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Record-Breaking Turnout at 2026 Member Appreciation Days

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2026 Member Appreciation Days! We were thrilled to welcome a record-breaking more than 1,600 member-owners and their families to our annual celebrations held at all six Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative service centers—Alta, Pocahontas, Spencer, Swea City, Emmetsburg, and Estherville.

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EMPOWERING IOWA'S YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is a proud sponsor of the Okoboji Entrepreneurial Institute (OEI). The 20th class of OEI was welcomed to the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region August 9–14, 2026. This year's class included 32 college students representing six Iowa colleges: Iowa Lakes Community College, Buena Vista University, Dordt University, the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa.

Throughout the week, these young entrepreneurs had unique opportunities to network with business and community leaders, learn about starting and operating their own businesses through speakers and one-on-one coaching sessions, tour local businesses, and participate in a pitch competition for monetary awards. Students also had the opportunity to spend time on the lake and experience all that the Iowa Lakes Corridor Region has to offer.

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is proud to support this program and its efforts to develop and inspire Iowa's next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders.



PRESIDENT/CEO, RYAN CRAIG

INVESTING TODAY. DELIVERING RELIABILITY TOMORROW.

Summer is one of the busiest seasons at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative. While many member-owners notice our line crews working along roadways, replacing poles, or restoring power after a storm, there is much more happening behind the scenes. Every project, every training exercise, and every investment is focused on one goal—providing safe, reliable electric service while being responsible stewards of your cooperative.



One of the things that sets Iowa Lakes Electric apart is that our crews build much of our own distribution system. Rather than relying solely on outside contractors, our employees construct, maintain, and improve the infrastructure that serves our member-owners every day. This approach not only reduces construction costs but also gives our lineworkers unmatched knowledge of the system they maintain. When severe weather strikes, that familiarity helps crews locate problems faster, make repairs more efficiently, and restore power as safely and quickly as possible.

This summer, Mother Nature reminded us how important those investments are. When strong winds and severe storms tested our system, our employees responded with dedication and professionalism. Long hours, difficult conditions, and a commitment to serving our communities resulted in power being restored as quickly and safely as possible. Every outage reinforces the value of ongoing system improvements, vegetation management, and proactive maintenance completed throughout the year.

Reliability doesn't happen by chance. It is the result of thoughtful planning, preventative maintenance, and continuous investment in our electric system. From replacing aging infrastructure and trimming trees near power lines to strategically upgrading equipment, every improvement helps strengthen the system and reduce future outages. Planned maintenance may occasionally require a brief interruption in service, but those investments help prevent longer, unplanned outages and improve the overall reliability of your electric cooperative.





Safety remains the foundation of everything we do. In June, our employees participated in a full-scale Mayday emergency drill that simulated a serious workplace emergency. Working alongside local emergency responders, employees practiced every aspect of an emergency response—from the initial Mayday call through coordinated communications and family notifications. While we hope these procedures are never needed, realistic training ensures that every employee knows their role when seconds matter most. Our commitment is simple: everyone goes home safely at the end of every workday.



As a member-owned cooperative, every decision we make is guided by one question: How does this benefit our member-owners? Whether we are constructing power lines with our own skilled workforce, investing in preventative maintenance, strengthening our emergency preparedness, or restoring power after a storm, we are focused on protecting your investment while delivering the safe, reliable service you depend on.

Thank you for your continued trust in Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative. We are proud to serve you, and we remain committed to building a stronger, safer, and more reliable electric system for today and for generations to come.

A TRADITION OF APPRECIATION

Member Appreciation Days are one of our favorite annual traditions because they give our board of directors and employees the opportunity to personally thank the member-owners who are the foundation of our cooperative. While sharing a meal has become a favorite Member Appreciation Day tradition, the best part is the opportunity to connect with the member-owners we serve. Members enjoyed visiting with directors and employees, whether they stopped in for our traditional come-and-go meal or took advantage of the convenient drive-thru option. Each member-owner also received a complimentary trunk organizer as a small token of our appreciation.

At Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, you're more than a customer—you are a member-owner. These events are our way of expressing our gratitude for your continued trust, support, and partnership. We value the opportunity to connect with familiar faces, welcome new members, and strengthen the relationships that make our cooperative and the communities we serve so special.

Thank you for helping make this year's event our largest and most successful yet. We look forward to seeing you next year!



RECORD BREAKING 1,600+ MEALS SERVED



CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

Winners of Craftsman Pressure Washer:

Emmetsburg: Jerry Stillman	Spencer: Scott Tenkley
Pocahontas: Brian Francis	Swea City: Virgil Meyer
Alta: Kevin Pickhinke	Estherville: Jay Lausen

Kids Give-Away - \$50 Gift Card:

Emmetsburg: Shiloh Frederick	Spencer: Opie Steiner
Pocahontas: Chase Mace	Swea City: Iver Beenken
Alta: John Dahl	Estherville: Rowan Corcoran

\$25 Bill Credit Winners:

Emmetsburg: Paul Osterman	Spencer: Gaylon Ott
Pocahontas: Nick Hammen	Swea City: Seth Beenken
Alta: Steve Marshall	Estherville: Jim Ricke



THANK YOU'S

- Thank you for the appreciation dinner and for the power washer that I won from the drawing. Thanks for all Iowa Lakes does for everyone. Kevin Pickhinke
- Thank you for a wonderful lunch in Pocahontas, very appreciated. You do a fine job of keeping the power on and extending hospitality. Kay Kordik
- Thank you for the meal and gift at the Swea City appreciation meal on June 3. It is always my favorite. I don't have to prepare it. Thank you for your good service. Deanna
- Thanks for the free lunch for customer appreciation! It fell on my birthday this year so my husband Pat appreciated he could "take" me out for lunch on my special day! Pat and Donna Morgan
- Jim and I thank you for being one of the winners in your electric bill credit drawing. We will watch for the "gift" on our next bill and glad we could enjoy your lunch! Our thanks, Jim & Beth Ricke
- Thank you for the pressure washer we won at Swea City's Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative appreciation lunch. It will be very useful to clean up around the farm. You always have such wonderful prizes. Thank you! Virgil and Judy Meyer
- Thank you for drawing Brian's name for the drawing of the Craftsman power washer at the annual Pocahontas lunch! Brian & Joann Francis
- Absolutely love the storage/compartments unit given to us at Customer Appreciation lunch. It is so sturdy for groceries. Thank you for the lunch and the gift. Ken and Janet Strouse

2026 KAEDC County-Wide Breakfast

Inspiring local leaders to celebrate their communities, share their stories, and make their voices heard.



Kiley Miller of Alliant Energy recently shared an inspiring message with local leaders and community members through his presentation, “Get Loud About Where You Live” at the KAEDC County Wide Breakfast on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. The presentation encouraged attendees to recognize the strengths of their communities, take pride in where they live, and become active voices in telling their community’s story.

Miller emphasized that community promotion starts with the people who call a place home. Residents, business owners, volunteers, and community leaders all have a role to play in highlighting what makes their communities special. From local businesses and community events to schools, organizations, attractions, and

the people who make things happen, there are countless stories worth sharing.

A key takeaway was the importance of talking positively and consistently about your community. When residents share their experiences, celebrate local successes, welcome newcomers, and support local businesses, they help create a stronger sense of community pride. Those positive conversations can also influence how others view the area as a place to live, work, raise a family, visit, or invest.

The presentation served as a reminder that community development isn’t only about large projects or major investments. It is also about the everyday actions of individuals who choose to get involved, volunteer, attend local events, support their neighbors, and proudly tell others why their community matters.

Pictured (from l to r): Dave Rowley (State Senator), Bob Jennings, Jim Oberhelman (Rep. Randy Feenstra), Howard Haas, Tod Faris, Kiley Miller, Doug Vlasman, Mathew Neisen, Kyle Stecker, Kolby DeWitt (Rep. Joni Ernst), and Carter Nath



HARRIS ACHIEVES PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Katie Harris, communications specialist, has successfully completed NRECA’s Certified Cooperative Communicator (CCC) program, a comprehensive professional development program designed specifically for communicators in the electric cooperative industry.

The program includes more than 110 hours of targeted instruction focused on strategic communications, crisis response, marketing and branding, cooperative advocacy, and leadership. Participants complete both online and in-person coursework, demonstrate proficiency through assessments, and develop and present a final strategic project designed for implementation at their cooperative.

Katie’s completion of the CCC program strengthens the cooperative’s communications expertise and supports our continued focus on strategic, effective communication with our members, employees, and communities. Congratulations, Katie, on this outstanding professional achievement!

ENERGY TRAIL TOUR: POWERING KNOWLEDGE

The 2026 tours, departing from NIPCO's headquarters in Le Mars in late June and July, took participants through the Dakotas to visit key facilities operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). 2026 marks the 37th anniversary of the Energy Trail Tour as a three-day experience offered to members of the NIPCO and Corn Belt Power Cooperative systems.

Along the route, members explored a diverse energy mix, from hydroelectric generation at Big Bend Dam in Fort Thompson, South Dakota, to coal-based generation at Antelope Valley Station and lignite coal production at the Freedom Mine near Beulah, North Dakota. They also learned about wind energy and the production of synthetic natural gas and valuable byproducts at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah.

Beyond the technical learning, the tour reinforced the cooperative difference—highlighting the history, principles, and community focus that set electric cooperatives apart from other utilities.

Participants also enjoyed educational and entertaining stops that showcased non-energy points of interest throughout the Dakotas.

Sponsored by Iowa generation and transmission power cooperatives Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative and Corn Belt Power Cooperative, the Energy Trail Tour connects members with the people, resources, and partnerships that power their homes, farms, businesses, and communities, offering a firsthand look at what it takes to keep the lights on. Interested in participating next year? Contact our office to find out how you can learn more about the 2027 Energy Trail Tour.

More than 120 electric cooperative member-owners from western and north-central Iowa participated in this year's Energy Trail Tour, a three-day educational experience exploring how electricity is generated and delivered.



ENERGY TRAIL TOUR 1 PARTICIPANTS:

Ralph & Marge Warkentin; Pam & Marty Nelson; Brenda & Frank Halverson



ENERGY TRAIL TOUR 2 PARTICIPANTS:

Steve & Diane Frank; Alice & Harold Skelton



POWER SUPPLY INFORMATION

NIPCO (Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative) purchases approximately 80% of its power supply from Basin Electric Power Cooperative and 20% from Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), which markets power generated from the Missouri River Dam System.

Corn Belt Power Cooperative has a purchase power agreement with Basin Electric Power Cooperative, along with an allotment from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), which markets power generated from the Missouri River Dam System.



ENERGY TRAIL TOUR 3 PARTICIPANTS:

Janice & Brian Drzycimski; Ronnie & Margo Sievers

To you from us a **THANK YOU** in Rhyme -
It was a great experience; we had a wonderful time!

Our sincere thanks to NIPCO and ILEC,
We enjoyed your tour about electricity!

We learned so much about water, wind and coal -
Their best conveyance is your goal!

We always count on electricity to run
And now we know how the processes are done.

Hats off to you both for a very informative tour,
It was immensely satisfying- for sure!

Well-planned to the minute, The Tour was just Great!
We even had a flyover by the Thunderbirds,
And they were first-rate!

Thank you very much!
Ron & Margo Sievers



MEMBER THANK YOU'S

We recently went on a cooperative energy trail trip. It was very informative. We enjoyed ourselves. Thank you for this opportunity.
Harold & Alice Skelton

Thank you very much for the Energy Trail Tour, July 8-10, 2026. Not only did we learn where our electric power comes from and the expertise it takes to bring it to us, but we were also treated like kings along the way. Ryan and Angela were great! The tours were amazing. The cultural stops and entertainment on the bus were fun and informative. We're so glad we got to go! Steve & Diane Frank

We would like to thank ILEC for the opportunity to participate in the Energy Trail Tour. It was very well organized and extremely educational. The coordination and consideration from our hosts as well as the tour guides made it a great trip. We especially enjoyed driving down into the Freedom Coal Mine and observing the reclamation of the land after mining. Touring the power facilities, showing how our power providers convert energy from water and coal to electricity gave us a greater appreciation of electricity. We would encourage others to go on this tour. Thanks again — Brian & Janice Drzycimski

We were chosen to attend the Energy Trail Tour that took place on June 24 – 26, 2026. We were not sure what to expect but were told by others that it was going to be a great trip. The timing worked great for us. We had a wonderful time. We came back educated about where electricity comes from. We are still in awe of the machinery and logistics at the Freedom Mine. The whole trip was impressive: the food- tasty and more than enough; the hotels – lovely, clean, nice rooms; the bus ride – comfy seats, great bus driver; the tour guides at each place – knew what they were talking about and very courteous; the other passengers – great getting to know other Iowans; the Freedom Mine, the Big Bend Dam, the Generating Station, the museums – all interesting.

We want to thank you very much for the opportunity for us to be part of the Energy Trail Tour. It was a highlight of our summer. But most of all, we want to express our gratitude to Angela Catton, Ryan Cornelius both the tour leaders and the bus drivers, they are the reason this trip is so successful. Everything was well organized and entertaining. Ryan and Angela made the trip more than fun; we came back educated and very happy that we had the opportunity to attend. Marty & Pam Nelson

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to attend the Energy Tour. We learned so much about how we receive our power. A special thanks to Angela and Ryan for all their organizational skills. They made it so fun and kept us well fed. Enjoyed connecting with new people and making new friends. Thanks again! Brenda & Frank Halverson

Ralph & I had the opportunity to go along on the Energy Tour June 24 – 27. Thank you so much for this opportunity! It was very informative and enjoyable. We learned a lot! Everything was well planned. The tour guides were great. The ride, motels, food and the educational talks were exceptional. Ralph & Marge Warkentin

ELECTRICITY BRINGS EVERYDAY VALUE

HELP BEAT THE WINTER PEAK



When you flip on a light switch, brew your morning coffee, charge your phone or adjust the thermostat, you probably don't think twice about the electricity that powers your day. You simply expect it to be there—and that's exactly how it should be. As a member-owner of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, you can count on us to deliver safe, reliable electricity whenever you need it.

We understand that many families are feeling the impact of rising costs. Groceries, gasoline, insurance and other everyday expenses continue to stretch household budgets, making every dollar more important than ever. That's why it's worth taking a moment to appreciate the value electricity provides.

The average U.S. residential electric bill is about \$150 per month, or roughly \$5 a day. For about the price of a specialty coffee, electricity keeps your refrigerator running around the clock, powers your heating system, lights your home, cooks your meals, washes your clothes, heats your water and keeps your family connected. Few everyday purchases provide as much value.

As we head into the colder months, it's also a great time to think about when we use electricity. From October through May, electricity demand is typically highest during the morning hours of 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the evening hours of 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. During these possible peak periods, homes and businesses across our region are using more electricity to heat buildings, prepare meals and power appliances.

When demand is high, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative pays more for wholesale electricity. Because we're a member-owned cooperative, controlling those costs benefits everyone. By reducing or shifting electricity use during these possible peak periods, member-owners help lower wholesale power costs, reduce

strain on the electric system and support reliable service for our entire membership.

This winter, we encourage you to Beat the Peak by shifting energy-intensive activities outside the 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. possible peak periods whenever practical. Running the dishwasher or laundry later in the evening, delaying the use of large appliances and making small thermostat adjustments can all make a meaningful difference. Simple energy-saving habits—such as replacing furnace filters, sealing air leaks and using LED lighting—can also help reduce your home's overall energy use.



You can help lower demand by shifting when energy-intensive activities happen. Run power-hungry equipment:

**10PM - 6AM
or 11AM - 5PM**
in the winter from Oct - May

Off-Peak use shifts heavy electrical loads to times when power is most abundant, which balances the local grid.

If you're looking for additional ways to lower your energy use, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is here to help. Our Energy Advisors can provide personalized efficiency recommendations, information about rebates and energy-saving programs, and answer questions about your monthly electric bill.

A Little Cost. A Lot of Life.



For about \$150 a month, electricity powers hundreds of tasks that keep your home comfortable, connected and running smoothly—from brewing your morning coffee to keeping your family cool, safe and entertained.

- 720 hours of refrigeration
- 20+ loads of clean clothes
- 15+ home-cooked meals
- 90+ hours of lighting
- Numerous devices charged
- Hundreds of hours of cooling/heating
- Countless connections to work, school and entertainment

30 days of comfort



Founded in 2021, the Veteran Flagpole Initiative is a passionate, purpose-driven organization with volunteers from across Iowa and beyond. The initiative's mission is to provide Veterans with a permanent, visible reminder of the community's appreciation for their service and sacrifice by installing residential flagpoles at no cost to the recipients.

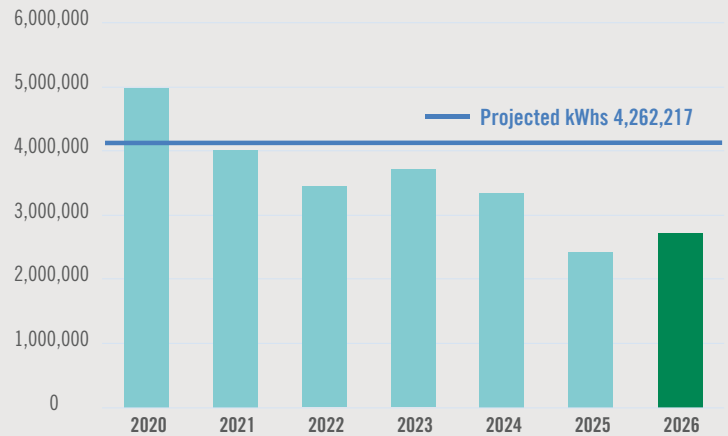
During this year's Flagfest weekend, eight installation crews worked throughout the Spencer area to install 39 flagpoles for deserving Veterans. Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative Communications Specialist, Katie Harris volunteered alongside the installation teams, helping ensure each Veteran received a lasting tribute to their military service.

The Veteran Flagpole Initiative continues to make a meaningful impact by honoring those who have served our country, one flagpole at a time, creating a lasting symbol of gratitude for Veterans and their families.

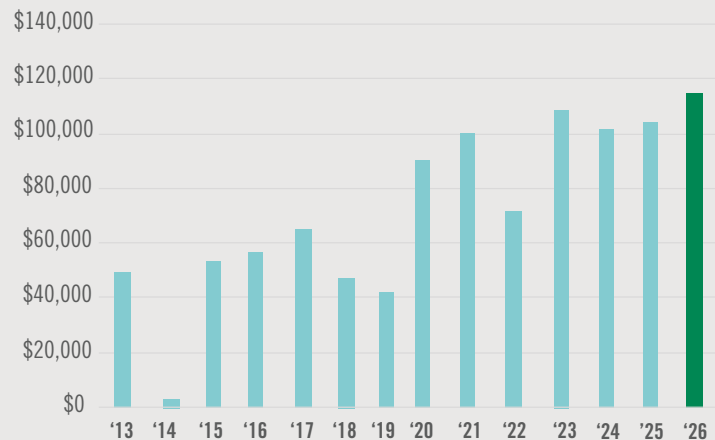
Pictured (back row, l to r): Katie Harris, communications specialist with Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative; Andy Creger, Bryan Vander Meiden, Derek Woltman, and David Hinkle. Front row (l to r): Brock Rome, Alex Rome and Jessica Woltman. Creger, Vander Meiden, Hinkle, Brock Rome and Alex Rome are members of the Veterans Flagpole Initiative, and Derek Woltman was the veteran honored with a new flagpole.

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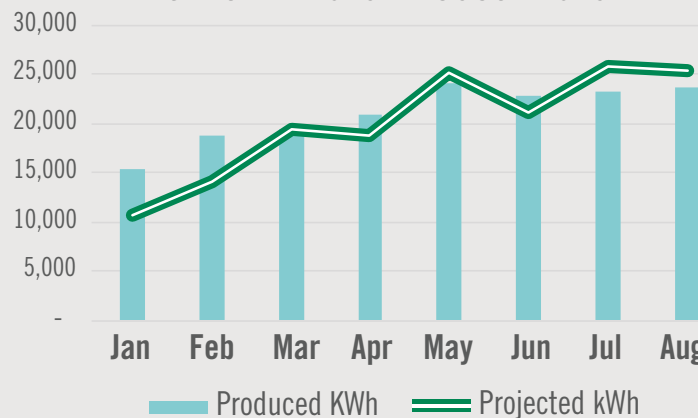
WIND TURBINES KILOWATT-HOURS GENERATED VS. PROJECTED AUGUST 2020 - AUGUST 2026



CORN BELT ESTIMATED LOAD MANAGEMENT SAVINGS AUGUST 2013 - AUGUST 2026



ENERGY KWH PRODUCTION VS PROJECTED SOLAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT JANUARY 2026 - AUGUST 2026



TRAINING FOR THE UNEXPECTED: PREPARING FOR A MAYDAY EMERGENCY

At Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, safety is more than a priority—it is our culture. Every day, our employees work in an environment where the risks are real, making it essential that we are prepared for any emergency, no matter how unlikely.



On June 16, ILEC employees participated in a full-scale Mayday emergency drill designed to test our emergency response procedures under realistic conditions. Unlike a tabletop discussion, this live-action drill was treated as an actual emergency from the moment the Mayday call was made. “The goal was to create a scenario that was realistic, yet unscripted enough to allow for adaptation,” commented Steve Loken, operations services coordinator. “Participants were not given the details until shortly before the drill started so there was no time to practice. We really wanted to see how everyone reacted when there was no time to prepare.”

The drill included dispatching local emergency responders to the scene, activating emergency protocols, and notifying internal personnel just as we would during a real incident. Family notification procedures were also initiated, allowing our team to evaluate every critical step in the response process. Because several key personnel happened to be off-site due to normal work schedules, the drill also reflected the reality that critical decision-makers may not always be immediately available when an emergency occurs.

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STEVE LOKEN, OPERATIONS SERVICES
COORDINATOR

For our member-owners, this drill reflects the commitment your cooperative makes every day to the safety of our employees and the communities we serve. Our lineworkers and field personnel perform challenging work to keep the lights on, and behind them stands an entire team dedicated to ensuring they return home safely.

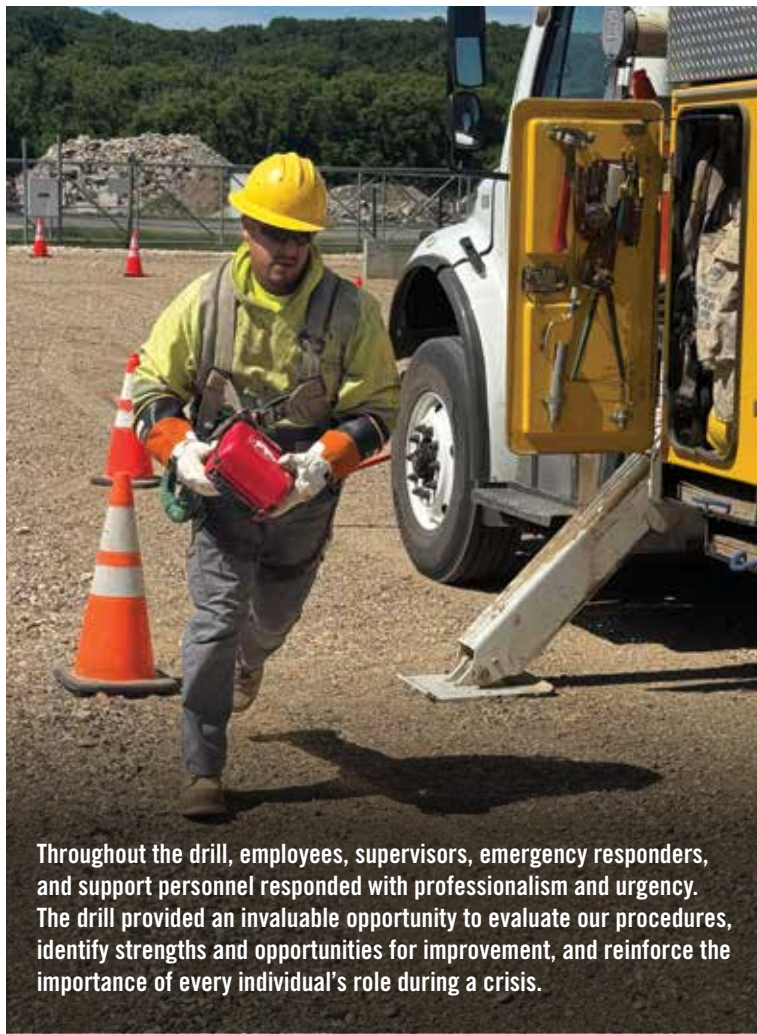
Our number one goal is simple: everyone goes home safely at the end of the day. Through ongoing training and realistic drills, we are committed to making sure that if a Mayday call is ever received, everyone involved knows exactly what to do—and that help is already on the way.



TOUCH A TRUCK: POWERING UP THE NEXT GENERATION

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative enjoyed taking part in several Touch a Truck events throughout our communities this summer! The bucket truck is always a big hit, giving kids an up-close look at the equipment our crews use every day. Youth also had the opportunity to explore lineworker safety gear and learn a little more about what it takes to safely keep the power flowing. We always enjoy connecting with the next generation of cooperative members!

Pictured: Reid Lammers, lineworker, demonstrates the safety equipment lineworkers use to stay protected while working around electricity to two young boys.



Throughout the drill, employees, supervisors, emergency responders, and support personnel responded with professionalism and urgency. The drill provided an invaluable opportunity to evaluate our procedures, identify strengths and opportunities for improvement, and reinforce the importance of every individual's role during a crisis.

The response was an impressive demonstration of teamwork, communication, and preparedness. From the initial Mayday call through the coordination of emergency services, family notifications, internal personnel communications and response efforts, participants executed established protocols with remarkable speed and confidence. The drill confirmed that our employees understand their responsibilities and are prepared to respond when every second matters.

We sincerely hope these emergency procedures are never needed in a real-life situation. However, preparing for the unexpected is one of the most important investments we can make. Drills like this help ensure that if the unthinkable does occur, our response will be immediate, coordinated, and focused on protecting lives. They also provide valuable lessons that allow us to strengthen our emergency plans, improve communication, and refine our response protocols. Loken adds: "Some of the most important learning comes after the drill. During our debriefs we focused on the lessons learned, rather than the mistakes that were made. Each participant was allowed the opportunity to provide feedback, and we used that information to create action items to improve our processes going forward. Overall, we were very pleased with how everything went and Special Thanks to all the emergency responders and volunteers that made this such a success!"



LEAD THE WAY

YOUR GUIDE TO BECOMING A BOARD DIRECTOR



WHY YOU SHOULD SERVE

If you care about reliable service, fair rates, community investment and the future of your Cooperative, this is your chance to make a direct impact. Serving as a director is both a responsibility and an honor.

WHY SERVING ON THE BOARD MATTERS

Board Directors are the member-owners voice. They guide policy, approve budgets and make strategic decisions that impact the Cooperative's service, rates and community programs. Their perspective as a member-owner is vital in keeping your Cooperative strong, transparent and member-focused.

BOARD STRUCTURE

Fourteen directors govern Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, each elected to represent the members in their district. Your Cooperative has four districts in total and directors serve four-year terms. Terms are staggered within each district so that only a portion of the seats are up for election at a time, ensuring continuity and experienced leadership.

ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative's mission is fulfilled and provides oversight of the President and CEO who leads the employee team of your Cooperative. The board also:

- Develops and oversees the strategic direction and objectives of your Cooperative.
- Represents the best interests of all member-owners with a focus on the Cooperative's long-term health and sustainability.
- Ensures appropriate risk oversight including sound internal controls and compliance.
- Stays informed through ongoing training and education to keep up with evolving energy industry trends and challenges.

QUALIFICATIONS

Members must meet specific eligibility requirements as outlined in Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative's Bylaws. They are:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be a resident of the geographic district from which they are to be elected.
- Being an active member in good standing for not less than two years.
- Not an employee or spouse of an employee within the past 10 years.
- Must not be a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative or its subsidiaries.
- Not employed by, materially affiliated with or have a material financial interest in any individual or entity that is either: 1. Another electric utility or 2. Selling goods and services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative.
- Not been convicted of a felony

TIME COMMITMENT

- Directors are elected to a 4-year term.
- Board meetings are held monthly, generally on the fourth Thursday of the month, lasting five hours on average.
- Preparation for board meetings can take up to three hours to review the agenda and materials.
- Directors are expected to attend the Cooperative's annual meeting held in April and the special board reorganization meeting that immediately follows the Cooperative's annual membership meeting.
- Attend special board or committee meetings as they arise.
- Attend periodic strategic planning events.
- Directors are expected to take advantage of educational opportunities that will enhance their understanding of the Cooperative's operations and principles.
- Some travel out of state may be required.

BENEFITS

- Play a key role in shaping your Cooperative's policies and strategic direction to create a lasting impact for years to come.
- Opportunity to represent the interests of member-owners and your community.
- Travel to regional and national meetings to represent Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.
- Per diem and mileage reimbursement.

HOW TO RUN FOR ELECTION

Start by filling out your application today!

- Complete the Director Nominee Application on the next page and return it to our office by **January 1, 2027**, to be considered for the 2027 ballot.
- On January 20, 2027, the Nominating Committee will meet to review applications and nominate eligible member-owners to be placed on the ballot.
- Director nominees are asked to attend the Cooperative's Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2027, where election results will be announced at the end of the business meeting.

LEAD. SERVE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Your voice matters—represent your fellow member-owners and help shape the future of your Cooperative. Contact Amy Howard at 800-225-4532 to learn more about serving as a director. Or, get started by filling out the application below.

DIRECTOR NOMINEE APPLICATION DEADLINE: JAN. 1, 2027

I, the undersigned, a member of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative from Districts I and II and request my name be submitted to be placed on the ballot for the 2027 election for directorship from said district to be held at the 2027 annual membership meeting (April 10, 2027) in Spencer, Iowa.

I understand the nominating committee will strive to select other candidates in my district.

I certify I am receiving electric service from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Districts I and II (**circle the appropriate district**) and am a member in good standing at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

If elected as a director, I agree to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Policies of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative. This information is located on our website at www.ilec.coop.

Signature _____ Account Number: _____ Date: _____

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Electric cooperatives are guided by an elected Board of Directors. These directors serve as the voice of the membership, representing the interest of their fellow member-owners and making decisions to shape the future of the cooperative. While elections happen just once a year, the process of selecting qualified candidates begins months in advance and that is where the nominating committee plays a vital role.

WHAT IS THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consists of sixteen cooperative member-owners who are selected through a nomination process and are elected annually by the membership.

Their primary responsibility is to ensure members have strong, capable leadership by identifying and recommending qualified candidates for both the Board of Directors, as well as candidates to serve on the following year's Nominating Committee.

Their key role includes:

- Reviewing Director and Nominating Committee Qualifications
- Seeking Qualified Candidates
- Evaluating Potential Nominees
- Submitting a Slate of Nominees
- Counting Ballots

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT TO SERVE

The Nominating Committee will devote time to contact potential director and nominating committee candidates. They meet at the Cooperative's headquarters in Estherville, Iowa, **only twice a year**, but the work they do is critical to the health and success of our cooperative.

- The Nominating Committee meets each **January** to review the membership lists in their districts. They select and nominate qualified candidates for both the Board of Directors and the following year's Nominating Committee. This meeting lasts 2-3 hours.
- The Nominating Committee meets the **day before the Annual Meeting in April**, to count ballots, ensuring an accurate and transparent election process. This meeting lasts 2-3 hours.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SERVING ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Serving the membership and your community
- Meeting and speaking with other member-owners of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative
- Per diem and mileage reimbursement

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HOW CAN I SERVE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE?



2027 Nominating Committee

District I – 1-yr term

Dan Bockman
John Boettcher
Jim Hemphill
Doug Schwaller

District III – 2-yr term

Lori Baade
John Banwart
Alan Hauswirth
Lisa Siebrecht

District II – 1-yr term

Adam Glienke
Kevin Jesse
Mitch Sievers
Charles Wiemold

District IV – 2-yr term

Tony Brown
Chad Preston
Jared Preston
David Solberg

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The 2027 Nominating Committee of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative will meet on Wednesday, January 20, 2027, to select candidates for Districts I and II director elections and candidates for the 2028 nominating committee.

The upcoming elections will be held as part of Iowa Lakes' Annual Meeting on April 10, 2027, at the Clay County Regional Events Center located on the Clay County Fair Grounds in Spencer, Iowa.

The Cooperative's Bylaws provide "any 15 or more members may make other nominations from their district in writing over their signatures, not less than 45 days prior to the annual meeting." Any such nominations by petition must be delivered to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative's Estherville office within the required timeframe on or before February 24, 2027, directed to the attention of President/CEO. Iowa Lakes uses a mail ballot for the Annual Meeting voting. Nominations for director and nominating committee by petition are accepted as described above.

If you are interested in serving as a director or nominating committee candidate, please contact Amy Howard at your Cooperative, 800-225-4532!

BUILDING HOMES, BUILDING COMMUNITY

The Graettinger Economic Development Council (GEDC) recently received financing through Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative's Revolving Loan Fund to support the construction of a 1,200-square-foot Homes for Iowa spec home. This will be the fifth Homes for Iowa house purchased by the Graettinger Economic Development Council, continuing its efforts to expand local housing opportunities.

Pictured from left: Steve Stroud, Energy Panel Structures; Doug Vlasman, manager of community and economic development, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative; JR Brown and Karen Spies, Graettinger Economic Development Council (GEDC); Stacy Cirks, development finance director, Corn Belt Power Cooperative.



LOOK UP. STAY SAFE.

Power Line Safety Starts in the Field

Harvest season is one of the busiest times of the year for our farming communities. Long hours, large equipment and tight timelines can make it easy to overlook potential hazards. At Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, your safety is our top priority. Whether spraying, harvesting or completing other field work, taking a few extra moments to be aware of electrical equipment can help prevent a serious accident—and costly damage.

Today's farm equipment is larger and taller than ever. Combines, grain augers, grain carts, sprayers and other equipment can easily come into contact with overhead power lines, poles, guy wires and other electrical equipment if operators aren't paying close attention. The damage pictured here occurred while spraying and serves as an important reminder: contact with electrical equipment is not only costly to repair, but it can also create an extremely dangerous situation for the operator and others nearby.

Before beginning work or moving equipment, take a moment to identify power lines, poles, guy wires and other electrical equipment in and around the field.

If your equipment comes into contact with a power line, stay inside the cab. Call 911 immediately and notify Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative. Warn others to stay away from the equipment, as the ground surrounding it may also be energized. Only leave the equipment if there is an immediate danger, such as fire. If you must exit, jump clear without touching the equipment and the ground at the same time, land with your feet together, and hop away while keeping your feet together until you are at least 30 feet away.

Farm work is demanding, and fatigue can increase the risk of accidents. Take regular breaks, stay hydrated and encourage everyone working in the field to remain alert. A few extra minutes spent planning a safe route and identifying potential hazards can prevent injuries, equipment damage and unnecessary outages.

Slow down, look up and stay aware. From all of us at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, we wish you a safe, productive and successful harvest season.



KEEP THESE ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS IN MIND DURING FARM WORK:

- ➔ **ALWAYS LOOK UP** and around before moving or raising equipment.
- ➔ **LOWER AUGERS** and other elevated equipment before transporting them.
- ➔ **MAINTAIN AT LEAST 10 FEET OF CLEARANCE** from overhead power lines in every direction.
- ➔ **USE A SPOTTER** when moving large equipment near power lines, poles or through field entrances.
- ➔ Be especially cautious around power poles and guy wires, which can be difficult to see when focused on field work.
- ➔ **NEVER ATTEMPT TO MOVE OR LIFT A POWER LINE** to gain additional clearance.

LOCAL PARADES: CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

This summer, your Cooperative participated in several local parades across our service territory, including the Armstrong Fourth of July Celebration, Ruthven Bully Bullhead Days, Estherville Sweet Corn Days and Graettinger Labor Day Celebration. These events gave us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our communities and show our cooperative spirit. We're proud to be a part of the communities we serve!

ILEC enjoyed being part of the annual Graettinger Labor Day Parade and celebrating with the community! Pictured (l to r): Tim Mielke, manager of IT and technical support; Emery Sievert, granddaughter of Jen Sievert; Katie Harris, communications specialist; and Jen Sievert, vice president of customer and corporate relations.



IOWA STATE FAIR FUN

Jen Sievert, vice president of customer and corporate relations, enjoyed greeting some of our littlest fairgoers while volunteering at the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives booth in the 4-H Exhibits Building during the Iowa State Fair!



Your cooperative was proud to participate in the Annual Sweet Corn Days Parade in Estherville. Pictured: Emery Sievert, Jen Sievert, vice president of customer and corporate relations, and Levi Quastad, lineworker, representing Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

EMPLOYEE NEWS



ANDY BODLE
ESTHERVILLE CREW



LANDON HAGEDORN
POCAHONTAS CREW

ANDY BODLE transferred from the Pocahontas line crew to the Estherville line crew in September 2026 to fill an open position.

LANDON HAGEDORN joined the Pocahontas line crew in September 2026. He is a May 2026 graduate of Northwest Iowa Community College, where he earned a degree in powerline. He previously gained experience with Iowa Lakes Electric as a summer intern with the Swea City line crew.



CARDWELL EARNS JOURNEYMAN STATUS

Gabe Cardwell, Emmetsburg, received his journeyman lineworker certificate from Ryan Craig, president/CEO, at your Cooperative's August safety meeting. Cardwell successfully completed his academic and on-the-job training necessary for apprentice lineworker to advance to journeyman lineworker status. Congratulations Gabe!

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REMEMBERING A DEDICATED COOPERATIVE LEADER

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Richard "Dick" Hanson, a former Board Director whose dedication helped shape our cooperative.

Dick served 26 years on the Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. During his tenure, he played an important role in guiding the cooperative through the 1986 D.E.K merger, helping build the strong foundation that continues to serve our members today.

Serving his community was important to Dick, and his commitment to the cooperative and its member-owners reflected that dedication. We are grateful for his years of leadership and service, and his contributions to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative will be remembered for years to come.



Directors of the Iowa Lakes Electric Member-Owner Charitable Foundation reviewed six grant applications and awarded \$10,700 to three organizations during its quarterly grant review process in July. Following a review and discussion of each grant application led by Chair Jarrett Smith, the directors approved the following grants shown below.

Grant applications are evaluated using a standardized scorecard that considers:

- Overall benefit to the community.
- Clearly defined project goals and objectives, including how grant funds will be used.
- Community partnerships and additional funding sources that support the project.
- Long-term sustainability and lasting impact of the project.

To have your grant considered, completed applications must be received at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative's office by the close of business day on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1. Only complete applications that comply with the Foundation's grant guidelines, including a fully completed budget page included with the application, will be considered.



\$4,000 CHEROKEE FAIR ASSOCIATION

The Cherokee Fair Association received a \$4,000 Operation Round Up grant to assist with the purchase of a new air conditioning unit for the historic Lily of the Valley Schoolhouse. The project supports the ongoing preservation of the one-room schoolhouse, helping ensure this important piece of Cherokee County history remains comfortable, functional, and available for educational and community use for years to come. Pictured (l to r): Chris Nelson, Cherokee Fair Association; Lynn Winterhof, Charitable Foundation Board Member; Danika Ducommun, Cherokee County Fair Queen.



\$4,200 GT-RA BULLSEYES, INC

The GT-RA Bullseyes, Inc. received a \$4,200 Operation Round Up grant to help bury electrical lines at its shooting range. The project will provide a safer, more reliable electrical service that is less susceptible to storm damage while allowing the range to expand its capacity for youth-centered trap shooting events. Pictured: Ruth Brown, Charitable Foundation Board Member, presents a check to Paul Molitor, Izak Norgaard, and Pat Molitor of GT-RA Bullseyes, Inc.



\$2,500 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-EMMETSBURG SWADDLING CLOTHES

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg received a \$2,500 grant to support its Swaddling Clothes outreach program. The grant will be used to purchase diapers, wipes, food, laundry detergent, and other everyday essentials for families in need. The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share with neighbors through gifts of clothing, food, and compassionate care. The outreach program currently serves approximately 270 families throughout the area. Pictured (l to r): Ruth Brown, Charitable Foundation Board Member, presents a check to Cindy Daum of Emmetsburg Swaddling Clothes.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to Swaddling Clothes. Your gift will help us buy a lot of diapers and wipes. We are also looking at a new laptop and printer for our record keeping for Swaddling Clothes. Thank you so much. Sherry and Cindy

SHINE THE LIGHT AWARD WINNERS

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, the statewide Shine the Light contest celebrates our cooperative commitment to community.



During the month of June, member-owners and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives were eligible to nominate local volunteers who are making a positive impact in their communities at www.IowaShineTheLight.com.

This year, a total of 83 entries were made. The judges had a difficult task in narrowing down those entries to the top 3 winners.

Congratulations to Ellen Campbell of Panora who was recognized for her

work with Stitch and Chatter Quilt Club; Megan Gleeson of West Burlington who was recognized for her work with Rally for Reid Foundation; and Belinda Seay of Moravia who was recognized for her work with Monroe County Helping Hands, Inc. These three contest winners are awarded \$3,000 donation to their organization or charity of choice.

While no entries from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative's service territory were selected as one of the three statewide

winners, we commend these individuals for their selfless dedication and hard work in making a positive impact in their communities. Thank you for your contributions, and we are pleased to provide a \$300 donation to the charity or organization of each nominee's choice. These donations were made possible through the combined efforts of Corn Belt Power Cooperative, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, and Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is proud to recognize and support the efforts of the following volunteers who were nominated for the Shine the Light contest.



KEVIN OLSON
Albert City Fire Department



ROBIN HANSEN
Ringsted Legion



KAROLYN SNEDEKER
BV Cat and Dog Rescue



NANCY ANDERSON
Emmet County Relay for Life
(pictured on the right)



ROY GAGE
Emmet County Historical Society



DAVE JOHNSON
Aurelia Community Foundation



NOLA JENSEN
Cherish Center



Youth Tour participants (l to r): Olivia Jones, Madilyn Morey, Jennifer Resch, Alyssa Welbig, Cassie Kakacek, Thomas Beaver

LOCAL TEENS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Your Cooperative has sponsored students on the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C. for decades. This past summer, Olivia Jones, Spencer; Madilyn Morey, West Bend; Jennifer Resch, Spirit Lake; Alyssa Welbig, Armstrong; Cassie Kakacek, Pocahontas; and Thomas Beaver, Estherville were selected to represent Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

Youth Tour is a leadership development program that helps young people discover their voice, build confidence and expand their understanding of civic engagement. While in Washington, D.C., June 14-20, 2026, students met with elected officials, explored historic landmarks and even operated their own student-led snack cooperative, gaining hands-on experience in teamwork, responsibility and leadership.

Thomas Beaver described the Youth Tour experience as unforgettable. “The Youth Tour was so amazing! It was an honor to represent Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative and the State of Iowa. I am very grateful for the opportunity to go on this trip. I had a blast, got to meet a lot of great people and learn more about being a leader.”

In addition to touring the nation’s capital, 2,100 students from across the country gathered for National Youth Day, hosted by NRECA, where they heard from inspiring speakers and public figures. This year’s program featured Mike Schlappi, a 4-time paralympic medalist and 2-time world wheelchair basketball champion, who shared a powerful message about perseverance and leadership: “Just because you can’t stand up doesn’t mean you can’t stand out.”

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is a collaborative effort supported by locally owned electric cooperatives like Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, statewide trade associations and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the opportunities I have been awarded. I am so thankful for the things you have given me to make this experience possible. Thank you so much for believing in me to attend Youth Tour! I made unforgettable memories and lifelong friends! I am also so excited for my upcoming position! I can't wait to represent Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative and Iowa on the Youth Leadership Council! Maddie Morey

Thank you so much for this amazing trip! It was an amazing time and I will never forget it. It was an honor to be able to go to D.C. I made so many memories and friends. Thomas Beaver

Thank you for sponsoring me with the opportunity to go on the youth tour trip! I had a wonderful time thanks to your support and generosity! Olivia Jones

Thank you so much for everything on this trip! Cassie Kakacek

I would like to thank you for allowing me to go on this amazing experience! This trip was truly life changing and I plan on using the lessons and experiences to improve my leadership roles. I had a blast and got to learn tons about leadership, advocacy and our nation's history. I truly had an amazing time getting to experience all the sites and meet all the people. This is an amazing program, and I will be forever honored to be selected as a 2026 Iowa Youth Tour delegate. Jennifer Resch

Thank you for choosing me to represent our cooperative on youth tour this year. I have loved every experience so far and wish it could continue forever. Alyssa Welbig

MOREY SELECTED FOR NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL



Madilyn Morey of West Bend, Iowa, was selected to represent Iowa on the Youth Leadership Council. Morey, sponsored by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, attended the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Conference, July 20-24, 2026, in Washington, D.C. The conference equips delegates with skills in leadership, advocacy, teamwork and collaboration and communication through a year-long progression. The agenda includes leadership and team building exercises, meeting with Capitol Hill staff members who are alumni of NRECA's Rural Electric Youth Tour, and a competition to select the NRECA's National Youth Spokesperson.

All members of the YLC, including Morey will participate in the 2026 NRECA PowerXchange and TechAdvantage conference in San Diego, California. They will provide assistance to the NRECA staff and cooperative delegates; participate in the Parade of States at the opening General Session and take part in a variety of educational forums.

Morey's electric cooperative experience began in June when she attended the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., with over 2,100 high school students sponsored by their local electric cooperatives. The Youth Tour meets in Washington, D.C., in June of each year, where they visit with their state delegations in both the U.S. House and Senate, attend educational seminars and visit historic landmarks. The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives then selected Morey to serve on the YLC for Iowa and attend the Leadership Conference.

NRECA is the national service organization representing the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit, which provides electric service to 42 million people in 47 states. For more information about this program, please visit www.youthtour.coop or call your Cooperative at 800-225-4532.

ABBEN GOLF CLASSIC

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative proudly donated to the Abben Cancer Center to support its vital work in providing compassionate, high-quality cancer care to patients in the region. This contribution reflects the Cooperative's ongoing commitment to strengthening local communities and supporting the health and well-being of its member-owners. The Abben Cancer team accepted the donation from Katie Harris, communications specialist, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

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Thank you for your thoughtful contribution towards the Abben Golf Classic. This gift will be used to help many cancer patients in our surrounding regions. This help includes transportation support, meal support, wig care kits, education, supplies, and individual patient needs. This is so special! Thank you so much for your ongoing support to help many patients and families in a variety of ways! Sara Taylor, Foundation Director





TEEING UP COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Estherville Ambassadors Golf Outing

Your Cooperative was a proud participant in the annual Estherville Ambassadors Golf Outing on Thursday, June 25, with the funds from the event directly benefiting our local community.

Pictured (l to r): Cody Hantelman, energy advisor; Mike Kummer, foreman; Levi Quastad, lineworker; Joel Quastad, lineworker; and Zach Herum, wind technician.



Homegrown Talent Initiative Golf Tournament

Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative was proud to take part in the 2nd Annual Iowa Lakes Corridor Development's Homegrown Talent Initiative Golf Tournament. The initiative encourages recent college graduates with roots in the region to return, build their careers, and fill the high-quality jobs available at local businesses.

Proceeds from the tournament provide grants to graduates originally from Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, and Emmet counties who return to work for a local employer. These grants can be applied toward student loan repayment, mortgage payments, or childcare expenses helping make the Corridor region not just a place to work, but a place to call home.

Pictured above: Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative team (l to r): Dave Grothaus, Jeremy Madden, and Cody Hantelman, energy advisors; Katie Harris, communications specialist.



Iowa Area Development Group (IADG)

IADG held its annual Summer Invitational Golf Tournament on August 17 at Briggs Woods Golf Course in Webster City. Above, two Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative teams participated in the golf tournament.



Team A (left photo): Employees Zach Herum, wind technician; Joel Quastad, lineworker; Cal Wolterman, lineworker; and Katie Harris, communications specialist

Team B (right photo): Matt Hollinrake, feed mill supervisor, Daybreak Foods; Doug Vlasman, manager of business and community development; Jeremy Madden, energy advisor; Dave Grothaus, energy advisor

Letters from Our Member-Owners



- Thank you for awarding me the ILEC scholarship. I will be using this money for my education at South Dakota State University where I will be majoring in Elementary Education. Thank you for supporting local students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Kyla Irmiter
- Thank you so much for awarding me the ILEC Community Commitment scholarship. Next year I will be attending Waldorf University for Exercise Science. This scholarship will help me pay for tuition and book fees. Thank you so much for offering this scholarship and supporting local students like me. Thank you! Brylie Deim
- Thank you for awarding me with this scholarship, it means a lot. This money will be going to further my education at the University of Iowa to study Human Sciences. Thank you so much for offering this scholarship. Thank you, Carly Oleson
- I greatly appreciate your investment of time and money into my future. Having support from the community of Spencer and people like you will help me achieve my goals so I can one day return the favor. I will be using these funds to help me continue my education at SDSU where I will major in Agronomy. Thank you for inviting me to your meeting. I really enjoyed seeing how your co-op operates and listening to your speaker. Sincerely, Blaine Erdman
- Thank you for supporting my college education by awarding me the ILEC Community Commitment scholarship! I am very grateful for your generosity. I truly enjoyed attending the ILEC annual meeting, especially listening to the guest speaker Dan Meers. I've been reflecting on the advice and experiences Dan shared and hope to bring his knowledge with me to college. I'm excited to go to ISU to study Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Thank you again, Alexandria Palmer
- Thank you for the generous scholarship of \$750. Your scholarship has lifted a huge burden off my shoulders when it comes to paying for my education. Thank you for helping me further my education and my faith at the College of Saint Mary! Lana Busse
- Thank you for the \$25 quiz corner credit. We appreciate it. Farrell Sirovy
- Thank you for your prompt response to a power outage north of Everly caused by a lightening strike. We really appreciated the line crew coming out in inclement weather on Memorial Day! They're the best! VerDon and Donna Schmidt
- Thank you for the \$50 I won at your annual meeting. Elaine Hoffman
- Thank you for the scholarship money. It will help me continue my education and work towards my future goals. Brady Ingvall
- Thank you so much for the scholarship! Shane Moran
- 20 years later, we are still amazed by the generosity and support from our donors. The Foundation and its impact is only possible because people like you- who step up in support of Iowans in need. We're appreciative of your support! Here's to another 20 years! Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation
- Thank you for the \$750 scholarship. Thank you for investing in my future. Krayton Rutledge
- Thank you for your generous donation to Sioux Central After Prom. Your support is so greatly appreciated. Class of 2027
- Thanks so much for the \$25 credit on our bill for answering the quiz in your newsletter. Much appreciated! Pat and Donna Morgan
- We extend our sincere appreciation to you for your support for our Summer Safety Event. Your generosity enabled us to provide safety education and resources for families in our community. Your partnership made this event possible, and we are grateful for your commitment to keeping our community safe, informed, and connected. Thank you for making a positive impact and for continuing to support Emmet County Public Health and the well-being of those we serve. With gratitude, Kathy Johnson
- Thank you for the \$1,000 scholarship! I will be using it to help pay for classes at ILCC in Estherville. Thank you! Megan Lausen
- Thank you so much for choosing me for this scholarship! I truly appreciate your support. This will help me a lot as I go to USD and keep working toward my future. I am very thankful for your generosity. Kaylee Mattson
- Thank you for the very fast service of restoring our power. Catrina King
- Thank you guys so much for awarding me a scholarship! I really appreciate it and it means so much to me! This scholarship will help me with my college journey. Thank you! Hailey Gravert
- On behalf of the After/Post Prom Committee, we would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation. Your support plays an important role in helping us provide a safe, fun and memorable experience for our students on prom night. Because of contributions like yours, we are able to organize activities, provide entertainment, and create an environment where students can celebrate together responsibly. Your willingness to invest in our students and our community truly makes a difference. 2026 ELC Post Prom Committee
- Thank you for awarding me with one of your scholarships. I truly appreciate your generosity and support as I begin my college journey. This scholarship will help me greatly with educational expenses and will allow me to focus on reaching my goals. Thanks for investing in my future. Peyton Kies
- Thank you for supporting the Back to School Bash so generously! Daniel Lutat, Iowa Lakes Community College Foundation
- Thank you so much for the capital credits retirement on my bill. Cindy
- I wish to thank you for the Capital Credits received on my current billing and for the great operation and service it gives us. We are so blessed to have and be part of this wonderful utility company! Hats off to each and everyone of you! Cheryle Wilson
- Many thanks for the Capital Credit Retirement! Such a blessing. Mary Schumacher
- Thank you for the generous ILEC scholarship. I plan to attend Iowa Lakes Community College in the fall and major in Agricultural Management. Thank you for your support. Luke
- Thank you for the T-shirt I received at the Iowa State Fair. It was very generous of you to provide the shirts to the 4-H'ers. Danika Perry

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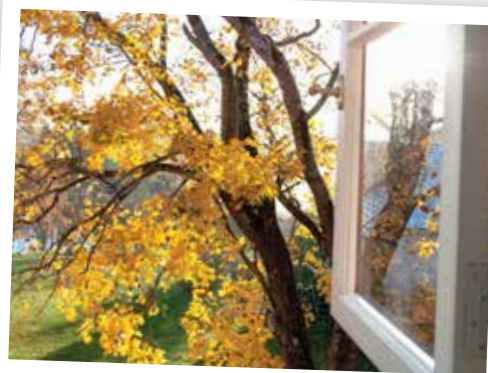
Test Your Cooperative Knowledge!

Congratulations winners: Daniel & Stacy Christensen of Ringsted; Dean Radke of Alta; Juli Kwikkel of Storm Lake; Dennis & Karen Rutter of Spencer. Send in your completed Quiz and Iowa Lakes will draw four lucky members each quarter who will receive \$25 credits towards their electric bills.

1. Congratulations to _____ from our Emmetsburg Service Center on earning his journeyman lineworker certification!
2. Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative proudly recognizes and supports the efforts of the _____ volunteers who were nominated for the Shine the Light contest.
3. True or False: Your Cooperative builds many of the power lines that deliver electricity to our member-owners.
4. During its July quarterly grant review process, the Iowa Lakes Electric Member-Owner Charitable Foundation awarded \$_____ to _____ organizations supporting local communities.

Name: _____

Account #: _____



Energy Efficiency Tip

September kicks off the fall shoulder season, when cooler weather often you can give your heating and cooling system a break. Open windows, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures allow. It's also the perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before colder weather arrives. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and help keep your home comfortable all year long.

Source: Department of Energy



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