



NEWS *Lines*

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OPERATION ROUND-UP

Donations

The Operation Round Up program is designed to provide benefits to individuals, organizations and communities in our service area. These funds are generated through a voluntary rounding up of cooperative members' electric bills to the next nearest dollar, to assist worthy causes right in your local county area.

One of the recipients in May was the Floyd Valley Hospital Foundation in Le Mars. This donation will help them purchase speech therapy generating devices for speech therapy pediatric needs and to assist in the costs of the re-location/renovation of the Floyd Valley Hospital nursery. Delivering the check to Shane and Peggy Sitzmann, Chairs of the Floyd Valley Foundation Helping Children, was Lee Galles, Member Energy Advisor at North West REC.



Another recipient of a donation was the Sanborn American Legion, who will be purchasing new display cases to display their military memorabilia. Any additional money raised will go towards the purchase of new flags. Receiving the donation from Rob Driesen, Member Service Director, is Harv Ver Brugge, Adjutant SGT Arms and long-time REC member.



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 for more information. To receive an application of assistance, please call the office at 707-4935 or 800-766-2099.

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DIRECTOR PROFILE

Dan Hoffman

Family: Married to Jackie for 46 years. Parents of four children: Trisha; Aaron and wife Jennifer have 5 children; Tracy and husband Brandon have 4 children; and Tamara and her daughter. Dan & Jackie enjoy the fact that all their children and grandchildren live within five miles of them.

Occupation: Dan has been a farmer all his life – raising corn, soybeans, hay and oats. He has a cow-calf herd with his son, Aaron, and a sheep herd with his daughter, Trisha, and the grandchildren for 4-H projects.

Interests: Dan enjoys bowling (and has bowled with family members for 48 years), hunting, and woodworking (owning a sawmill). He especially enjoys following all the grandchildren to their activities. Dan likes to travel and explore new places, but his favorite is traveling with the whole family to Disney.

What I enjoy about serving as a NWREC Director:

"I am enjoying learning as many aspects of being a director of the cooperative and am very proud of the professionalism of the administration and directors. We are always looking for new ways to serve our members and looking at and planning to keep up with the future to keep the cooperative strong.

I find it interesting knowing more about how our electricity is generated and distributed. Jackie and I took the NIPCO tour to Basin Electric and highly recommend and encourage it to all our members."



The CO-OP CORNER | Let's Talk *Energy Efficiency*
Get to know your REC and the energy efficiency incentives available to you!

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ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITIES

North West REC works hard to maintain and enhance the communities we serve. Energy efficiency programs can help reduce additional electricity purchases or the need to build additional electric generation, which works to minimize energy costs for our members. *How can we enhance your community?*

North West REC has been your energy partner for years, and we continue to pride ourselves on being your source of information on all things energy-related. Our co-op energy advisors have been trained to answer your questions! For more information about energy efficiency and member services available, contact us by phone **712-707-4935** or stop by and speak to a member services representative today!

An Easier Way TO PAY

Save time and money with the automatic bank draft and e-bill payment plan by having your monthly electric bill deducted from your bank account and receiving your bill electronically. You would no longer receive printed billing statements in the mail.

Why sign up for the automatic bank draft and e-bill payment plan?

- No more writing a check to North West REC for your electric bill
- Your electric bill will be paid on the due date – no worrying about getting your check to our office on time
- Accurate record keeping from your financial institution showing the direct payment you make to North West REC on your bank statement
- Access to your electric information at all times online – view your billing and payment history with bill details (you will need to go to our website <http://www.nwrec.coop> to register your e-mail address and password for the e-bill)

What if I am already participating in the automatic bank draft payment plan?

- You will need to sign up for e-bill online
- Check the box on the coupon to sign up for e-bill, along with your signature and date

Your financial institution automatically transfers the amount of your monthly electric bill from your account to North West REC each month. The amount transferred will also appear on your monthly bank statement. The amount due will be transferred out of your account on the **8th of each month** for payment of your electric bill. You will receive an e-mail notice on the 20th of each month that your monthly electric bill is now ready to be viewed. This will indicate the amount to be withdrawn from your account. Please call 1-800-766-2099 if you have any questions or check www.nwrec.coop for more information.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR BANK DRAFT AND E-BILL

Please include a voided check when sending in this form.

I authorize North West REC to initiate withdrawals and, if necessary, debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to my account at the financial institution named below for payment of my monthly electric bills.

I understand that three or more payments in a 12-month period resulting in overdraft of my account may result in termination of the Direct Payment plan. This authorization will remain in effect until North West REC has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford North West REC and my financial institution a reasonable time to act on it.

Financial Institution: _____ Bank ID No.: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Account No.: _____ () Checking () Savings (select one)
Payments to Begin: _____ and to be made on the 8th day of each month.
Account Holder Name: _____ Electric Acct. No.: _____
Email Address: _____

- YES, sign me up for the automatic payment plan only!
- YES, sign me up for the automatic payment plan and e-bill!
- YES, I am already a bank draft customer and want to sign up for e-bill!

Remember to go to our website <http://www.nwrec.coop> to register your e-mail address and password for e-bill!

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Lyle D. Korver

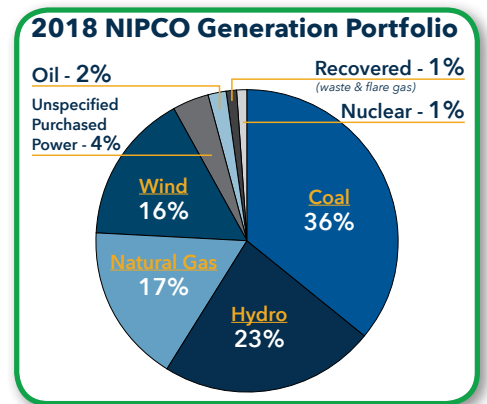
MANAGER'S *Report*

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"ALL OF THE ABOVE" GENERATION

One of the questions I am often asked by our members is "What is North West REC's power supply mix?" To answer this, I need to give a little background on how we purchase the electric power that we sell to our members.

North West REC (NWREC) has an "all requirements" contract with Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative (NIPCO). NIPCO receives approximately 23% of its power supply from hydro facilities on the Missouri River. The remaining 77% comes from Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Basin has a diverse mix of generation including coal, natural gas, wind and nuclear. When you blend all of the various generation resources, the mix of electric power that NIPCO provides NWREC and our members is 23% hydro, 36% coal, 16% wind, 17% natural gas, 7% oil and other, and 1% nuclear.



This diverse mix of generation resources fits well with our "all of the above" strategy. While the trend is that renewables are becoming a higher percentage of our power supply portfolio, it's important to remind our members of the importance of coal generation resources. Coal is a baseload resource that can be counted on to be available most of the time. Renewables are less reliable in terms of their availability due to the fact that the wind doesn't always blow and it's not always sunny. However, the cost of renewable energy resources continues to drop and the efficiency and reliability continues to increase, so we are pleased that our power suppliers have continued to expand the use of renewable energy.

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PERDUE PREMIUM MEATS SIGNS UP FOR PRAIRIE WINDS PROGRAM



We were pleased to recently work with Gary Malenke at Perdue Premium Meats (formerly Sioux Preme Packing Company) to sign them up for the Prairie Winds program. This is a green energy program that Basin Electric and NIPCO developed in 2002. This program allows members of NWREC to voluntarily contribute to the development of alternate energy production facilities, which may include wind, biomass or solar.

Pictured is Lyle Korver, General Manager of NWREC and Matt Washburn, Executive Vice President of NIPCO, presenting the Renewable Credit Certificate to Gary Malenke, Senior Vice President of Perdue Premium Meats.

The corporate strategy of Perdue Premium Meats is to transition to fully support renewable energy and this program was a good fit for them. Malenke states, "We have a growing customer base that has interest in renewable energy, which also aligns with the company's environmental responsibility goals. We are proud to partner with our local cooperative, NWREC, who has provided us access to this program." Through this program, Perdue Premium Meats has signed up for enough renewable energy purchases per year to equal 100% of their annual electricity requirement to operate their facility south of Sioux Center. They are the first commercial and industrial customer of NWREC to sign up for 100% of their annual kWh consumption through this program.

We want to remind our members that this Prairie Winds program is available to any member who would be interested in supporting the further development of renewable energy. The price for a contribution is only 2/10 of a cent per kWh. Please contact us if you have any questions. You can also go on our web site at www.nwrec.coop to sign up.

NWREC LINEMAN HELPS LEAD NRECA INTERNATIONAL PROJECT IN GUATEMALA

We are excited that one of our linemen, Mike Berkenpas, is helping to lead a project in Guatemala that will bring electricity to 42 homes, a health post and school. It's hard to imagine that there are still places in the world that don't have electricity – something that we all enjoy and somewhat take for granted.



Iowa's electric cooperatives, through the leadership of our Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, are partnering with co-ops from Illinois and Wisconsin and staff from the NRECA International program. Mike is serving as a leader from Iowa, and he made a trip to Guatemala the first week of June along with the other leaders, to make plans for the project. A larger group will return for two weeks this fall to complete the project and to help bring electricity to the village of Salinas 7 Cerros. This is in the north central part of Guatemala.

We thank Mike for his willingness to volunteer to help with this project. An update and other pictures will be shared this fall after they return.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

at the COUNTY

Fairs

<p style="font-weight: bold;">Sioux County</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">July 16-20</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold;">Plymouth County</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">July 24-28</p>
<p style="font-weight: bold;">O'Brien County</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">July 20-25</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold;">Ida County</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">July 17-21</p>

You **PULL THE PLUG**

If you currently own an older, inefficient refrigerator, freezer or window air conditioning unit, North West REC will pay you \$50 to "Pull the Plug" on the unit and recycle it at any certified recycling or de-manufacturing facility, such as a county landfill.

Effective March 31, 2019, North West REC will no longer contract with a third-party vendor to remove inefficient appliances from your home. As an added incentive, we have increased our rebate amount from \$25 to \$50. Up to three (3) appliances may be recycled per calendar year.

Appliances must be clean, empty and in working order when recycled/dropped off at a certified location. A dated copy of a receipt by the certified vendor/landfill/recycler must accompany the rebate application form which is available from our office or can be found on our website.



Certified recyclers for North West REC members:

Ida County Sanitation
2078 US 59
Ida Grove, IA 51445
712-364-4234

Plymouth County Sanitary Landfill
34898 150th St
Le Mars, IA 51031
712-546-6071

Northwest Iowa Landfill Center
4540 360th St
Sheldon, IA 51201
712-324-4026

Join us for a fun evening for the entire family

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENTS

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Boulders Inn & Suites at Holstein

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Terrace View Event Center at Sioux Center

Watch your mailbox for a postcard with additional information along with the details in your August newsletter.



LEARN ABOUT COOPERATIVE CAREERS AND OUR YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT

the Iowa State Fair!

North West REC is proud to be a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, which means we're part of a nationwide network of locally owned co-ops to help our members use energy wisely.

At the Iowa State Fair in August, the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa are again sponsoring the Rastetter 4-H Building on the south side of the fairgrounds, August 8-18. We're looking forward to connecting with fairgoers and rural 4-H families at our booth in the air-conditioned building. With a new, interactive display, electric co-op employees will be talking about cooperative careers and our commitment to leadership development with the national Youth Tour program for high school students.

We're excited to share our cooperative story at the Iowa State Fair; stop by our booth and say hello!!



**Learn about Youth Tour
at the Iowa State Fair**

Stop by our booth in the Rastetter 4-H building on the south side of the fairgrounds to learn more about this incredible leadership opportunity for students!

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Cooperatives of Iowa

 Iowa State Fair
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AUG 8-18

ENERGY TRAIL TOUR *Winners Announced*

The response was great again this year from our members who want to join the fun on the Energy Trail bus tours being sponsored by North West REC and NIPCO. We want to thank everyone for their interest and for sending in their coupon. The following names were drawn for the two trips:

Keith & Doris Boer, Rock Valley
Douglas & Susan Budden, Hospers
Randy & Pam Carpenter, Holstein
Rod & Darlene Kluis, Maurice
Robert & Jeanine Oolman, Alton
Rick & Stacey Schroeder, Le Mars

Jerry & Donna Muilenburg, Orange City
Tom & Edna Phillips, Ida Grove
Duane & Nancy Stoll, Archer
Gaylen & Mary Jane Tapper, Akron
Clark & Nancy Tindall, Le Mars
Matt & Stacey Todd, Holstein

The two tours will include stops at coal mines, power plants and hydro-electric dams producing the electricity used by us daily. Congratulations, and we hope you enjoy your trip! Watch your newsletter early next year for the next chance to participate.

THE POWER QUIZ

NORTH WEST RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

1. What are the dates of the Iowa State Fair? _____
2. Name our lineman who went to Guatemala as the leader from Iowa: _____
3. If you pull the plug on an old appliance and recycle it at a local landfill, you will receive _____ per appliance.

Name _____ Acct. # _____

Find the answers within the content of this newsletter, our website or Facebook posts and you could win a prize of \$10 off your electric bill. Send your answers to powerquiz@nwrec.coop or you can send your written answers to North West REC, PO Box 435, Orange City, IA 51041. You may mail your entry along with your electric bill payment, but remember the deadline is August 10. Each month, ten names will be randomly drawn from all correct entries for a \$10 bill credit. Members who answer the questions correctly and participate at least three times throughout the year will be eligible for 2 - \$250 bill credits, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

POWER QUIZ *Winners*

MAY 2019



Craig Wegner – Hawarden
 Mark Hibbing – Paullina
 Joe Cronin – Holstein
 Ron Norberg – Sioux City
 Mark Schwartz – Le Mars

Richard Evenson – Archer
 Esther Wynia – Maurice
 Ruth Farley – Le Mars
 Sharon Junck – Hinton
 Christine Moon - Westfield



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