disbursed for charitable purposes only.

A committee comprised of community leaders, Southwest Iowa REC employees and directors receives and evaluates all donation requests. This committee makes recommendations for disbursements to the full Southwest Iowa REC Board of Directors, which has final approval of all Operation Round-Up® disbursements.

Typically, Operation Round-Up® funding will be used to address individual and community needs such as food, shelter, clothing, health, education and service



projects. Operation Round-Up® funds cannot be used for political purposes.

Individuals or organizations requesting donations do not have to be members of Southwest Iowa REC but they do need to be a resident located in one of the 11 counties we serve: Adair, Adams, Cass, Decatur, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Ringgold, Taylor and Union.

Southwest Iowa REC is committed to improving local residents’ quality of life.

Operation Round-Up® is an innovative way to continue to make a difference in our local communities. We encourage individuals and organizations with needs to apply for Operation Round-Up® donations. Applications can be requested from any of our three offices or online at www.swiarec.coop under the “Community” tab.

Out of our 5,886 accounts – we’re excited that 3,601 meters are signed up for Operation Round-Up®.

If you’re not already signed up – why not call today and join in?

Safety First



SOUTHWEST IOWA REC PRACTICES SAFETY year round and is also dedicated to furthering our safety practices in the event of a medical emergency.

At our April safety meeting all employees participated in re-certification in First Aid, how to properly administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator) device.

Pictured above is, from left: Tanner Rinehart, Wendy Wimer and Nathan Weeda.



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 415 Broad Ave., Stanton, IA 51573

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