



# NEWS *Lines*

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**Our offices  
will be closed  
Monday,  
September 5  
in observance  
of Labor Day.**

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

**O'Brien County**  
Tuesday,  
August 23  
O'Brien County  
Fairgrounds

**Ida County**  
Tuesday,  
August 30  
Ida County  
Fairgrounds

**Sioux County**  
Thursday,  
September 1  
Terrace View  
Event Center

**Plymouth County**  
Thursday  
September 8  
Plymouth County  
Fairgrounds



## 2022 Member Appreciation Days



**Pork Chop & Hot Dog Meals  
Blue Bunny Ice Cream Treats  
Pick-Up Your Patronage Checks  
Inflatables & Activity Stations  
Lineman 360 VR Headsets  
Adult & Kid Prize Drawings**



**Electric Vehicles & Classic Cars Event**

**Please join us from 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Bring the postcard you receive in the mail to  
pick up your patronage check!**

Please fill out the slip on pg. 4 and return to the office or scan the QR code to register for the car event on our website: [www.nwrec.coop](http://www.nwrec.coop)



A NIGHT OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

# 2022 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 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**  
**Megan Juffer**

Michelle & Tim Juffer  
Sioux Center, IA  
Sioux Center High School  
South Dakota State University  
Nursing



**District 1**  
**Kayda Vanden Berg**

Wade & Denise Vanden Berg  
Sioux Center, IA  
Unity Christian High School  
University of Sioux Falls  
Nursing/Spanish



**District 2**  
**Brenton Thomas**

Jim & Lori Thomas  
Hartley, IA  
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn High School  
South Dakota State University  
Pre-Pharmacy



**District 2**  
**Brady Van Meeteren**

Brian & Jill Van Meetern  
Sheldon, IA  
Sheldon High School  
Dordt University  
Plant Science and Ag  
Business



**District 3**  
**Molly McCarthy**

Greg & Kathy McCarthy  
Sioux City, IA  
Bishop Heelan High School  
University of Iowa  
Environmental Policy/  
Political Science



**District 3**  
**Jadyln Olmstead**

Louis & Brooke Olmstead  
Sioux City, IA  
Lawton-Bronson High School  
Creighton University  
Fintech



**District 4**  
**Aidan Bower**

Jenn & Brent Bower  
Danbury, IA  
OABCIG High School  
Iowa State University  
Environmental Engineering



**District 4**  
**Emma Vohs**

Eric & Tricia Vohs  
Holstein, IA  
Ridge View High School  
University of Iowa  
Dentistry

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

## \$500 District 1

Rebecca Dykstra  
Olivia Fedders  
Hunter Gloden  
Landon Hofmeyer  
Casey Oolman  
Addison Popken  
Brian Schmit  
Sydney Vander Pol  
Ella Zwart

## \$250 District 1

Maren Beaty  
Kole Blankespoor  
Kaitlyn Calkhoven  
Kylee De Hoogh  
Mykah De Hoogh

Ella Dekkers  
Emily Fedders  
Makya Harding  
Tara Horstman  
Ethan Kooima  
Katelyn Plendl  
Raeleigh Raines  
Clayton Reinders  
Ellie Reuter  
Allison Schelling

Bryson Van Grootheest  
Justin Van Middendorp  
Ella Ver Steeg  
Mylia Wagenaar  
Kate Walhof  
Ellie Woelber  
Bryan Zylstra

## \$500 District 2

Isaac Bullerman  
Grace Fuhrman  
Kyler Heemskerck  
Drew Vanden Hull

## \$250 District 2

Makenzie Meyer

## \$500 District 3

Lorcan Christensen  
Anna Coffee  
Luke Feuerhelm  
Grace Heeren  
Cael Moffatt  
Megan Ream  
Molly Scheitler

Grant Schroeder  
Tessa Trierweiler

## \$250 District 3

Mevaeh Beyer  
Kade Calhoun  
Erick Carlberg  
Jadyn Case  
Madalyn Fox  
Trey Frank  
Wesley Galles  
Delaney Geddes  
Keira Hillrichs  
Lillian McNaughton  
Regan Peters  
Samuel Philips  
Hailey Rosenbaum

Sara Schoenrock  
Elizabeth Walton  
Addison Wierda

## \$500 District 4

William Forbes  
Hanna Weeda  
Travis Wiese

## \$250 District 4

Riley Schiernbeck  
Kael Wiese  
Hannah Yockey

# CONGRATS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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Each month North West REC hides a code in our Smart Choices news stories. Find the code below in the Smart Choices article, complete the prize entry registration form and submit for a chance to win! We are giving away two \$25 bill credits in August!

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## Operation Round-Up Report

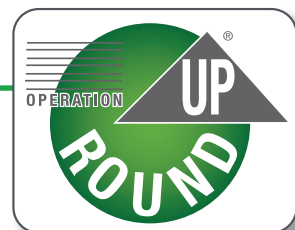
Disbursements made from North West REC's Operation Round Up Trust in the second quarter of 2022 totaled \$16,000. This brings the total disbursements made from Operation Round Up since its inception in June of 1999 to \$623,845. Many people have been helped thanks to our members contributions.

\$9,500 ..... Medical Emergencies - assist families with unusual expenses resulting from serious health problems and accident related injuries

\$6,500 ..... Floyd Valley Foundation, Hope Haven, Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Justice for All, Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Sioux Golf Cancer Benefit, 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 for more information. To receive an application of assistance, please call the office at 800-766-2099.







Lyle D. Korver

# MANAGER'S *Report*

## Strengthening Our Member Engagement Remains a Top Priority

As a member-owned electric cooperative, we take pride in the fact that we are different than other types of utilities. Whether you're a new member-owner of North West REC (NWREC) or you've been with us for decades, we want to make sure you understand that electric cooperatives are unique. We make a habit of sharing this information because we're proud of what it means to the member-owners we serve and the communities in which we live and work.

We don't take for granted what it means to be different from other electric providers. We appreciate and embrace our differences because we can serve our member-owners in a manner that best meets your needs. While there are dozens of ways electric cooperatives differ from other utilities, everything we do revolves around our unique business model, our commitment to our members, and our local, not-for-profit structure.

Assigning and returning deferred patronage dividends is one of the unique things about our cooperative business model. We will be doing this again at our Member Appreciation Day events in late August and early September, when \$2 million in patronage checks will be distributed to our members. Please check out the dates on page one to find out when the district event in your area will be held. These events give us



the opportunity to engage with our members and we look forward to them every year.

In addition to serving our members a broasted pork chop meal, handing out patronage checks, having informational displays and having inflatables for the kids to enjoy, we are adding an EV & Classic Car Event this year. I want to encourage all of our members and your families to join us to learn more about your Cooperative, to enjoy a fun evening outdoors and to visit with our employees and directors.

As a member-owned cooperative, the more engaged our member-owners are, the stronger our organization will be. Thank you for your patronage and support. We look forward to visiting with many of you at one of our events.

## Register for the EV & Classic Car Event

Please fill out this slip with your information to register your vehicle for the EV & Classic Car Event. At the event you will receive a card with your name and vehicle information to display. Members attending the event will vote for their favorite car, and the cars receiving the most votes will receive a prize!

### NWREC Member/Vehicle Owner

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vehicle:

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this slip and return to the office or scan the QR code to register on our website: [www.nwrec.coop](http://www.nwrec.coop)



# 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

Aakhus, Erin  
Adkins, George  
Ag Partners Llc  
Ahlers, Vincent  
Ahlers Farm  
Allen, Claire  
Altena, Esther  
Amber Pork Inc  
Andersen, Travis D.  
Anderson, Brad  
Anderson, Darrel  
Andrews, Margarita  
Anglim, Melissa  
Askelson, Troy  
Aulenbach, Tracey J.

## B

Babcock, Josh  
Bakker, Dale, L.  
Barkley, Clara, A.  
Barnes, Mary  
Bauer, Cameron J.L.  
Beardsley, Joe  
Bebon, Chris  
Behrens, Anthony  
Birk, Jared, J.  
Bishop, Stacey  
Bjorholm, Mrs. Arthur  
Black, Erica  
Blair, Nancy  
Bohall, Marcus L.  
Bomgaars, Roger, A.  
Borchers, Wendell  
Bradley, Terri, K.  
Bringman, Tom  
Brown Construction  
Brownlee, Sandra  
Byker, Brice, E.

## C

Campbell, Donna  
Carlson, Lynn  
Casper, David  
Castle, Adam  
Chapman, Rochelle  
Charlson, Dave, L.  
Chavez, Francisco

Christopherson, Larry  
Comstock, Thomas L.  
Consolidated Energy

Copple, Susan  
Cox, Courtney L.  
Cox, Scott  
Crain, Lloyd, D.  
Cranston Bros  
Cromwell, Laurie  
Cullen, K.C.  
Culley, Kevin

## D

Damewood, Chad B.  
Daniels, Todd  
Darden, Brian  
Dau, Lee R.  
Davis, Will D.  
De Jong, Lois K.  
De Vries, Mrs. Gerben H.  
De Vries, Tina  
De Waay, Richard  
De Young, Devin  
Dekorner, Daniel  
Derocher, Leo  
Derocher, Rashell  
Dezeeuw, Ryan, B.  
Dimmitt, Cindy  
Dimmitt, Cindy  
Dobbins, Kenneth  
Dodds, Zane  
Doornink, Dustin  
Dougherty, Paul  
Drier, Mark  
Dunham, Vernon

## E

Engelkes, William  
Engelking, David

## F

F.N.Spot-A-Pot Inc.  
Faith, Jack  
Ferre', Luis, B.  
Finch, Mrs. Ralph, Jr.  
Fleishmann, Jason  
Frahm, Elizabeth  
Fredricksen, Tim

French, Tamara  
Fulton, Iii Frank

## G

Galvin, Jason  
Geier, John, A.  
G-H Farms Inc  
Gifford, Steve  
Goettsch, Brian  
Graff, Teri  
Graves, Donald D.  
Greenfield, Kelly  
Groeneweg, Bruce

## H

Habit 4 Farms Llc  
Hains, Madhvi  
Hall, Sandy  
Hamar, Darold  
Hamersma, Jean, A.  
Hamman, Travis  
Haneklaus, Susan  
Hansen, Alice  
Hantla, John  
Harders, Edwin  
Hardin, Jack  
Harman, Lester  
Harn, Kathy  
Hein, Herbert  
Hemmelrick, Brett  
Hengeveld, Joel, W.  
Hengtgen, Blake  
Henry Vi Llc  
Hernandez, Marin  
Hewitt, Helen  
Hilley, Lori P.  
Hoekstra, Travis  
Hoffer, Travis  
Hoffman, Daniel  
Hofman, James  
Hoogendoorn, Peggy  
Hopcroft, Lawrence J. Jr  
Hopkins, David  
Horn, Mandy

## I

Icon Ag & Turf  
Ienn, Joseph

Iwireless  
Izarraraz, Anna, M.

## J

J & C Farms Llc  
Jacobson, Kelsea  
Jager Sr, Grant R.  
Jester, Bryce  
Johnson, Andrew  
Johnson, Keith  
Johnson, Lonnie R.  
Johnson, Micah, D.  
Jordan, Mark  
Juelsgaard, Dave

## K

Kallas, Patricia  
Kallsen, Margaret  
Kass, Steve  
Kellen, Tonia, E.  
Killeas, Helen  
Klaassen, Jennifer  
Klein, Jacob  
Klein, Lyle G.  
Knop, Danika  
Knowles, Brent  
Koerselman, Laryl  
Kolar, Robert A.  
Kowalke, Robert  
Kroese, Andrew

## L

Lafavor, Jeff W.  
Lahn, James A.  
Lassen, Delwyn  
Leekley, Edmond  
Lemaster, Donna  
Lias, Robert E.  
Lloyd, Paul  
Loges, Duane  
Lohberger, Rosalind  
Lorenzen, Larry  
Love, John  
Lynott, Chad

## M

Maassen, Terry  
Maier, Mary K.

Maple River Energy Llc  
March, Brad  
Mathison, Mrs. Norman  
Matthews, Peter  
Mc Roy, Michael L.  
Mccline, Curtis  
Mcdaniel, Ray  
Mcdonald, Tasha  
Menendez, Dena L.  
Meyer, Gerald  
Meyer, Melanie  
Meyers, Charles  
Middendorp Mike  
Miller, Donald D.  
M-K Industries Inc  
Moeller, Raymond  
Mohning, Louie  
Moir, Donald R.  
Monlux, Marilyn  
Montange, Lerverne  
Montange, Lerverne  
Morehead, Larry  
Morey, Lorne  
Mosser, Terry  
Muecke, Selma  
Mullin, Daniel S.  
Myers, Justin

## N

Nacke, Phil L.  
Neiman, Jodi  
Nelson, Joseph  
Newman, Leland  
Newsom, Charles  
Niemeyer, Michael

## O

Oetken, Mrs. Donald  
Oliveira, Gilberto  
Orban, Steve  
Orris, Robert

## P

Parker, Richard  
Parr, Linda  
Patton, Gary  
Pekelder, Robert  
Pena', Jesus D.

# First Half of the Year Update

I'm pleased to report that your Cooperative is having a good start to 2022. We have experienced a solid increase in kWh sales which is important for our ability to continue to keep electric rates stable. For the first six months of 2022, kWh sales are up 5% compared to the first six months of 2021.

In spite of continuing challenges with extended delivery times on much of our line materials, our Operations Department has been able to stay very busy with building in new services, completing service upgrades and working on line replacement projects. So far this year, we have added 22 new services and completed 83 service upgrades. In addition, our crews have built 9 miles of overhead line and replaced 19.5 miles of older overhead line with new underground cable.



The spring storms have caused some damage to our system, and this has resulted in an increased number of outages for our members compared to recent years. As I am writing this article in early July, we have received some much needed rain in this past week but as typically happens this time of year, when we get thunder and wind storms, our outages increase. Year-to-date our average outage minutes

per member are 63 minutes and that is up from last year when we were at only 19 minutes and the year before at 39 minutes. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times when storms present some challenges for us.

Similar to what many other businesses have been experiencing, we have had a higher turnover rate in terms of our employees. Most of this has been on the line crew as we have had several linemen, who are not originally from northwest Iowa, relocate to positions closer to their hometowns. We have been fortunate to find some good young apprentice lineman to replace them, and we are pleased with how they are working well with our experienced crew members and also working safely.

Financially your Cooperative is having an excellent year. Total margins are \$699,686 and this is \$499,773 higher than budgeted margins. This is primarily due to the increase in kWh sales, lower purchased power costs than budgeted, and more of our labor being capitalized than we had budgeted. We are hoping the rest of the year goes as well as the first half has gone. Further updates will be provided as the year progresses



The following is a brief summary of the discussion and decisions from the board meeting that was held on June 30, 2022:

- The monthly safety report was presented and approved.
- Manager Korver presented his monthly report, including updates on service reliability and updates on recent storm damage, operations, kWh sales, 2022 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.
- The Board approved a recommendation to request NIPCO to build a new substation in the Rock Ridge business park area of Rock Valley, due to recent and planned business expansions.
- Curt Ahrenholz presented the monthly financial reports.
- Final plans for the Member Appreciation Day events were reviewed and approved, including adding an EV & Classic Car Event this year.
- Membership applications of new members were approved.
- The Board President of the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, Roger Solomonson, shared an update on our Statewide's activities.
- The Board approved a new three phase "all energy" rate.
- Manager Korver reported on some economic development projects that are underway.
- Heard reports from Director Wagner on the recent NIPCO & Basin Board Meetings.
- Director Rehder gave a CFC Board Report.
- Approved Operation Round-Up donations.



## Searching for these members...



Penning, Merlin  
Perez, Ivan  
Perry, Lisa  
Peters, Jacy  
Petersen, Delbert  
Picarelli, Tom, Jr.  
Pierce, Tom  
Pies, Joshua  
Pig Ltd  
Pinney, Dave  
Pippett, Tricia  
Pitts, Marcia  
Poage, Cody  
Poppema, Kenny  
Prado, Arlene D.  
Puhmann, Ralph

### R

Radke, Schuyler J.  
Rahfaldt, Jim  
Rasmussen, James  
Rasmussen, Rosie  
Rathjen, Lou  
Redmon, Caitlin  
Reekers, Mark  
Renken, Dennis  
Renken, Rick  
Rennie-Fowler Graham  
Richardson, Lyle C.  
Robinson, Jeremy  
Roder, Kelly  
Rogers, Jennifer  
Rohlf, Allen

Rosemeyer, Jasmine  
Rowbury, Charlotte

### S

Sample, Raymond  
Sargent, Jeff  
Satterwhite Lowell  
Saunders, Todd E.  
Schlenger, Karen  
Schmidt, Mrs. Everett J.  
Schneider, Donald W.  
Schoeberl, Brian  
Schoger, Robert A.  
Schubert, Jeremy  
Schuller, Laurence  
Schurke, Camille  
Sears, Matthew  
Siebenahler, Nathan  
Simoni, Matt  
Sivill, Wm  
Smith, Gordon  
Smith, Marlow L.  
Snow, John  
Snow, Shelly  
Sokolowski, Aaron  
Sparks, Bill  
Spiering, Eric  
Stahl, Chad, A.  
State Line Farms  
Steig, David  
Steinbeck, Carl  
Stevens, Jason, L.  
Stokes, Harvey, Jr.

Stoterau, Patrick D.  
Stratton, James  
Stroud, Anita  
Suess, Scott  
Susie, Hattie

### T

Te Grotenhuis, Bradley D.  
Te Slaa, Cleo  
Terry, Shawn  
Theisen, Ronald  
Thies, Shawn  
Thomas, Molly  
Timmer, Michael  
Tingle, David A.  
Tondreau, Evelyn M.  
Trobaugh, Leo  
Tuttle, Gerald

### U

Uhl, Jason  
Uhl, Lynne  
Unrau, Dan  
Utesch, Ryan

### V

Van Beek, Harlan  
Van Der Stoep, Larry  
Van Engen, Karolyn  
Van Maanen, Alma  
Van Otterloo, Steve  
Van Sickler, Bryan

Van Sloten, Scott  
Van Voorst, Brandi  
Van Zandbergen, Chris  
Van Zee Furniture  
Vander Burgh, Cliff  
Vander Helm, James A.  
Vanover, Michael D.  
Vanravenswaay, Helena  
Vanveldhuizen, Darin  
Volkman, Vernon  
Vondrak, Jerald

### W

Waitt Outdoor Llc  
Waund, Emily A.  
Webster, Jon  
White, Harry B.  
Wiese, Nancy  
Willems, Milt  
Willis, Clifford  
Wilsbacher John. M  
Wilson, Brett  
Woelber, Marlyn  
Wolf, John H.  
Woodke, Chandler

### Y

Yeo, Mary

### Z

Zemanek, Jean



### ARE YOU SWITCH SMART?

#### How does the Switch Makes Cents program save you money?

When you choose to participate in the Switch Makes Cents (SMC) load management program, you will have the benefit of avoiding peak demand costs as well as being able to receive the all-electric interruptible heat rate of just \$0.049 per KWH. This is for all KWH's sold for electric heating, cooling, and water heating usage that are connected to the switch!

The SMC program also helps stabilize future power costs to your cooperative by reducing peak demand which determines, in part, the cost of electricity purchased by our wholesale power provider NIPCO. Reducing peak demand reduces the amount of electricity the electrical generation facilities need to produce, thus keeping them from having to build more facilities which would result in a higher price per kilowatt and more cost to you.



# THE POWER QUIZ

NORTH WEST REC

1. Name someone who received a \$1000 scholarship:
2. What is the current total of disbursements from Operation Round-Up?
3. Name one activity that will be happening at Member Appreciation Days:

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 2022

Roger Van Voorst - Sioux Center  
 Mark Skarhus - Sioux City  
 Robert Godbersen - Arthur  
 Leo Stoll - Hospers  
 Rebecca Lampman - Arthur

Ed Zajac - Sioux City  
 Marissa Knop - Merrill  
 Wilbert Postma - Sanborn  
 Frank De Kok - Primghar  
 Julie Rice - Hinton



## ARE YOU SWITCH SMART?

How does the Switch Makes Cents program save you money?

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

P.O. Box 435  
 1505 Albany Place SE  
 Orange City, IA 51041-0435

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Curt Ahrenholz  
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