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# Southwest lines

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SOUTHWEST IOWA REC IS LOOKING for summer help to assist our line crews in Corning, Stanton and Mount Ayr. If interested, please stop in or call to request an application. The applicant must be at least 18 years old. The job is only for the summer months of 2016. For more information – please call (888) 220-4869 and press option #2 for Duane Schafer in Mount Ayr, option #1 for Gary Goldsmith in Corning, or option #3 for Ken Van Wyhe in Stanton.



## 2016 Youth Tour Contest

THE *LIVING WITH ENERGY IN IOWA* 2016 YOUTH TOUR CONTEST IS OPEN TO ANY HIGH school sophomore, junior, or senior who is a U.S. citizen and whose parent or legal guardian is a member of an Iowa electric cooperative affiliated with the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives. One all-expenses-paid trip will be awarded by *Living with Energy in Iowa* magazine. For additional information visit [www.iowarec.org](http://www.iowarec.org).

To enter the *Living with Energy in Iowa* 2016 Youth Tour Contest, submit this official entry form plus a short (250-word maximum) essay in response to this question: How does your local electric cooperative impact your community? You may submit your entry form and essay electronically no later than March 28, 2016. Or, fill out and print the entry form below, print your essay on a separate sheet and send both with a postmark no later than March 28, 2016, to: *Living with Energy in Iowa* 2016 Youth Tour Contest, Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, 8525 Douglas Ave., Suite 48, Des Moines, IA 50322-2992.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) / Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Cooperative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I am currently a high school sophomore, junior or senior and that I have read and accept the Official Rules as outlined above.



## Winter Moratorium Ends April 1

FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE ON ENERGY ASSISTANCE OR have a past-due electric bill – please remember that you need to contact the REC office before April 1, 2016 to make payment arrangements on your past-due bill to avoid disconnection of your electric service.

CEO's COMMENTS:

# It Takes a Balanced Approach to Provide Power



**Phil Kinser**

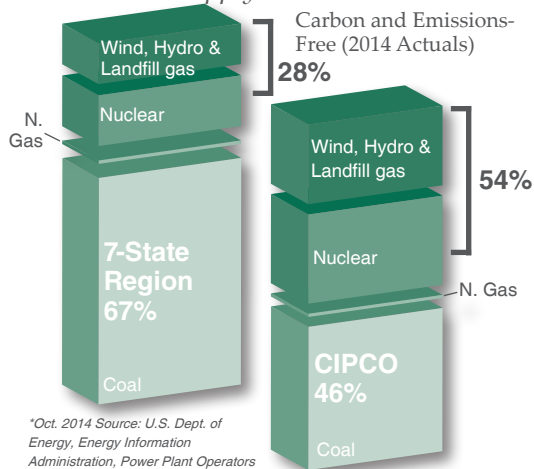
EVERY DAY, WE PROVIDE OUR MEMBER-owners with safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable power. We're able to provide this essential service because we use many types of fuel to generate electricity. Having diversity in our power resources helps us keep costs affordable should one type of fuel spike in price or be in short supply.

You may occasionally hear about base load and non-base load power sources. How these resources work together to power your homes and businesses is important, and long-term planning plays a vital role in meeting your needs. Generation plants are typically long-term assets, which last for several decades.

In the Midwest, base load power plants are most commonly fueled by coal, nuclear or large hydropower. The plants operate nearly 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provide a consistent and steady amount of power. Natural gas also is considered a base load power source. However, because natural gas plants cost more to operate, those plants generally are used as additional base load during peak usage periods, such as hot summer days in Iowa.

Based on our member-owners' annual and average daily usage requirements, we plan ahead to know how much power we need to generate or purchase to meet those needs. Base load power plants run at constant levels, allowing these plants to provide the lowest-cost generation in a safe and efficient manner. Throughout Iowa and the U.S., base load

2014 Power Supply Fuel Mix\*



\*Oct. 2014 Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration, Power Plant Operators Report (EIA 923), 2013 net generation data

power plants supply the majority of the power used by consumers. In Iowa, as a testament to our commitment to being good stewards of our environment, we continue to invest in upgrades to these base load plants to ensure they meet strict and changing environmental standards.

As part of our balanced approach to providing you with power from a variety of sources, Southwest Iowa REC's power provider, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) supplements base load power with intermittent resources, such as wind and solar. These are considered non-base load power because we have limited control over their power generating ability. For example, on a sunny day, solar panels can produce maximum output. Or, when wind speeds are steady and not too high or too low, wind turbines can generate a fairly consistent supply of power. However, during cloudy days

or at night, we can't rely on solar power because it isn't generating a significant amount of energy. Because of the unpredictability of non-base load sources, we use them in tandem with base load plants to ensure when our member-owners flip the switch for power, they can count on a reliable and adequate power supply to meet those needs.

Base load power sources are the backbone of our system for a number of reasons, including the fact that energy cannot be effectively stored. Advancements in energy storage, such as batteries, have come a long way in recent years but it's still not economically feasible or in some cases, reliable enough, to meet our member-owners' needs. Through our national partners, we invest in ongoing research to determine when and if technologies, such as storage options, may be viable for our member-owners.

As a member-owner of your not-for-profit electric cooperative you may be thinking, why is all of this important to me? Having a balanced and diverse energy portfolio is similar to having a diversified personal financial plan. When it comes to savings, it's not prudent to put all of your eggs in one basket. The same is true with sources of power generation. To achieve the best mix of reliability, affordability, environmental responsibility and safety, we rely on multiple sources rather than just one type of power generation.

## RECare Customer Contribution Fund

SOUTHWEST IOWA REC'S RECare PROGRAM MAKES IT EASY to help Cooperative neighbors in need this winter. With rising heating fuel prices this season, more and more Iowans are seeking assistance with energy, heating and weatherization costs. While some federal and state dollars exist to help those in need, there are still shortfalls.

Consider a monthly contribution to our RECare program. Your contribution – whether it is \$1 or \$10 a month – when combined with those of other generous members, can go a long way in helping those who can't afford winter's heating bills. To help, fill out the form:

Consumer Authorization Form		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Account #: _____		
Mail to:		
RECare - SW Iowa REC	RECare - SW Iowa REC	RECare - SW Iowa REC
1801 Grove Ave.	1502 W. South Street	415 Broad Ave.
P.O. Box 367	P.O. Box 391	P.O. Box 460
Corning, IA 50841	Mount Ayr, IA 50854	Stanton, IA 51573

## *Help Us Find These Former Members*

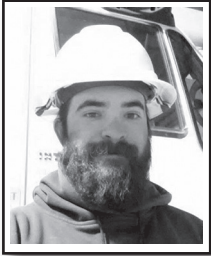
WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING FORMER MEMBERS OF RIDETA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE THAT SERVED RINGGOLD, Decatur, Taylor and Union counties for the year 1999. These members have patronage checks at our office. If the member is deceased, we would like to have a family member contact us with estate information so we can refund their patronage. Thanks for your help.

Alexander, C. Louise	Gilliam, G.D.	Lewis, Robert	Simpson, Michael R
Bagley, Georgia R	Hatfield, Sandra	McDowell, Karen	Smith, Linda J
Beagle, Slade/Brammer, Wade	Hill, Nathan	McQuerrey, James M	Snyder, Clinton
Bell, Jeff	Hitz, Andy	Madison, Robert	Stanley, Raymond
Blair, Duane	Hummell, Irma G	Marcellus, Bud	Strong, Stacey
Brown, Matt	Greelis, Jerry	Meyer, Jim & Janet	Stuart, John
Christensen, Tom	Jackson, Mae	Pace, Angie	Taylor, John E
Crispin, William H	Karas, Arnold M	Pitkin, Bernadine % Elsie M Roberts	Thompson, Richard/Evans, Janelle F
Daugherty, John E	Katz, Jack	Richman, Jessica	Tilley, Dennis
Fairchild, Dorothy	Keith, Francis	Risser, Gayland	Wade, John R
Feilen, Don	Keller, David	Robertson, Calvin	Walker, Eva C
Fisher, Heather	LaFon, James	Sales, Earl	Weigel, Diann
Fleming, Misty	Lemar Construction	Sheil, Michael	Yoder, Eugene

We are looking for the following former members of Southwest Iowa Service Cooperative that served Adair, Adams, Cass, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Taylor and Union counties for the year 1999. These members have patronage checks at our office. If the member is deceased, we would like to have a family member contact us with estate information so we can refund their patronage. Thanks for your help.

Abbott, Dustin	Edwards, Bill or Marla	James, Gary or B. Marlen Worrall	Perrin, Larry	Tyner, Edwin A
Adams, Garvin	Ellison, Mary	Johnson, Everett or Mary	Renninger, Tyrone	Vicker, Clint or Amber
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Anstey, W Edward	Evans, Doyle or Angela	Kimball, Olin	Rucker, Barbara L	Welty, Margaret (Mrs.)
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Baird, Kathleen	Forsyth, Robert	Kuntzwiler, D. Dean	Schafer, William	Wetzel, Ron
Barnum Jr, Harry	Forsythe, David	Lappe, Gerald or Hyacinth	Schafroth, Russell	Wiese, Alysia
Bauer St, Frank	Frost, Larry or Carol	Lawrence, Vernon	Schmitt, Benjamin L	Williams, Robert or Barbara
Beedle, Robert	Garber, Patricia	Lynam, Amy	Schoeppel, Martha	Wise, Brent or Kristin
Benskin, Duane R	Gehbauer, Karen	Maher, Ann	Schwartz, Bonnie	Wodd, Sean
Brassfield, Elma	Gerlock, Bill or Sherry	Maxwell, Eugene	Skinner, Joy	Woodhull, Ginger
Carl, Brad or Melissa	Gerrard, Louise	McDonald, Pat or Mary	Sleep, Scott or Tammy Marchand	Woods, Craig R
Cole Airport	Gittings, Brian	Mercer, Dave	Smith, James	Woodside, Eileen
Crow, Curtis G	Glassinger, Danny	Meyer, George	Snow, Kelly or Thomas Stidham	Zimmerman, Larry
Danielson, Leonard	Gregerson, Mary or Pat	Miller, Jackie	Stamps, James	
Davis, Anna	GTE Telephone Operations	Miller, Susan E	Stogdill, Dawn M	
Davis, Brian or Cathy	Hall, Genevieve	Mullen, Helen	Swine USA or Jon Bell	
Davis, Nancy	Hamilton, Nate	Naegele, David or Daryll	Taylor, James	
Davis, Teresa M	Houck, Barbara	Olive, Doug	Thompson, Ray or Eleanor	
Drake, Leland or Dorothy	Hoyt, Sharon L	Orr, Marty J	Timson, Fay	
Drake, Michael	Hughes, Paula M	Pearson, Chris or Rachel	Turner Farms or Martin Mathis	

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Shayne Larson  
**Family:** Kim Lewis (mother), Andy Larson (father), Jared Larson (brother)  
**Date of Hire:** June 4, 2012  
**Current Position:** Lineman  
**Favorite Recipe:** Lemon Cake

## Lemon Cake

### Ingredients:

- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 1 pkg. Jell-O Lemon Instant Pudding
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 c. vegetable oil
- 3/4 c. water
- Icing:
  - 1/4 c. orange juice
  - 2 c. powdered sugar
  - 1 T. vegetable oil

Mix cake mix and pudding together in large mixing bowl. Add eggs, vegetable oil, and water. Beat 10 minutes. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. While cake is baking prepare icing.

To make icing, mix together orange juice, powdered sugar, and vegetable oil together. While cake is still warm, prick cake with fork and pour icing mixture over cake.



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—Adams Co. Conservation Foundation

"Thank you for your donation to support the Southwest Valley High School Athletic Department."

—Matthew Beu, Athletic Director

### Join Us at the Ag Day Expo!

Stop by our booth and register for a chance to win a FREE prize! The Ag Day Expo will be Tuesday, March 29 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Corning Activity Center. Enjoy a free lunch sponsored by the Adams County Farm Bureau with support from the Adams County Rural Development Committee and the Adams County Cattleman.

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Consider purchasing rechargeable batteries – and an ENERGY STAR® charger for them – which are more cost effective than disposable batteries. *Source: energy.gov*



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