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August's Smart Choices code is 719117AUG and the prize drawing is for 2 \$25 bill credits. Sign up for smart choices on our website at www.nwrec.coop/smart-choices-sign-up Play every month for a chance to win!



A FUN EVENING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS 2021

- Pork Chop and Hot Dog Meals
- Blue Bunny Ice-Cream
- Pick Up Your Patronage Check
- Inflatables for Kids
- Football & Bean Bag Toss
- Prize Drawings for Kids & Adults
- Safety Demonstration
- Try-out Lineman 360 VR Headsets
- The Klassens will be performing



Bring the postcard you receive in the mail to pick up your patronage check and register for prizes!



JOIN US FROM 5:00 - 7:00 PM

IDA COUNTY

Tuesday August 24th
Ida County Fairgrounds
2332 Hwy 59
Ida Grove, IA 51445

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Tuesday August 31st
Plymouth County Fairgrounds
500 4th Ave NE
Le Mars, IA 51031

O'BRIEN COUNTY

Thursday September 2nd
O'Brien County Fairgrounds
555 3rd Street SE
Primghar, IA 51245

SIoux COUNTY

Tuesday, September 7th
Terrace View Event Center
230 St. Andrews Way
Sioux Center, IA 51250



2021 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 eighty-four scholarships totaling \$34,250.** There was eight \$1,000 scholarships, twenty-six \$500 scholarships, forty-nine \$250 scholarships, and one \$1,000 powerline scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship winners were chosen from applications revived 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.

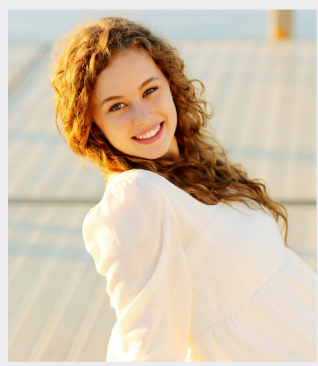
\$1,000 Scholarship Winners



District 1

Avery Koopmans

Robert & Darla Koopmans
Sioux Center, IA
Sioux Center High School
South Dakota State University
Occupational Therapy



District 1

Samantha Vermeer

Mark & Tricia Vermeer
Sioux Center, IA
Sioux Center High School
Northwestern College
Nursing



District 2

Aubren Budden

Matthew & Trista Budden
Sanborn, IA
Sheldon High School
South Dakota State University
Electrical Engineering



District 2

Bryce Rasmussen

Thad & Tracy Rasmussen
South O'Brien High School
Paullina, IA
Princeton University
Chemical Engineering



District 3

Rachel Sealine

Adrian & Tracy Sealine
Sioux City, IA
Meriwether Homeschool
Kansas State University
Agribusiness & English



District 3

Natalie Toben

Joseph & Laura Toben
Westfield, IA
Akron-Westfield High School
South Dakota State University
Exploratory Studies



District 4

Truman Clark

Chris & Marjorie Clark
OABCIG High School
Ida Grove, IA
Dordt University
Health Science & Theology



District 4

Dylan Cork

Klint Cork & Cheri Huisenga
Lincoln Southeast High School
Lincoln, NE & Galva, IA
University of Nebraska Lincoln
Mechanical Engineering

AWARDED *\$34,250* IN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$500 District 1

Elizabeth Bartels

Orange City

Kearsten Blom

Rock Valley

Edwin Buiter

Ireton

Issac De Vries

Hawarden

Emma Haley

Alton

Colton Korver

Alton

Logan Shelby

Ireton

Ayden Thonstad

Hawarden

Kendra Wynia

Orangy City

\$250 District 1

Caitlin Beyer

Boyden

Clayton Bosma

Sioux Center

Braxton Brummel

Hull

Olivia Budden

Alton

Kole Cleveringa

Sioux Center

Jacob Dragstra

Sioux Center

Lydia Driesen

Ireton

Logan Franken

Sioux Center

Kyra Fykstra

Boyden

Ashton Harding

Ireton

Lane Hettinga

Orange City

Riley Jansen

Hull

Brandon Koomia

Hull

Sienna Moss

Boyden

John Post

Rock Valley

Leah Rozeboom

Hull

Janie Schoonhoven

Hospers

Sydney Te Slaa

Orange City

Braden Van Beek

Orange City

Hanah Van Beek

Maurice

Abby Van Der Brink

Sioux Center

Kylie Van Donkelaar

Maurice

Lexie Van Kekerix

Rock Valley

Jacie Vander Waal

Sioux Center

Jenna Verburg

Rock Valley

\$500 District 2

Hannah Dau

Paullina

Olivia Grooters

Sanborn

Eric Mars

Paullina

Ethan Spronk

Hartley

\$250 District 2

Kellen DeKok

Archer

Jamie Hunt

Granville

Elliot Scheaffer

Sheldon

Jason Wittrock

Primghar

\$500 District 3

Kiley Allan

Le Mars

Cale Anstine

Kingsley

Ryan Brown

Le Mars

Bailey Goodman

Akron

Lillian Harpenau

Le Mars

Brittany Johnson

Remsen

Brynn Jones

Remsen

Rachel Langel

Le Mars

Taylor Reuter

Sioux City

\$250 District 3

Kailey Arens

Remsen

Jackson Boustead

Kingsley

McKenna Henrich

Akron

Bailiee Jauer

Hinton

Traegen Kramer

Le Mars

Karoline Kroll

Le Mars

Morgan Montgomery

Hinton

Zoie Robinson

Merrill

Braden Ruba

Remsen

Abby Ruhland

Le Mars

Sydney Schroeder

Le Mars

Caleb Stanley

Sioux City

Rachel Stoub

Orange City

Alivia Van Otterloo

Le Mars

Jacob Vaught

Sioux City

Levi Waldschmitt

Remsen

Kylee Worrell

Hinton

\$500 District 4

Carly Murphy

Ida Grove

Jadyn Schmidt

Holstein

Brady Seuntjens

Danbury

Cameron Sharkey

Danbury

\$250 District 4

Marney Brix

Holstein

AJ Burns

Cushing

Jadyn Schmidt

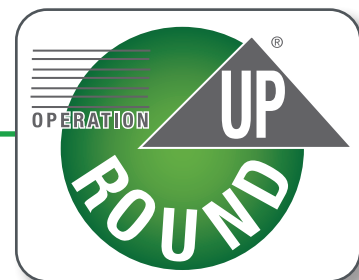
Holstein

Lillian Hoffman

Ida Grove

OPERATION *Round Up* REPORT

Disbursements made from North West REC's Operation Round Up Trust in the second quarter of 2021 totaled \$9,500. This brings the total disbursements made from Operation Round Up since its inception in June of 1999 to \$560,795. Many people have been helped thanks to our members contributions.



\$2,250Medical Emergencies - assist families with unusual expenses resulting from serious health

\$7,250Floyd Valley Foundation, Hope Haven, Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Justice for All, Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Primghar Ambulance, Sioux Center Health, 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 no longer wish to participate in the Operation Round Up program, please call the office or email (nwrec@nwrec.coop) and we would be happy to help.

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.



Lyle D. Korver

MANAGER'S *Report*

"One of our top priorities is to provide reliable electric service for our members."

North West REC Receives Economic Impact Award

One of North West REC's key economic development partners is the Iowa Area Development Group (IADG). IADG was formed by the REC's in 1985 to be a resource for business, community and value added agriculture development. They have an experienced team of development professionals that have provided valuable economic development assistance for us for over 35 years.

We were pleased to receive a visit from IADG President, Rand Fisher, at our June Board Meeting. He provided an informative update for our board and staff on the many challenges that the IADG team faced this past year in doing economic development in a pandemic environment and about the many great projects that are going on around the State of Iowa. Following his update, Mr. Fisher presented NWREC with an Economic Impact Award in the area of Business Development Leadership. We appreciate receiving this recognition for our economic development programs. We continue to partner with IADG, NIPCO and many of our local economic development groups to assist local businesses that are

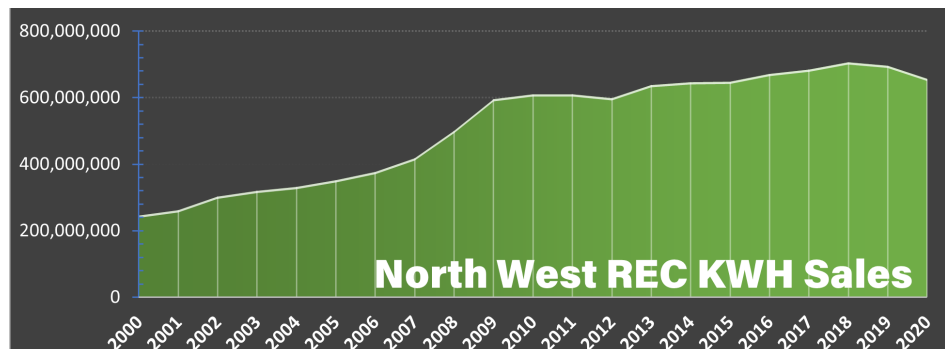


Pictured: Lyle Korver CEO, Jeff Rehder NWREC Board President, and Rand Fisher IADG President.

considering expansion and to attract new business and industry to our area.

Through our collective efforts with our various partners, we have enjoyed many economic development successes over the years. One of the important benefits of this for NWREC and our

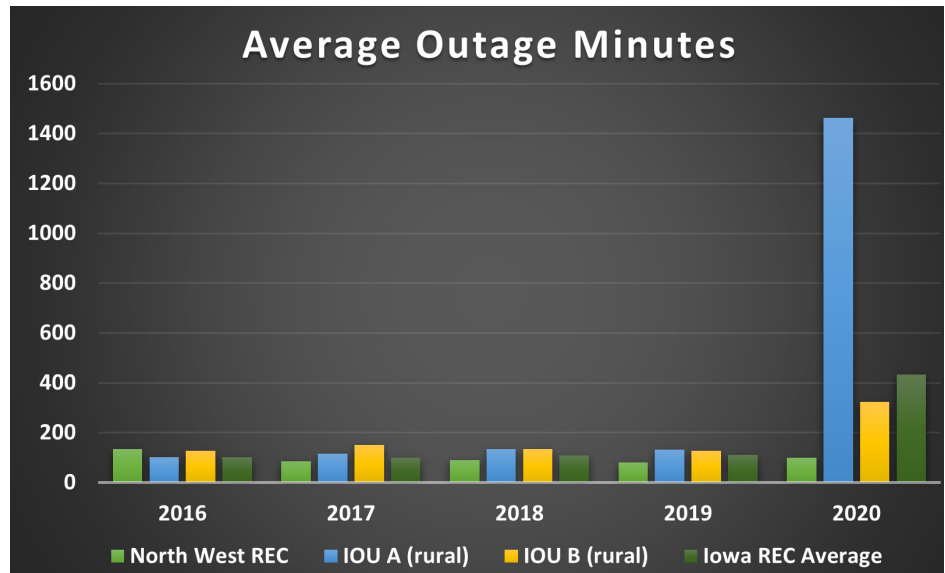
members is increased kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales. The graph below shows how our kWh sales have increased significantly over the last 20 years. Increased sales enable us to spread our fixed costs over a higher volume of kWh sales and this is one of the key factors of maintaining competitive rates for our members.



NWREC's Reliability Numbers Remain Strong

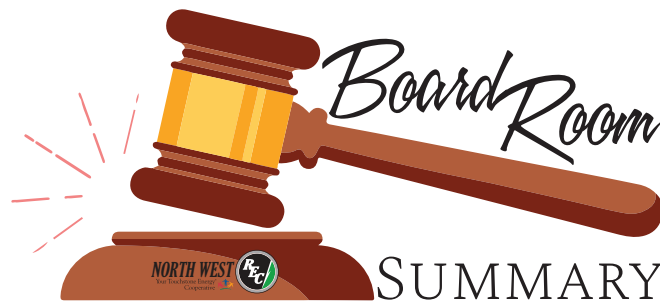
One of our top priorities is to provide reliable electric service for our members. A recent report that was provided by our State Association indicates that our reliability numbers continue to remain very strong.

The report compiles comparison data for the Iowa REC's and the investor owned utilities for a 5 year time period. For the years 2016 through 2020, NWREC averaged only 97 minutes of average outage time for our members. You can see on the comparison graph that our average outage minutes were below those of the investor owned utilities (rural areas) and the Iowa REC average.



We are having another good year of replacing older line with new line and by the end of the year, hope to have around 85 miles of new line installed. This is in-line with our

strategic plan and is an indication of the commitment the board of directors and employees have of continuing to improve the service reliability for our members.



The following is a brief summary of the discussion and decisions from the board meeting that was held on June 24, 2021:

- A safety report was shared and approved.
- Manager Korver gave an update on the Orange City garage/warehouse expansion project. 4,800 square feet is being added to provide additional material and equipment storage space.
- Received monthly operations and financial reports from staff.
- Approved the memberships for 16 new members.
- Approved the retirement of deferred patronage dividends to estates of deceased patrons in the amount of \$4,586.
- Discussed final plans for the four Member Appreciation/Patronage Day events.
- Manager Korver reported on several economic development projects that are underway.
- Heard reports from Director Tom Wagner on the recent NIPCO and Basin Board Meetings.
- Director Rehder gave a CFC Board Report.
- Received an economic development update from Rand Fisher, President of the Iowa Area Development Group. He also presented North West REC with an Impact Award for Business Development Leadership.
- Approved Operation Round-Up donations to several charitable organizations and medical emergency situations.
- Appointed delegates and alternates for upcoming meetings of associated organizations.

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.

A

Adkins, George
Air Liquide Industrial U.S.
American Pallet Leasing
Anderson, Scott
Andrews, Dustin
Andrews, Margarita
Arens, Linda
Ashmore, Rob

B

Babcock, Josh
Baerenwald, M.H.
Barnes, Mary
Bauer, Cameron J.L.
Beals, Ron
Beardsley, Joe
Behrens, Anthony
Benson, Raymond
Birk, Jared J.
Bjorholm, Mrs. Arthur
Bleil, Robert A.
Blenner, Lisa
Bohall, Marcus L.
Brueggeman, Wade
Brummel, Duane
Bultman, Ben

C

Carter, Phyllis
Charlson, Dave L.
Chavez, Francisco
Christopherson, Larry
Church, Dale
Consolidated Energy
Cox, Bill
Cox, Courtney L.
Cox, Scott
Crain, Lloyd D.
Cromwell, Laurie

Cullen, K.C.
Culley, Kevin

D

Damewood, Chad B.
Damstra, Julius
Daniels, Todd
Darden, Brian
Dau, Lee, R.
De Vries, Mrs. Gerben H.
De Waay, Richard
Dodds, Zane
Dougherty, Paul
Droegmiller Farms

E

Elbon, Donald
Engelkes, William
Engeltjes, Lynn

F

Ferre', Luis B.
Frank, Angela

G

Glawe, Rollin
Goettsch, Brian
Goodwin, Kenneth D.
Graff, Teri
Grave, Durvard G.
Griffin, Brady J.
Groves, Jeremy
Gunderson, Rev J.

H

Habit 4 Farms LLC
Hains, Tim
Hamar, Darold
Hansen, Alice
Hanson, Mrs. Clifford

Hantla, John
Hardin, Jack
Harn, Kathy
Hein, Herbert
Helman, Dave
Hengeveld, Joel W.
Hernandez, Marin
Herwig, Steven M.
Hewitt, Helen
Hicks, Richard E.
Hillman, Charles
Hoffman, Daniel
Hopkins, David

I

Innis, Joe R.

J

J & K Rentals
Jacobs, Mike
Jacobson Distribution Co
Jager, Grant R., Sr.
Jester, Bryce
Johnson, Keith
Johnson, Micah D.
Juelsgaard, Dave
Jungjohan, Craig

K

Kallsen, Margaret
Kass, Steve
Kellen, Tonia E.
Kellogg, Mike
Kempers, Travis
Killeas, Helen
Klein, Jacob
Klein, Lyle G.
Klein, Merlyn
Knowles, Brent
Koithan, Kirk

Kooiker, Ben
Korver Family Investment
Kounkel, Blaine

L

Lahn, James A.
Lara, Cesar M.
Lemaster, Lonna
Lorenzen, Jack
Love, John

M

Madsen, Mike
Madsen, Stanton
Mahr, James R.
Maier, Mary K.
Malone, Megan
Mariscal, Jesus P.
Martin, Earl W., Jr.
Martin, Michael A.
Mc Daniel, L.
Mc Intosh, Rockne
Mc Roy, Michael L.
McCall, Andrew
McCline, Curtis
McMillan, Michele
Meinen, Dustin
Menendez, Dena L.
Meyer, Gerald
Middendorp, Mike
Miller, Lawrence
Mohning, Louie
Monlux, Marilyn
Monroe, Carleton
Montange, Leverne
Morey, Lorne
Morrow, Wendy
Mosser, Terry
Mouw, Lawrence
Muecke, David
Muecke, Selma



Searching for these members...



Mullin, Daniel S.
Myers, Justin

N

Nacke, Phil L.
Nelson, Melissa
Newman, Leland
Newsom, Charles
Niemeyer, Michael

O

Oetken, Mrs. Donald
Olson, Matthew E.
Onnen, Mrs. Ellis
Orris, Robert

P

Pacific Trading & Imports LLC
Parker, Richard
Pauling, Sharmalee
Pena', Jesus D.
Penning, Merlin
Perez, Ivan
Perry, Lisa
Peters, Jacy
Picarelli, Tom, Jr
Pick, Alex
Pick, Andy

Pierce, Anthony Q.
Pierce, Tom
Plendl, Mark
Poppema, Kenny
Prado, Arlene D.

R

Rasmussen, Rosie
Reed, Amanda
Renken, Rick
Reposa, Alex
Robinson, Jeremy
Roder, Kelly
Rogers, Robert D.
Rohlf, Allen
Rohlk, William

S

Sample, Raymond
Schlenger, Karen
Schmidt, Mrs. Everett J.
Schoger, Robert A.
Schwartz, Craig
Scott, Sarah
Sears, Matthew
Siebenahler, Nathan
Siemering, Katie

Simoni, Matt
Sivill, Wm
Smith, Gordon
Snow, John
Snow, Shelly
Sparks, Bill
Stahl, Chad A.
State Line Farms
Steinbeck, Scott
Stephens, Chadwick
Stevens, Jason L.
Stoterau, Patrick D.
Stroud, Anita
Struve, Stephanie
Suess, Scott
Sulzbach, Fred

T

Tabares, Dahlia M.
Timber Roots Mtd
Tingle, David A.
Trobaugh, Leo
Tuttle, Gerald

U

Uhl, Lynne
Ulatowski, Mary

V

Van Lunen Farms
Van Sloten, Scott
Van Voorst, Brandi
Van Zandbergen, Chris
Van Zee Furniture
Vanover, Michael D.
Villarreal, Jose
Vondrak, Chad

W

Webster, Jon
West, John
White, Harry B.
Willis, Clifford
Wilmot, Sara
Witt, Duane
Woodke, Chandler

Y

Yeo, Mary

Z

Zachow, Amanda



ARE YOU SWITCH SMART?

By signing up for the Switch Makes Cents load management program, you get direct saving as well help the cooperative save on our wholesale power cost. In turn, this helps reduce everyone's power bill. Electric water heaters, electric air cooling and heating systems, electric irrigators, and electric generators are all equipment that can be hooked up to your switch to help you save energy and money!

THE POWER QUIZ

NORTH WEST REC

1. Name a fun activity that will be going on at the Member Appreciation Days:
2. Name someone who received a \$1000 scholarship:
3. Name someone who received an Operation Round-Up Donation:

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 September 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*

JUNE 2021

Jeff Pilgrim - Sioux City
 Don Luksan - Le Mars
 Kim Daum - Alton
 Vernon Harrington - Le Mars
 Ben Van Der Zwaag - Boyden

Kyle Puhrman - Paullina
 Keith Boer - Rock Valley
 Glen Leusink - Orange City
 James Droegmiller - Cushing
 Rick Roghair - Hartley



ARE YOU SWITCH SMART?

Name a piece of equipment that can be hooked up to your switch:

Answer: _____

Name _____ Acct. # _____

What do you know about the Switch Makes Cents program? Find the answers within the content of this newsletter, our website or Facebook posts and you could win a prize. Send your answers to switchsmart@nwrec.coop, fill out the question form online, or 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 September 30. At the end of the quarter one name will be randomly drawn from all the correct entries for a prize. There will be a new question every month, participate up to 3 times a quarter!

North West Rural Electric Cooperative

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