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PUBLISHED MONTHLY FOR THE MEMBER-OWNERS OF NORTH WEST RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Farm Safety & GRAIN BINS

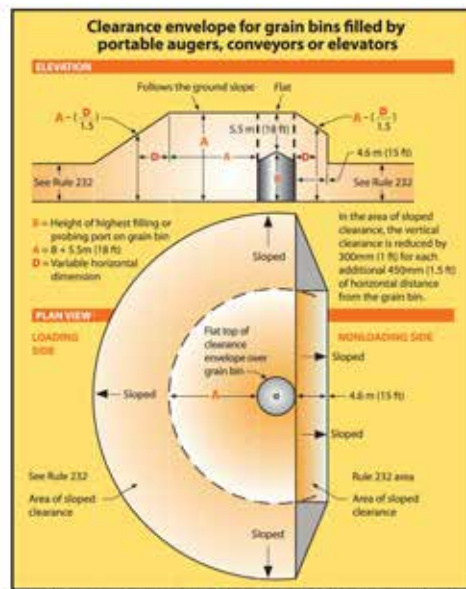
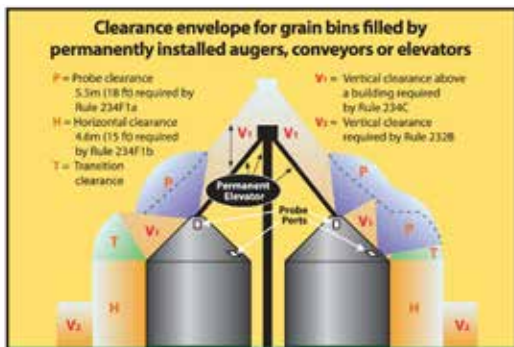
Safety is an important part of living and working on a farm. One important aspect for creating a safe environment on your farm is proper clearances for electric lines around grain bins.

When starting to plan for a new grain bin or moving an existing bin, please contact North West REC at 712-707-4935 or 800-766-2099 and Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative at 712-546-4141 to ensure you are meeting the National Electric Safety Code requirements. We will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins.

According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 – 25.2(3) b. An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National

Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017 “National Electrical Safety Code,” Rule 234F. This paragraph “b” shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators and built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board.)

If you have any questions concerning clearance regulations – or what needs to be done before you begin placing a new grain bin or moving an existing one – please call our office at 712-707-4935 or 800-766-2099 for the safety of everyone involved.



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WE NEED *Your Help*

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 an address.

-A-
Ackerman, Stan
Acord, John
Acres, John P
Adkins, George
Aeder, Chris
Ahlers Bros
Albers, Ethel
Allen, Shawn
American Pallet Leasin
Anderson, Brad
Anderson, Bruce
Anderson, Shele
Andre, Marcus
Andrews, Dustin
Andrews, Margarita
Arens, Ashley
Arens, Linda
Ashmore, Rob
Askelson, Troy

-B-
Bair, John
Balt, Richard C
Barkley, Mrs. Jim
Barnes, Mary
Bauder, Charles
Baughfman, Bill
Baumgarn, Julie
Benjamin, Richard
Benson, Raymond
Bidwell, Forrest
Birk, Jared J
Birkley, Janet Estate
Blume, Brandon
Blumeyer, Douglas
Bobzien, Alicia
Bobzien, Maby
Boender, Mrs. Henry A
Brandt, Wendell
Brockhau, Craig
Brooke, Francis O Jr
Brown, Russell
Brown Construction
Brueggman, Wade
Buman, Richard
Burkard, Nikki
Burke, Sheila
Burns, Jennifer

-C-
Cameron, Casey
Carrillo, Ricardo M
Cathcart, F D
Charlson, Dave L

Chavez, Francisco
Chindlund, Cory
Church, Dale
Church, Lisa
Clausen, Robert Trust
Cole, Pamela
Collins, Robyn
Compton, Robert
Cope, Alice
Corbin, Michele
Cory, Helen G
Crain, Lloyd
Creswell, Ceil R Estate
Crum, Lee
Cullen, K C
Culler, Bob
Curiel, Roberto

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Dahlquist, Carol
Daniel, Russel
Daniels, Todd
Dau, Lee
Dawdy, Joe
De Groot, Kelly
De Haan, Terril
De Vries, Kody
De Waay, Richard
Denney, John
Derby, Shad
Dietrich, Patrick
Dopp, John L
Dougherty, Paul
Dow, Bonnie R
Downey, Angela
Draper, Greg
Dreeszen, Wesley
Drier, Mark
Dunn, Deborah
Durst Inc
Duvall, Diane

-E-
E & I Specialists
Ehlen, Karl
Eichhorn, Wade
Elbon, Donald
Ellen Karrer Living Trust
Emery, Ariel
Emmick, Larry
Engelking, David
Engeltjes, Lynn

-F-
F N Spot-a-Pot Inc

Feekes, Nate
Feilen, Nick
Ferre, Luis B
Fiedler, Stacie
Fink, James
Fitch, Haley
Flemming, Nancy
Fox, Beth
Frank, Angela
Franklin, Davis
Fransen, Pam

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GCC Alliance Concrete Inc
Galles, Jason
Galvin, Jason
Galvin-Johnk, Linda
Gant, Robert R
Gardner, Leo
Gartright, Shirley
Geist, Johnny R
Getman, Richard
Giebelman, Wesley
Glant, Travis
Glawe, Rollin
Goettsch, Brian
Graff, Teri
Grant, Shawn
Grause, Shane
Grave, Durvard G
Green Acres Drive Inn
Griffin, Brady
Griffith, Steve
Grissom-Reed, Debra
Groves, Jeremy
Gunderson, Rev J

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Haag, Barb
Habit 4 Farms LLC
Haefs, Peter
Hageman, Ross
Hamar, Darold
Hamersma, Jean A
Hancock Town Hall
Haney, Holley
Hansen, Brandi
Hansen, John M
Hansen, Malana
Hantla, John
Harbaugh, Richard
Hardin, Jack
Hare, Lisa
Hatcher, Betty
Hattermann, Jeff

Havener, Chester
Hay, Debi
Hazel Riedemann Estate
Hein, Herbert
Helman, Dave
Hennigs, Steve
Heynen, William Jr
Hoffman, Daniel
Hofland, Brandon
Hollowell, James
Holtgrewe, Gracie
Honken, Shawn
Hoppe, Tyler
Horsley, Lee
Hoversten, Greg
Huebner, Amy
Hummel, Mrs Walter
Hunsinger, Andy

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Jackson, Jason
Jager, Elmer
Janson, Kevin L
Jarvis, Ricky
Jester, Bryce
Jigsaw Pork
Joffer, John
Johnson, Dennis K
Johnson, Keith
Johnson, Michael
Johnson, Ryan
Juelfs, Dale Estate
Jungjohan, Craig
Jurgensen, Luke
Jurrens, Duane G

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Kallsen, Margaret
Kamies, Beth
Kass, Steve
Kats, Kenneth
Kellogg, Mike
Ketchelos, Tom
Keyser, Connie
Killeas, Helen
Kirkman, Amy
Klein, Lyle G
Klein, Merlyn
Klemme, Beatriz
Klunder, Chad
Knowles, Brent

Koithan, Kirk
Kolar, Robert A
Kolvek, Jason L
Korver, Calvin
Kotz, Ryan
Kreger, Chris
Kroepel, Russell

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Lahn, James A
Landegent, Hubert
Lane, Robert
Langel, Beau
Langel, Ray
Lara, Cesar
Lemke, Ken
Lindberg, Bethany
Lloyd, Paul
Long, Paul
Luke, Charles
Lundgren, Troy V

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Mariscal, Jesus P
Martin, Earl W Jr
Martin, Michael A
Mathey, Daniel D
Mc Call, Andrew
Mc Collough, Hazel
M Cuddin, Ronald
Mc Daniel, Ray
Mc Intosh, Rockne
Mc Mahon, Charles
Mc Mullen, Julee
Mc Roy, Michael
Mead, Beau
Mealman, Edith J
Meeks, Benjamin
Meendering, Kevin
Megill, Richard
Melton, Rocky
Menendez, Dena
Middendorp, Mike
Midwest Metal Works Inc
Milbrodt, George
Miller, Elizabeth
Miller, J R
Miller, James A
Miller, Sharon
Mohni, Mike
Monroe, Wayne
Montano, Elsa
Morepork, LLC
Morrow, Wendy
Mosser, Terry
Muecke, Selma
Mullin, Daniel S
Myers, Robert J

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Nelson, Alan
Nelson, Kim
Newman, Leland
Newsom, Charles

Niemeyer, Michael
Nohava, Robert
Norton, Linda

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Oldenkamp, Daniel
Olson, Matthew E
Olson, Nora B
Orris, Robert
Osterbuhr, Cory
Otto, John

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Pageler, Lavern Trust
Palczer, Phillip
Papenhausen, Kevin
Parks, Tim
Parsons, Ben
Patterson, Jeffries
Penning, Merlin
Perez, Ivan
Perrin, Frank
Perry, Lisa
Peters, Doug
Peters, Kyla F
Petersen, Mark E
Petty, Robert
Phillips, David
Pierce, Anthony Q
Pinnacle Towers Inc
Plendl, Edmund
Plueger, Helen E
Plueger, Kelly
Pork Plus Inc
Postma, Karen G
Prather, Mrs Dean
Pratt, Earl
Presuhn, Shane
Prevail, Jim
Puetz, Corey
Puhmann, Ralph

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Raymond, Sarah
Reed, Scott
ReMax of Siouxland
Renken, Rick
Rens, Mike
Reuter, Brian J
Rice, Tom O
Riedmann, Terry
Robinson, Michael
Roder, Kelly
Rogers, Robert D
Rohlfs, Allen
Ross, Steve
Ruhler, Micki
Rutledge, Rohn
Ryan Companies US, Inc

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Salmel Poultry Systems
Sand, John

Sands, Tracy
Schau, Mrs Antone
Schau, Violet
Schenck, James H
Schilling, Gwen
Schlaeger, Robert K Sr
Schlenger, Karen
Schlessler, Milo V
Schmidt, Mrs Everett
Schmitz, Mary E
Schneider, Johnathan
Schneider, Lisa
Schoenherr, Leonard
Schoger, Robert
Schuller, Laurence
Schutt, Mildred
Schwartz, Craig
Seegerstrom, Lorne
Servicemaster of NW Iowa
Shelton, James W
Siemering, Katie
Simoni, Matt
Singer, Jeff
Sioux Valley Applicator
Sitzmann, Michael P
Sivill, Wm
Slachetka, Tyann
Smith, James
Snow, Shelly
Sowards, Angie
Sparks, Bill
Stansbury, Milo
Steig, David
Steinbeck, M L Estate
Stephens, Chadwick
Stevens, Daniel
Stilen, Christina
Stolpe, Chad
Stonepark Acres
Stoos, Dale
Stowater, Jacob
Stroburg, Corey
Suess, Scott
Swasand, Mark
Swets, Jay

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Taylor, Benjamin
Thompson, Katie
Thompson, Patrick
Thompson, Robert D
Thompson, Stacy
Tiersma, Joseph
Tingle, David A
Top, Christine
Topete, Israel
Topete, Kathryn
Tracey, Cathy
Tranby, Mrs David L
Trobaugh, Leo
Trobaugh, Mahlon
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Truemper, Virginia
Turner, Chris

Tuttle, Gerald

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Ulatowski, Mary
Ullrich, Jerry
Umbel, John
United Real Estate Sol
US Sprint
Utecht, Jerome C

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Van Bochove, Casey
Van Lunen Farms
Van Rys, John & April
Van Sloten, Matthew
Van Sloten, Scott
Vander Lugt, Ryan
Vander Zwaag, Andy
Vanderham, Chuck
Vertical Partners LLC
Veterinary Pharmaceuticals
Villarreal, Jose
Vondrak, Gary
Vondrak, Helen

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Wagner, David
Warner, Jonathan
Weaver, Brad G
Webster, Jon
Wender, Donald
Werth, Richard
West, Darrel
Westra, Bruce
White, Harry B
White, Jeanne M
Wibbels, Sara
Willis, Clifford
Willis Kunkel, Estate
Wilson, Josh
Wilson, Ray
Winter, Mike
Winters, Curt
Wireless Network Manage
Wolterman, Charles
Woods, Darlene
Wych, Kimberly

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Yasat, Melis M
Yeo, Mary
Yingst, David

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Zachow, Amanda
Zulauf, Christoph



Lyle D. Korver

MANAGER'S *Report*

"Our system has been impacted by two significant weather events in the last couple of months."

CHALLENGING WEATHER YEAR CONTINUES

I don't think anyone has to be reminded that it has been a challenging start to the year in terms of weather. Our system has been impacted by two significant weather events in the last couple of months. The first event was the rapid snow melt and flooding that occurred in the middle of March. We had 22 broken poles from large ice chunks hitting our poles along some of the rivers in our service area.



The second major weather event of the year that impacted our system was the wind and ice storm that occurred on April 10 and 11. We had 52 broken poles with most of that happening across the northern tier of our service area in Sioux and O'Brien counties. Our initial estimate for the total cost to make the repairs to our system from these two events is approximately \$125,000. At this time, it is unclear whether we will have the opportunity to make a request to FEMA for any reimbursement funds.

We were fortunate during both of these weather events that it only impacted a portion of our service area. Due to the fact that the southern portion of our system had few outages, we were able to move our crews that are based in Ida Grove and Le Mars up north to assist with the outage restoration. Once again, this shows one of the important benefits we have realized from the Consolidation that occurred 20 years ago – being able to quickly dispatch crews from other areas to help speed up outage restoration. This is much more efficient and cost effective than if we had to bring in crews from other cooperatives.

On behalf of the board of directors and employees I want to thank those members, who lost power during one of these events, for their patience and understanding.

We received numerous nice comments and notes of support on Facebook from our members stating their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our employees. This is greatly appreciated! As we often say it could have been worse, but we certainly understand that any time our members lose power, it is an inconvenience. We work very hard to keep these interruptions to a minimum and to provide the most reliable service we can for our member owners.



I also want to thank our employees for their dedication and hard work. They often work in some very difficult



working conditions, and I am always impressed with how well they work together to get the job done safely in serving our members.

UPDATE ON DIRECTOR CHANGE IN DISTRICT 1

Del Beyer made the decision to retire from the board of directors at this year's Annual Meeting, and we want to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedicated service. Del served 16 years on the board as one of the directors in District 1. During his time on the board he served in several leadership positions including Vice President and Chair of the Labor and Member & Employee Relations Committee. In that role, he headed up our Operations Round Up Committee. We appreciate his leadership and the contributions Del made during his 16 years on the board. We want to extend our best wishes to him and Lola, and we hope they will have the opportunity to enjoy a little extra time with their grandkids.



Dave Bosma was elected by the members to replace Del as a District 1 Director. We welcome Dave and his wife Deets to the "REC Family". We trust Dave will enjoy his time on the board, and we look forward to getting to know them better and having the opportunity to work with him.

Director Profile



Dave Bosma

Dave Bosma – elected to the board of directors March, 2019

Family: Wife, Deets; son, Beau and wife, Erin – Sioux Center, IA; daughter, Megan and husband, Chris – Phoenix, AZ; son, Troy and wife, Laura – Alton, IA; son, Austin and wife, Jaclyn – Manhattan, MT; daughter, Tara – Richland, WA; 11 grandchildren with #12 on the way.

Occupation: After 40 years in the swine industry, we are ready to travel, to visit kids and grandkids. I keep busy helping some local farmers, driving a pilot car to transport homes and mowing at Landsmeer Golf Course.

Interests: I enjoy outdoor activities, especially golfing, hunting and grandkids' sports.

What he enjoys about serving as a NWREC director:

I look forward to being part of the decision making that will benefit our member-owners and ultimately North West REC. As a member-owner for many years, I have been impressed with the reliability and serviceability that North West REC has provided over the years. Now that I am on the board, I see first-hand how important employee safety and service reliability is to this part of Iowa.



MOVE OVER
SLOW DOWN

MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN

It's that simple, and it's the law in Iowa. By following these two rules of the road, you can help save lives and avoid receiving a traffic ticket – or even losing your driver's license. It's necessary to move over or slow down when approaching stationary emergency, maintenance, and utility vehicles with flashing lights activated.

BOARD ROOM SUMMARY

The following is a brief summary of the discussions and decisions from the April board meeting:

- Received the monthly safety report. The employees worked safely again for the first quarter. They completed their annual CPR training this past month.
- Heard an update on the recent ice and wind storm from Operations Director, Doug Alons. There were 22 broken poles from flood damage in March and 52 broken poles from the ice and windstorm in April. This resulted in approximately \$125,000 in damages to our system.
- Approved a contract with Loosbrock Digging Services for replacing 26 miles of overhead line with underground line.
- Authorized management to work with Power Systems Engineering on a rate analysis relating to distributed generation.
- Received an update from Manager Korver on the implementation plan for two of the strategic goals from our recent strategic planning session.
- Heard a report from Steve Abma, Building Committee Chair, regarding some concrete replacement projects that were included in the budget.
- Staff presented financial and operating reports. kWh sales are up 3.8% compared to the first three months of 2018 and margins are above budget.
- Heard a report about the NRECA International Program project that will take place this fall in Guatemala. One of the Cooperative's linemen, Mike Berkenpas from the Le Mars crew, will be one of the volunteers who will be going on this project. This is a group project with REC's from Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.
- Approved membership applications for 26 new members.
- Heard reports from Tom Wagner on the recent NIPCO and Basin Board Meetings.
- Approved recommendations from the Operations Round Up Committee on \$2,900 in contributions to charities or families who have experienced medical or emergency hardships.



DIRECTOR BENSON EARNS

Director Gold Certificate

Shirley Benson recently completed the NRECA Director Gold program. This program recognizes directors committed to continuing their education and who desire a tangible credential that demonstrates their ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

Shirley, who is Secretary of the NWREC Board, had previously earned her Board Leadership Certificate and Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate. We congratulate Shirley on this accomplishment and for her dedication and commitment to the cooperative and to our members.



Pictured is Board President, Jeff Rehder, presenting the Director Gold certificate to Shirley.

2018 PATRONAGE DIVIDEND *Assignment*


Your patronage dividend is one of the primary benefits of being a member of North West REC. Your cooperative had an excellent year of financial operations in 2018, and as a result, the board of directors assigned \$5,580,000.00 in patronage dividends to the member-owners. North West REC members who received electric service during the year 2018 will receive a patronage dividend assignment. Your portion of this assignment is based on the amount of electricity you purchased from the cooperative in 2018.

Shown here is an example of the patronage dividend allocation notice as printed on your electric bill that you will receive in May. The patronage has no cash value and cannot be used in payment of electric bills.

Patronage dividends are retained by the board of directors until the board of directors approves them to be paid. Upon approval, a certain percentage of past allocations are retired to the members.

If a member becomes deceased, patronage dividends can be refunded. The member's estate then needs to fill out the required paper work to have the past patronage dividends refunded.

If you have a change in address, please keep the cooperative informed of your new address. This will ensure any future patronage checks will be mailed to your correct address.



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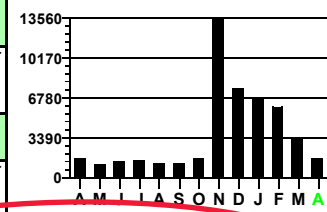
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Le Mars 2496 Lincoln Ave SW 712-546-4149 (Closed 12:00 - 12:30pm)
Iida Grove 5975 Hwy 175 East 712-364-3341 (Open 8:00am - 12:00pm)

Before reporting an outage, check your fuses, breakers, and equipment first.
To report an outage, please call the (800) number listed above.

KWH USAGE HISTORY	
Current Month's Average KWH Per Day	53
Last Year	53
Average Cost Per Day	4.99
Last Year	5.07



YOUR PATRONAGE DIVIDEND ALLOCATION FOR 2018 IS \$128.61. PLEASE SEE YOUR NW REC NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month on the unpaid balance will be charged if payment is not received in our office by due date.

Account Number	Map Location	Service From	Service To	Due Date	Amount Due
123456	84-01-01-1234	04/01/2019	04/30/2019	06/10/2019	204.00

Meter Number	Rate Description	Present Reading	Previous Reading	Difference	Multiplier	Kwh Used	Kwh Charge
3000001	1 - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE P	10124	10061	63	40	860	113.76
3500001	338 - 338 SUB INT HP WH AC	9261	9178	83	20	1660	83.84

OTHER CHARGES		AMOUNT	BILLING INFORMATION		AMOUNT
Previous Bill Balance Forward		200.00	Current Electric Charge		197.60
Balance Forward		-200.00	Power Cost Adjustment .0016000		4.03
Operation Roundup		0.36	Local Option Tax		2.01
Total Other Charges		0.36	Total Current Billing		203.64
			Net Amount Due		204.00
			Gross Amount Due After 06/10/19		204.00

PLEASE DETACH BOTTOM PORTION AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Account Number	123456
Name:	NORTH WEST REC MEMBER
Amount Due on 06/10/2019:	204.00
Amount Paid:	

Amount After Due Date: 204.00

NORTH WEST REC
PO BOX 435
ORANGE CITY, IA 51041-0435

Primary phone number: 712-123-4567.
If not correct, please update. _____
Thank you.

THE POWER QUIZ

NORTH WEST RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

1. Who is the new director in District 1? _____
2. How many broken poles did we have from the two weather events? _____
3. The 2018 assignment for patronage dividends will be \$_____.

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 July 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.



Our offices will be closed Thursday, July 4

North West Rural Electric Cooperative

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Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

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during noon hour

Le Mars office
closed 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Ida Grove office
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Mon-Fri

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