



NEWS *Lines*

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

YOUTH TOUR CONTEST *2020*

*Want to visit Washington, D.C.? Who wouldn't?
It's FUN, it's FREE and you'll make lots of FRIENDS!*

North West REC is sponsoring the 2020 Youth Tour Contest with two students receiving an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The trip is scheduled for June 18-25, 2020. There is a \$1,000 scholarship for the Iowa representative on the Youth Leadership Council.

All sons and daughters of North West REC member-consumers, who are presently juniors in high school, are eligible and encouraged to participate.



If you are interested in applying for the youth tour, send in the registration form below, and we will send you an application form. The application is also available on our website at www.nwrec.coop or you can e-mail Renee at rwynia@nwrec.coop and she will mail you an application. If you have any questions, please call Renee at 712-707-4935 or 1-800-766-2099.

The Youth Tour Contest application should be returned to the REC no later than Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

The Board of Directors and management encourage all who are eligible to enter the Youth Tour Contest for an exciting educational experience.

2020 YOUTH TOUR CONTEST REGISTRATION

YES, I am interested in entering the contest.
Please send me the application form.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ PARENT'S NAME _____

MAIL TO: North West REC • Attn: Renee • PO Box 435 • Orange City, IA 51041

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CHANGES TO *Energy Efficiency* REBATES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

Smart Choice Bonus Rebate – requires all electric backup & limit of two rebates per building

- Additional rebate for any new or replacement AAHP \$250 per unit
- Additional rebate for any new or replacement GSHP \$500 per unit
- Ductless Mini-Split heat pump \$125 per unit
- C&I/Ag Projects – new or replacement AAHP \$250 per 5 ton
- C&I/Ag Projects – new or replacement GSHP \$500 per 5 ton

Geothermal Heat Pump – new units installed on our system

- | | NEW LOAD | REPLACEMENT |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| • Residential | \$1,000 per ton | \$250 per ton |
| - Maximum rebate limit of \$6,000/Installation | | |
| • Commercial/Industrial/Ag Projects | \$1,000 per ton | \$0 per ton |
| - Maximum rebate limit of \$25,000/Installation | | |

Air Source Heat Pump – new units installed on our system

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| • Residential | | |
| - If back up heat is electric | \$1,200 per unit | \$1,200 per unit |
| - If no back up heat or if back up heat is propane or gas | \$800 per unit | \$800 per unit |
| • Commercial/Industrial/Ag Projects | | |
| - If back up heat is electric | \$1,000 per ton | \$1,000 per ton |
| - If no back up heat or if back up heat is propane or gas | \$600 per ton | \$600 per ton |
| - Maximum rebate limit of \$25,000/Installation | | |

Ductless Mini-Split Heating/Cooling & P-Tac Unit - new units installed on our system, Energy Star Certified

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| • Residential | | |
| - If back up heat is electric | \$1,000 per unit | \$500 per unit |
| - If no back up heat or if back up heat is propane or gas | \$600 per unit | \$300 per unit |
| - Maximum rebate limit of 50% equipment cost | | |
| - Rebate limited to two units per single family dwelling or outbuilding | | |
| • Commercial/Industrial/Ag Projects | | |
| - If back up heat is electric | \$800 per ton | \$400 per ton |
| - If no back up heat or if back up heat is propane or gas | \$400 per ton | \$200 per ton |
| - Maximum rebate limit of 30% equipment cost | | |
| - Limit of one rebate for each leasable hotel room | | |

Central Air Conditioner – new units installed on our system, Energy Star Certified

- New or replacement \$100 per unit
- Load control switch required

Marathon Water Heaters

Sold only to members and installed on our system. Must have load management switch installed to receive rebate. Rebate taken off cost of water heater – your cost:

50 gallon Marathon	\$550
85 gallon Marathon	\$400
105 gallon Marathon	\$550
Hog Building (50 gallon only)	Full price
New Home with all electric heat	85 gallon FREE

Electric Appliances – new units installed on our system, Energy Star Certified

Each member is limited to a maximum of \$250 per calendar year in combined appliance rebates.

- Clothes washer \$50 per unit - Freezer \$25 per unit
- Refrigerator \$25 per unit - Dishwasher \$25 per unit
- Dryer \$25 per unit

Building Insulation

- Building must be all electric as the primary heating source with electric backup
- Must be professionally installed for blown-in, spray foam, insulating concrete forms, rigid styrofoam panels and/or structural panel type insulation
- Residential (house) – rebate limited to 30% of installed insulation cost up to a maximum rebate of \$800 per building per calendar year
- Commercial/Industrial/Ag buildings – rebate limited to 10% of installed insulation cost up to a maximum rebate of \$2,000 per building per calendar year

Lighting – Replacement only

- LED – fixture or bulb, replacement of incandescent, fluorescent or CFL \$300 per kw
 - Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Ag buildings
 - Minimum of 500 watts to qualify for a rebate (0.5 kw)
 - Maximum rebate of 50% of the fixture/bulb cost submitted

Variable Speed and Soft Start Motors

- \$30 per horsepower – new or replacement
- Commercial/Industrial/Ag buildings (seasonal applications are not eligible)
- Up to a maximum rebate of \$5,000 per motor

Lighting and Motor rebate programs will run until an allotted amount of monies runs out. Please call before submitting a rebate to make sure there is money available.

“Pull the Plug” Appliance Disposal Program

Member agrees to self-remove and recycle qualifying appliance (refrigerator or freezer in working order) via an approved and certified appliance de-manufacturer or drop-off location.

Member will receive a \$50 rebate, per qualifying recycled appliance, up to three appliances, per calendar year. A dated copy of a receipt by the certified vendor/landfill/recycler must accompany the rebate application form (available from our office or online).

Energy Assessments Residential \$45 charge

- must be at least 30 degree difference between inside and outside temperatures

Electric Vehicle Chargers

- Level 2 Chargers: 2.9kW-17kW, 208-240V
- Must be hardwired and installation must meet local code
- Member required to provide charger make, model, S/N, specifications
- Cannot back-feed into the system
- Residential \$750 per charger, 50% max equipment cost, max 2 chg/house
- Commerical/Industrial/Ag \$1,200 per charger, 50% max equipment cost, max 5 chg/account

Save the Date DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING DATES FOR 2020

Tuesday, March 24
in Orange City

Tuesday, March 31
in Primghar

Thursday, April 2
in Le Mars

Thursday, March 19
in Ida Grove



Lyle D. Korver

MANAGER'S *Report*

"The bottom line is that every senior who applies and attends one of the meetings will receive a minimum of a \$250 scholarship!"

Commitment to our Youth Important Scholarship Reminder



North West REC has a long-standing commitment to our youth. A couple of ways that we demonstrate this commitment is our scholarship and Youth Tour programs. Our board of directors has decided to enhance our scholarship program to provide even more assistance to graduating seniors who plan to continue their education beyond high school. The guidelines are listed in another section of the newsletter and on our web site.

There will be a \$1,000 and \$750 scholarship winner in each of our four districts based on a combination SAT/ACT scores, grade-point average, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals, and a written reference by a third party. In addition, there will be random drawings for \$500 and \$250 scholarships at each of our four annual district meetings that will be held in March and early April. In order to receive a scholarship, the senior student must be a son or daughter of a North West REC member and they must attend one of the four meetings. **The bottom line is that every senior who applies and attends one of the meetings will receive a minimum of a \$250 scholarship!** Hopefully you will agree that this is a great opportunity for our youth and demonstrates the strong commitment of North West REC to support them.

Youth Tour Program Reminder



Another great program we have for our youth is the Youth Tour program. We have been offering this program since the 1960's and will again be sending two students to Washington, D.C. this summer as part of the 2020 Youth Tour. Students who are selected to go on this trip will have the opportunity to meet students from all over the country, learn about the unique cooperative business model that we have, visit Capitol Hill to meet Iowa's legislative leaders and experience the sights and sounds and rich history of our nation's capital. Truly the trip of a lifetime!

Why do we offer this program? It's one way that we can help build the next generation of electric cooperative members and leaders. If you have a son or daughter who is a junior in high school this year, they are eligible to apply. I would strongly encourage you to visit with them about this opportunity and to encourage them to take a few minutes to apply.



Valeria Uribe and Paige Dagele
on the 2019 Youth Tour

Member Patronage Days are a Success

We had two successful Member Patronage Day events in December. One was at Primghar and one was at Le Mars. Over 700 members and guests attended and picked up patronage checks, enjoyed Christmas treats and visited with staff and fellow members.

I want to thank all the members who attended. This is one of our best member engagement opportunities, and we always enjoy visiting with our members. As a reminder, we have several member-engagement events throughout the year. We will have our four District Meetings in March/April (dates are listed on another page in this newsletter); two Member Appreciation Day events in late August/early September and our two Member Patronage Days in December. We rotate the districts where we hold the Appreciation Days and Patronage Days events. In 2019, we had the Appreciation Days at Sioux Center (District 1) and Holstein (District 4) and the Patronage Days at Primghar (District 2) and Le Mars (District 3). Next year we will rotate those events.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!



NORTH WEST REC OFFERS *Powerline Scholarships*

North West REC is again sponsoring a powerline scholarship. This program is designed to assist persons enrolled in a course of powerline training at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has met the eligibility requirements. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in the four county area served by North West REC (Iida, Plymouth, O'Brien and Sioux Counties)
- Be a member or the child of a member of North West REC
- Be accepted as a full time student in the powerline program at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon
- File a scholarship application with North West REC by Wednesday, March 25, 2020

All applicants are required to submit an application form as well as their most recent academic transcript. The criteria for the award will be based upon community and school activities, potential for success and grade point average.

A check will be made out to both the recipient and Northwest Iowa Community College and will be sent to the recipient prior to the beginning of the second semester of course work.

For an application or more information, check out our website or contact:

North West REC * Attn: Renee
PO Box 435 * Orange City, IA 51041 * 800-766-2099
rwynia@nwrec.coop

SCHOLARSHIPS *Available*



Additional Scholarships Awarded

North West REC and Basin Electric Power Cooperative will be sponsoring several scholarships to dependents of members of North West REC in 2020.

There will be one **\$1,000 scholarship winner** and one **\$750 scholarship winner** from each of the four districts of North West REC. The selection process for the \$1,000 scholarship winner and \$750 scholarship winner will be based on a combination of SAT/ACT scores and overall grade-point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals and a written reference by a third party. The winners of these scholarships will be recognized and awarded at the district meetings in the spring.

In addition, there will be several randomly selected \$500 and \$250 scholarships awarded to scholarship applicants at each of the four district meetings of North West REC. In order to receive one of the randomly selected \$500 and \$250 scholarships, students must be present at the meeting to win.

The scholarships are designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievements of students in the eight-state region where Basin Electric of Bismarck, ND, supplies wholesale electric power.

North West REC members may qualify if their dependent meets the following criteria:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Are current North West REC members
- Must be a senior in high school for the 2019-2020 school year and planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school
- Submit the application as provided by North West REC
- Return all completed forms no later than Friday, February 28, 2020

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, send in the registration form below, and we will send you an application form. You can also apply online by visiting our website at www.nwrec.coop or you can e-mail Renee at rwynia@nwrec.coop and she will mail you an application. If you have any questions, please call Renee at 712-707-4935 or 1-800-766-2099. All entries for the scholarship must be returned to the REC no later than **Friday, February 28!**

2020 BASIN SCHOLARSHIP REGISTRATION

Yes, I am interested in applying for the scholarship. Please send me the application form.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES TO CHANGE

The charges that apply for many of the services North West REC provides have not been adjusted for several years. The Management Team recently reviewed North West REC's Schedule of Charges and developed a recommendation for the board's consideration. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation at their regular monthly board meeting held on December 19, 2019.

The following is the new Schedule of Charges that will become effective on April 1, 2020.

Returned Check Charge	\$ 30.00
Posting Trip Charge	\$ 35.00
Reconnection Fee: (during hours)	\$ 85.00
(after hours)	\$200.00
Disconnect Fee	\$ 85.00
Idle Service Fee (monthly)	\$ 12.00
Meter Test (requested)	\$ 25.00
Referee Test (requested)	\$ 30.00
Electric heat submeter/setup (CT & socket)	\$ 75.00

Security Light Service Work

High Pressure Sodium – maintenance	\$ 50.00
LED – maintenance	\$ 80.00
(we will retrofit mercury vapor lights or high pressure sodium lights to LED's when maintenance is necessary) (apply a \$50 rebate)	\$240.00
Move security light to new pole	\$100.00
Move security light and pole	\$175.00
Remove security light from pole or disconnect security light	\$100.00

Sell security light to member – includes installation LED security light (will not install light on anything but a pole)	\$275.00
Replace a HPS light with an LED light (\$50 rebate on LED lights)	\$240.00

Locate member's fault on member's side (electrician needs to be present) \$125.00/hr.

Setting member's pole	\$175.00
Sell used pole to member (any size) (we will not set poles for gate posts, basketball hoops, etc.)	\$125.00

Basket/digger trucks, 2 men per hour, one hour minimum

- House moves, accidents, etc.

Member	\$225.00/hr.	\$275.00 OT
Non-Member	\$290.00/hr.	\$345.00 OT

 (for house moves, we need one week notice to notify members – cashier check or cash)
- Special multi-day commercial projects (wind)

Member and Non-Member	\$375.00/hr.
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Pick-up truck, one hour minimum

Member	\$125.00/hr.
Non-Member	\$175.00/hr.

Service Calls: (during hours)	\$175.00
(after hours)	\$250.00

If an electrician finds a problem with the North West REC equipment, we will reimburse the member for the electrician's call – up to \$125.00.

Line Extension

Overhead Single Phase Line:

There is a contribution-in-aid of construction charge of \$4.00 per foot.

Overhead Three Phase Line:

The member has the option of paying the cost of the three phase line extension up-front or making a contribution-in-aid payment to cover a portion of the line extension cost and signing a ten-year contract.

- There is a contribution-in-aid of construction charge of \$5.00 per foot.
- A ten-year contract with a monthly minimum charge would be required.

Installing URD

Single Phase underground	\$5.00/foot
Three Phase underground	\$10.00/foot
(If cable size is larger than 4/0, a higher per foot cost will apply)	

Please contact our office at 712-707-4935 or 1-800-766-2099 if you have any questions regarding these charges.

THE POWER QUIZ

NORTH WEST RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE


1. The 2020 Youth Tour is scheduled for _____.
2. What is the date of your district/annual meeting? _____.
3. Which appliances qualify for the "Pull the Plug" recycling rebate? _____ & _____.

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 March 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*

DECEMBER 2019



Greg Hooyer – Sioux Center
James De Boom – Sutherland
Allen Mulder – Rock Valley
Steven Schoenherr – Hinton
Randy Taylor – Rock Valley

Derek Stroman – Merrill
Robert Godbersen – Arthur
Gilbert Aberson – Orange City
Teunis Hoefakker – Rock Valley
Linda Douma – Sanborn



\$250 winners: Paul Palsma – Alton; Joel Ludwigs – Le Mars

North West Rural Electric Cooperative

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

Orange City office open
during noon hour

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

Ida Grove office
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