



**Harrison County
Rural Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



Celebrating 75 Years 1936-2011

HARRISON COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Member Appreciation

Monday, April 4, 2011

4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting

7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

**at Harrison County REC Headquarters/Warehouse
61 Fourth Street; Woodbine, Iowa**

****Please enter from the south using our front office doors to
Register and receive your membership gift****



Popcorn

Free Dinner & Dessert - served 4:00 - 6:45 P.M.

Ice Cream



Alegent Health Community Memorial Hospital
Cholesterol & Glucose testing (12-hour fasting) - cost is \$8.00

Harrison County Public Health Nurses
Blood pressure check, Diet, and Nutrition

Clowns, "Blossom & Dear Heart," will be back to entertain everyone with their balloon tying!

Educational & entertaining electric displays provided by Mike Riebman of Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Basket truck rides will be available, weather permitting.

Coloring Contest winners will be announced at 6:30 P.M.

Lots of prizes given away throughout the meeting, but you must be present to win the Energy Star prize at the end of the Business Meeting – 37" Toshiba LCD 1080P HD TV.

Please join our Celebration!

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**Don't Forget Kids –
March 25, 2011 (Friday) is the deadline
to get your pictures colored and back
to the REC for the coloring contest!**



Spring is Near

By Joe Farley, Manager/EVP

At last, Mother Nature is starting to loosen up and provide some warmer weather. We really can't argue about this winter when it pales to how brutal the last one was. However, we did have some severe and persistent cold snaps that pushed our usage up considerably.

With the coming of spring, our activities here at the Cooperative will be gearing up for more outside work. New construction should begin in early spring on the projects identified in our line strengthening and re-conducting projects. We are hoping to get contractors engaged and begin line work as soon as practical.

With this work you will be seeing different trucks, different personnel, and much more concentrated activity. The contract crews that will be hired will be professional line workers and all construction standards will be followed and work will be monitored by cooperative personnel.

We will also be doing some tree trimming and right-of-way clearing. We will be contracting with a tree trimming service for this work. Some of you may have been contacted by REC personnel already or you may have seen a note left hanging on your door. If you need to contact the REC office about a tree issue that was identified and communicated to you,

please do so. We intend to proceed with tree trimming very soon to prepare for the new construction work.

We here at the REC will be doing all we can to provide you with information regarding the construction activities. I would like to suggest that if you have any questions regarding the work being performed, please contact the office.

This work is going to be a great benefit to our members in service reliability. The result will be a much stronger and more reliable distribution system which will also reduce future maintenance costs.

Thank you for your membership and be safe!

Five ways to Spring into Energy Efficiency

Spring marks a perfect time of year to make your home more energy efficient. Here are five quick tips that will save both energy and money:

1. Seal cracks and gaps around your home. As you put away your storm windows consider adding weather stripping around leaky doors and caulking around window frames. "TogetherWeSave.com," a website sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, the branding program of the nation's not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric co-ops, shows how easy it is to use a caulking gun to seal up leaks around vents, ductwork, and windows. A typical member of Harrison County

REC can save more than \$200 annually by taking this simple step.

2. Change furnace and air conditioner filters monthly. Dirty filters restrict air flow and reduce the overall efficiency of your heating and cooling system by making it work harder on hot summer days.

3. Clean the refrigerator inside and outside. Check temperature settings on your refrigerator. Ideally, a refrigerator's temperature should be between 37 and 40 degrees for maximum, operating efficiency. Be sure to replace an old refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR rated refrigerator. These energy-efficient appliances can save Harrison County REC members as much as

\$100/year based on calculations from the "TogetherWeSave.com" website.

4. Think sun block. "TogetherWeSave.com" points out that by pulling down the shades on your windows this spring and summer, you could save about \$35/year. Your local hardware store likely carries lots of inexpensive window coverings. By blocking the sun, your house will stay cool and comfortable year-round.

5. Use a clothesline during warmer months and let sunlight and breezes dry clothes naturally. Reduce your electric bill by not running the clothes dryer. Air drying adds life to clothes and freshness from outside air.

Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative Director Candidates

DISTRICT #5

Boyer, Denison, Paradise, Union, Washington, and Willow Townships of Crawford County

James Sharp



Jim and wife, Sandi, operate a livestock farm in Washington Township near Arion, IA. They are parents of two grown children, a son and daughter. Jim and Sandi have four grandchildren. Jim operated his own full scale farming operation until 1987. Jim also worked 20 years for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. He holds a degree in Agri-Business from Iowa State University and served in the U.S. Army. Jim and Sandi are members of the United Methodist Church of Denison, IA. Jim enjoys raising sheep and spending time with family and friends. Jim serves as a director for the Crawford County chapter of Farm Bureau and is a member of the American Legion. Jim is completing his first term as director for Harrison County REC and has nearly completed the requirements for the Credentialed Cooperative Director certification through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

S. Kenneth Wright



Ken and wife, Connie, are parents of two grown sons (David and Sam) and five grown daughters (Julie, Susan, Carrie, Kendy, and Regeana). Ken and Connie reside in Boyer Township, Crawford County. The Wrights own and operate a 168-acre Century farm in Crawford County and Ken has worked on the farm for over 50 years. He also worked for Farmland Foods in Denison for 31 years. Ken is a past director of Harrison County REC and earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification during that time. He currently maintains a small herd of cattle as well as driving a school bus for the Boyer Valley School District and is a member of Farm Bureau. Ken's hobbies include horses and crafting 1/16th scale buildings for miniature farm displays. Ken and Connie are members of the Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, IA.

DISTRICT #6

Calhoun, Magnolia, and Raglan Townships of Harrison County

Lawrence E. Faylor



Larry farms 500 acres near Missouri Valley. His wife, Cheryl, passed away recently after a lengthy illness. Larry's operation consists of corn, soybeans, and pasture ground. Larry worked as a technician for John Deere Co. for 28 1/2 years. He also serves on the Harrison County Soil Conservation Commission. Larry likes to share that his grandfather settled here in 1856 after having driven an ox team and wagon to California in 1852 during the gold rush. He then took a ship the long way back and found his way to Harrison County. Larry states the family got REC power to their home place in 1949 allowing them to pump water, have lights, and other amenities that provided a much better quality of life. He understands and is impressed with the great changes that have occurred over the past 60 years.

Russell Kurth



Russell and wife, Peggy, live near Logan, IA. Russell recently retired from Natural Resource Conservation Service with 34 years of service. He was the District Conservationist for Harrison County for 24 years.

The Kurths are operators of a 250-acre family farm in Plymouth County, IA near Le Mars. Russell and Peggy are the parents of three grown sons. Russell served 12 years on the Harrison County Extension Council and serves on the Board for the Harrison County Farm Bureau. He is a member of the Logan Kiwanis club and is Grand Knight of the Logan Knights of Columbus Council. He has been a resident of Harrison County since 1986. He and Peggy are members of the St. Anne Catholic church in Logan and Russell serves on the parish council and finance council. He is a member of the Harrison County Corn and Soybean Grower Associations and Harrison County Cattlemen.

DISTRICT #7

Jefferson and LaGrange Townships of Harrison County and Boomer and Neola Townships of Pottawattamie County

Jake Heim



Jake, wife Tamara, and four-month old son, Jack, live in La Grange Township near Logan. The Heims farm approximately 1,000 acres consisting of 600 acres of row crop and 400 forage acres. They also have a 150 head cow-calf herd and background feeding operation. Along with farming Tamara also works part-time at the hospital in Blair, NE. Jake is a member of the Harrison County and Iowa Cattlemen Associations, American Angus Association, American Hereford Association and the Harrison County Farm Bureau. He and Tamara serve as co-chairpersons of the Harrison County Young Farmers committee. When Jake is not busy on the farm he enjoys deer hunting, attending livestock shows, spending time with his family, and attending church at the Logan Christian Church.

Ernest A. Stueve



Ernie and wife, Nancy, reside in Jefferson Township in Harrison County, northeast of Logan. They are the parents of four grown children with ten grandchildren. Ernie recently retired from the family partnership business of Stueve Trucking after 44 years. Ernie directed and played in area dance bands for 35 years as an enjoyable pastime. He is a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Logan where he has served as an Elder. Ernie is completing his third term on the Harrison County REC Board of Directors and has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification.

Please vote for one candidate from each district.

Local building professionals attend energy-efficient conference

The annual Momentum Is Building conference, sponsored by Iowa's electric cooperatives, was recently held in West Des Moines. Attendees include cooperative staff and building professionals from across Iowa, including electricians, HVAC professionals and building contractors.

The two-day conference focused on energy-efficient building practices by nationally known speakers, displays of the latest building products and techniques, and networking among the building professionals and electric cooperative staff. Momentum Is Building is partially funded by a grant from the Iowa Energy Center.

Topics addressed at the conference included:

- * Energy Efficiency Trends for Iowa
- * Electric Code Update
- * Geothermal Heat Pump Basics and Advanced Applications
- * Insulation Fundamentals
- * Hands-on Wall Building
- * Safe Deep Retrofits
- * Energy Efficiency: It's Good Business
- * Legislation Affecting Local Building Businesses

Several of the sessions provided continuing education credits for the attending professionals.

Randy Coyle says, "Each year Harrison County REC participates in the conference, along with our local building trade professionals so that we learn new energy-efficient techniques and building science principles that can be applied to building and remodeling projects in our community."

To learn more about attending Momentum Is Building in the future, contact Randy Coyle member service director at 647-2727, 800-822-5591 or rcoyle@hcrec.coop.



Harrison County REC Member Service Director Randy Coyle and Electric Serviceman Vic Crowder



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Check your HVAC system's air filter monthly. If it looks dirty, change it. A dirty filter makes your system work harder.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

NOTICE - Winter Moratorium Ends

After April 1, 2011, we do not have to post your premise with a 24-hour disconnect notice. **Disconnection may occur immediately.**

In order to avoid disconnection of your electric service, the past due balance must be paid prior to April 1, 2011, or request a reasonable payment agreement for that past due account balance.

Take the proper steps to avoid disconnection. Due dates and disconnect dates will be strictly enforced.

Winter moratorium participants should contact Lori Barry, Director of Administration/Finance, at 647-2727 or 800-822-5591 as soon as possible to make payment arrangements for the deferred winter moratorium balance.

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

PARENTS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Hey Kids..... Color a picture & win a great prize!

Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative wants **YOU to play it safe around electricity** and we want to celebrate by giving away three great prizes in each age group. All you have to do is color the picture on the back and return it to **Jackie Androy at Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative (REC)**. Here are the contest rules:

- **Entrants must be 12 years old or younger.
One winner for each age group: (3-5, 6-8, 9-12)**
- **There will also be prizes awarded for 2nd and 3rd places in each age group.**
- **Your parents must be members of Harrison County REC.**
- **Children of Harrison County REC employees are not eligible to participate.**
- **Pictures must be returned to Harrison County REC or postmarked by March 25, 2011.**
- **Contest judging by employees of Harrison County REC.**

We want to educate children in our community to be aware of electrical safety! Harrison County REC is your Touchstone Energy Cooperative and we are Committed to the Communities we serve.

If you need additional copies or have questions contact Jackie Androy at 647-2727 or 800-822-5591 or e-mail jandroy@hcrec.coop.

Good Luck Kids!!!

Ask an adult to have broken wires fixed.



RECare Program Information

Members helping Members

Your Rural Electric Cooperative has always extended a helping hand to those needing it. Now, in response to actions by the Iowa General Assembly, your REC has established RECare, a program of members helping members. RECare will provide funds to be distributed by local community action agencies to help pay winter heating bills and assist in weatherization of homes of low-income consumers of this Cooperative.

You may make a one-time contribution or you may make a monthly pledge that will be automatically added to your monthly electric bill. You may also make your contribution part of a matching fund, if there is one established. Even a dollar a month pledge will help others.

Consumer Authorization Form

Yes! I want to be a part of members helping members and contribute to RECare.

____ I will make a one-time contribution to RECare. My check is enclosed.

____ I will contribute \$_____ per month to RECare.

I understand this amount will be added to my monthly electric bill.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account Number: _____

Mail to: **Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative**
P.O. Box 2
Woodbine, IA 51579-0002

Electrical Safety When Working Outside –

As spring-like temperatures begin to melt the snow and ice and issue an invitation to venture outside, the effects of the long winter will become apparent for many homeowners. While winter may likely return for a few more visits before its annual retreat, there will be urges to begin some clean up around homes and landscaping. When working outside, be cautious of overhead electric lines and potential problems.

Winter ice storms may have broken branches in trees that are unsightly and need to be removed. However, if a tree or branch is near an overhead power line, beware that cutting or pulling down a branch may result in making contact with live power lines. Moisture in the branch can become a conductor as the electricity seeks a path to the ground, and your body may complete the path.

If you spot a branch or debris left by winter winds on your roof, be careful as you carry and place your metal ladder. Metal ladders can conduct electricity if put in contact with your home's electric service lines. This is also true for tools that you may be using, if they come in direct contact with electric lines causing the tools to be energized.

Look up, checking to see how close your work may be to overhead power lines and avoid contact with them. Call Harrison County REC 647-2727 or 800-822-5591 to assist you or handle those close encounter jobs.

When using power tools don't stand in puddles or wet areas. Wait for the area to dry.

Also, check the electric cords on your power tools before plugging them into the outlet.

**WORK SAFELY
OUTSIDE!!**

Meatloaf with Tomato Gravy

2 lbs. ground beef	1 tsp. salt
2 eggs, slightly beaten	½ tsp. pepper
1 cup milk	1 cup soft breadcrumbs
3 tbsp. ketchup	½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. minced onion	2 strips bacon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; Coat 9x5x3" loaf pan with cooking spray. In large bowl mix ground beef, eggs, milk, ketchup, onion, salt and pepper; fold in breadcrumbs and cheese; Place in pan, cover with bacon and bake 60-75 minutes

Gravy

2 tbsp. shortening	¼ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour	¼ tsp. pepper
1 ½ cups v-8 juice	

Over medium heat, melt shortening; stir in flour and cook stirring for 2 minutes.

Add V-8 juice, salt and pepper; Cook, stirring constantly until thickened, approx. 5 minutes. Serve over or with meatloaf.



Swap Column

For Sale: 2004 Toyota Sienna LE Mini Van; 149M miles, V-6, Auto, Power windows & doors; Quad seats; \$8M Firm; Call 712-643-5141, Leave a message if no answer and we'll get back to you.

For Sale: Male Pigmy goat; Call 712-456-2036

For Sale: 15-16" horse saddle; Excellent condition; \$75; Call 712-456-2036

For Sale: 350 Chevy rebuilt transmission; 20M miles; \$100; Call 712-456-2036

Official Notice

The following statement is made in accordance with Appendix A – REA Bulletin 20-19:320-19, Revision of March 14, 2000.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is F. Joe Farley, Manager/EVP. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with the Cooperative; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Stop 1510, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-1510; or the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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3 GREAT DAYS OF EDUCATION AND FUN can be yours on the Energy Trail Tour, sponsored by Harrison County REC and NIPCO. Learn how water and coal are used to make electricity. See mining area returned to productive land. Enjoy the fellowship of other cooperative member-owners in a comfortable motor coach. Lodging, meals and entry fees are included. Nine lucky couples from Harrison County REC will be selected at random from those who sign up. You might be one of them, so sign up today!

Your cost: just \$50 per couple!

YES, please enter our names in the drawing for the trip. We understand that if our names are drawn, we will be billed \$50.

Our first and second choice of dates:

July 13-15 1st 2nd
July 27-29 1st 2nd (please circle)
Aug. 10-12 1st 2nd

I/we have have not participated in this tour in the past.

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Clip coupon and return to REC office by May 6, 2011