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will be closed
Monday,
September 7
in observance
of Labor Day.



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Collectible Tractors Show

Ida County August 24

Ida County Fairgrounds 2332 Hwy 59 Ida Grove

Plymouth County August 29

Plymouth County Fairgrounds 500 4th Ave NE Le Mars

Sioux County September 5

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O'Brien County September 7

O'Brien County Fairgrounds 555 3rd St. Primghar



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2023 Scholarship Winners

North West REC provides several scholarships to high school students each spring. These scholarships are funded by North West REC and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a consumer-owned, regional generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative based in Bismarck, N.D., responsible for supplying wholesale electric power to eight Midwestern states.

The scholarship program is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of students in the region; it is also an investment in the economic future of rural areas. **This year North West REC awarded seventy-five scholarships totaling \$31,000.** There were eight \$1,000 scholarships, twenty-five \$500 scholarships, and forty-two \$250 scholarships. The \$1,000 scholarship winners were chosen from applications reviewed by our scholarship committee. The \$500 and \$250 scholarship winners were randomly drawn from the remainder of the applicants who also completed a educational questionnaire about North West REC.

\$1,000 Scholarship Winners



District 1
Ava Nykamp
Brent & Anita Nykamp
Orange City
Unity Christian High School
Dordt University
Nursing



District 1
Ella Vander Stouwe
Eric & Tali Vander Stouwe
Sioux Center
Sioux Center High School
Dordt University
Elementary Education



District 2
Hudson Oolman
Aaron & Tonya Oolman
Sutherland
South O'Brien High School
Princeton
Psychology



District 2
Carlie Visser
Chad & Vonda Visser
Archer
Sheldon High School
Black Hills State University
Outdoor Education



District 3
Leah Langel
Mick & Tami Langel
Le Mars
Gehlen Catholic High School
University of South Dakota
Health Sciences



District 3
Allison Reinking
Brent & Sandy Reinking
Kinglsey
Kingsley Pierson High School
Northwestern College
Elementary Education



District 4
Ruth Clark
Chris & Marjorie Clark
Ida Grove
OABCIG High School
Dordt University
Elementary Education



District 4
Treyten Kolar
Brady Kolar and
Tiffany & Shane Lindberg
Ida Grove
OABCIG High School
Dakota State University
Computer Science

Awarded \$31,000 in scholarships to 75 students!

\$500 District 1

Isabella Budden Kyle Hansen Keahna Heynen Eli Klein Tyler Kock Nathan Kooima Austin Oolman Gracie Schoonhoven Reagan Van Beek

\$250 District 1

Simeon Bundt Aryana Dokter Biyanca Dokter Carley Hirschman Angel Huisman Olivia Hulstein Reagan Jansen
Cassie Koopmans
Blake Moss
Megan Mulder
Hunter Post
Jorden Rehder
Ashley Schmidt
Karsen Van Oort
Brooklyn Vander Veen
Ashten Winterfeld
Stella Winterfeld

\$500 District 2

Bryce Dodge Morgan Grooters Lily Hofman Dain Moermond

\$250 District 2

Addi Douma Beau Rasmussen Abby Stout Grant Wagner

\$500 District 3

Addison Arens Emily Bach Aubrey De Groot Hailey Hanson Carson Loutsch Olivia Pottebaum Avery Schroeder Tate Tentinger Corra Yockey

\$250 District 3

Emily Attrill Gabby Boustead Jenna Case Beau Detloff Garrett Divis Brock Feldman Brady Hirschman Samuel Johnson Calla Langel Kacie Maynard Samuel McIntyre Isabelle Olson Emma Reuter Ella Ruba Alex Schroeder Caleb Sudbeck Zach Sypersma

\$500 District 4

Caleb Burns Kiara Dutler Lauren McMillen

\$1000 Powerline Scholarship

Mia Fleckenstein Ethen Huebner Levi Rice

CONGRATS SCHOLARSHP WINNERS

Operation Round-Up Report

Disbursements made from North West REC's Operation Round Up Trust in the second quarter of 2023 totaled \$12,000. This brings the total disbursements made from Operation Round Up since its inception in June of 1999 to \$678,195. Many people have been helped thanks to our members contributions.



- \$5,750 Medical Emergencies assist families with unusual expenses resulting from serious health problems and accident related injuries
- \$6,250 Floyd Valley Foundation, Hope Haven, Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Justice for All, Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Upper Des Moines Opportunity

Operation Round Up funds are generated through a voluntary rounding up of cooperative members' electric bills to the next nearest dollar, and dollars are used to assist worthy causes and organizations right in your local area.

If you are currently not participating in Operation Round-Up and would like to become a part of this worthwhile program, please call our office or visit our website for more information or to sign up. To receive an application of assistance, please call the office at 800-766-2099 or visit our website nwrec. coop

Pictured is North West REC CEO, Lyle Korver (left) and North West REC Executive Assistant, Renee Wynia (right) presenting the check to Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center representative Chris Jelken (center).



North West REC Members Contribute to the Success of Annual Tulip Festival

This article was written by Basin Electric Staff Writer/Editor Angela Magstadt, with photos by Basin Electric Photographer Michael Hardy, and published in their Spring/Summer edition of Basin Today magazine. Their team visited the Orange City Tulip Festival in May to learn about how it impacts members of North West REC.



People of all ages don their Dutch costumes as part of the Tulip Festival. Pictured are Ellie and Payton Hutton, son and daughter of Brett and Brittany Hutton. The Hutton family is a member of North West REC.

In Orange City, Iowa, on the third weekend of every May, "If you ain't Dutch, you ain't much."

Whether it's in their blood or they are just Dutch at heart, some 100,000 people flock to northwestern lowa for the annual Orange City Tulip Festival, a three-day celebration of the area's Dutch heritage that has been held for over 80 years.

Basin Electric Class C member North West Rural Electric Cooperative is headquartered in Orange City and serves the rural homes, farms, and businesses surrounding the city. While the Tulip Festival doesn't take place on co-op lines, the impact it has on its members is immeasurable, both financially and in terms of community pride.

Junior and Kim Hoogland are members of North West REC and are co-owners of Woudstra Meat Market, a business that has been a fixture in Orange City since 1926. Woudstra's not only sells meat but recently expanded to include food and gifts imported from the Netherlands and items it sells on consignment for local small businesses that don't have a storefront. The store is located on the street where most of the events are held, so it sees tremendous traffic during the festival.

"The Tulip Festival is a way for our community to celebrate our ancestors and how hard they worked to get here," says Martina Hoogland, Junior and Kim's daughter and Woudstra's marketing manager. Many locals and visitors dress in traditional costumes and local children learn Dutch dances in physical education class from first grade through high school. Martina says she fondly remembers performing those dances in the Volksparade, or people's parade, while she was growing up.

Kim Hoogland and her daughter, Martina, at the counter of Woudstra Meat Market during this year's Tulip Festival. Kim and her husband, Junior, are members of North West Rural Electric Cooperative and co-own the store with Steve and Vonda Post, who are also members of the co-op.

From a business standpoint, Martina says the festival brings in new customers from surrounding states and beyond, and the businesses in the area get a lot of exposure they wouldn't otherwise get. "There are times during the festival when the line at our store is from the counter to the middle of the street. In addition to the store, we have two food stands where people can stop for a meal or snack. Businesswise, it's like a second holiday season tucked into three days in the middle of the year," she says.

And just like the holidays, preparations for the Tulip Festival begin long before the actual event. Martina says they start ordering for the festival in January to allow ample time for imported items to arrive in time for the festival. "The days heading up to the festival are long, hard, exhausting days, but when people start



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Kim and Junior have been members of North West REC since they got married over 30 years ago, and Junior was a member before that. In addition to co-owning Woudstra's, they own and operate a dairy farm on co-op lines. "We have about 2,600 animals and the business is buzzing 24 hours a day," Kim says. "Electricity is necessary for all aspects of our operation from the milking parlor to the maintenance area, and we couldn't function without it. North West REC has always been so good to work with. They are extra helpful and have always been there for us and our dairy farm through thick and thin." Steve and Vonda Post, the other owners of the meat market, are also members of North West REC, owning and operating a hog farm on co-op lines.

North West REC Executive Assistant and Human Resources Coordinator Renee Wynia has lived in the community since graduating from college 25 years ago and has volunteered her time during the festival ever since.

"It takes a lot of community volunteers to put on something like this," Wynia says. "Over the years I've been a parade usher, taken tickets and given tours at the Century Home (a 1900s-era home filled with artifacts), an usher for the night show (an annual musical production), and for the last several years I've worked at the Little White Store making and selling poffertjes." Poffertjes are a Dutch treat resembling mini pancakes. At the Tulip Festival they are topped with rum butter and powdered sugar and served with a little Dutch flag.

Wynia says her favorite part is meeting new people. "They come from all over," she says. "I love hearing their stories – where they're from, how they heard about the festival. This year, I met a doctor from Dubai who moved to Sioux Falls (South Dakota) a couple years ago. After living here for so many years, the Tulip Festival reminds me just how special this little town is. It's so fun to see new people experience the festival for the first time. It gives me a new appreciation for the festival and our community."

For many years, the Sioux County Regional Airport, a member of North West REC, has hosted a fly-in breakfast on the last day of the Tulip Festival. "We put the word out to surrounding airports, clear out a hangar, put in some temporary griddles, and cook breakfast for anyone who flies or drives in," says Line Service Manager Lane Mars. "It's an opportunity for pilots to fly in, have breakfast, and hopefully take in some of the festival before heading back home." Mars says they typically serve around 1,000 people, and this year 20 aircrafts flew in from several cities in Minnesota and South Dakota.

Community organizations do the cooking at the fly-in breakfast. Since 2019, Living Water Community Church in Orange City has served the breakfast. This year the free-will donations went to the church's youth group.

Mars says the airport temporarily adds extra outlets in its hangar to host this event because it doesn't have enough to power all the griddles, coffee machines, and crockpots in addition to its normal electric needs. "A local contractor comes out and does that for us and we get fantastic service from North West REC that day and all year long," he says.

North West REC Communications and Member Services Coordinator Emily Vander Velde says the Tulip Festival is an annual tradition for many of the co-op's members and employees who live in the area around Orange City. "They went with their parents and grandparents as little kids, participated in it in middle and high school, and now take their own kids and grandkids to it," she says. "Growing up in this community, I have attended the Tulip Festival most years since I was very young, and now I bring my own kids to it."

Martina Hoogland says at the parade at the end of the festival, alumni are invited to play with the band – the same song they played when they were in school – and it symbolizes the end of another year's festivities. "Every time I hear it I get goosebumps on my arms and tears in my eyes," she says. "It makes me feel so proud and blessed to be part of a community that comes together to celebrate its heritage and put on such a wonderful event."

Plans are already underway for next year's festival, which will be held May 16-18, 2024.

The Dutch tradition of scrubbing the streets is carried on at the festival. Boys and men throw buckets of water on the streets while women and girls follow with brooms ensuring the streets are clean for the Tulip Queen and her court, which consist of five high school seniors selected by the public.



Call the Office to Claim Your Property

North West REC, located at 1505 Albany Place SE, Orange City, IA 51041 is holding unclaimed property (resulting from a refund or patronage dividend) due to the persons listed below. Please call 1-800-766-2099 to claim this property or to update a mailing address. If you know someone listed please tell them to call the office. The person listed, or their beneficiary, must call the office themselves to claim the property.

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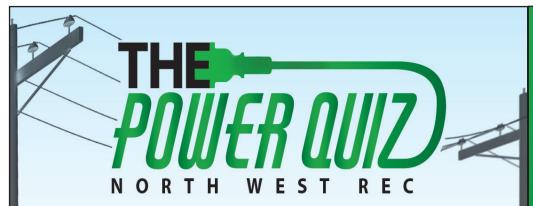
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- 2. What is one of the dates of the Member Appreciation Day Events?
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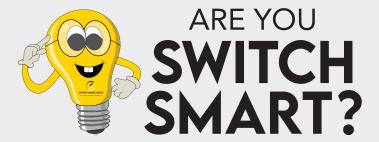
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JUNE 2023

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