



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Highline Headlines

75 years of safe, reliable, efficient service and environmental responsibility.

"Access Energy Cooperative is dedicated to exceeding members' and customers' expectations for safe, reliable, efficient service and environmental responsibility."

2014 Youth Programs

Win a Trip to Washington DC

Access Energy Cooperative will be sponsoring two students on an exciting all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 12-20, 2014. To be eligible to apply, students must be a high school sophomore or junior attending a school in southeast Iowa.



Scholarships Available

Three \$500 scholarships are available for qualifying high school seniors who will be receiving post-secondary education and whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative.



Poster Contest for K-6th Grade

Fifty dollars will be awarded from Access Energy Cooperative to two K-6 winners from each grade level. Poster should focus on energy conservation and efficiency, and/or renewable sources of energy such as wind, biomass, and solar.



Deadline is March 3, 2014

Deadline is March 14, 2014

Deadline is April 11, 2014

DETAILS ABOUT ALL OUR PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS ARE AVAILABLE:

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10th Annual Photo Contest

We're looking for photos for the 2015 calendar of rural settings in southeast Iowa including landscapes, animals, buildings or people in any season of the year. We will reward 12 of the best entries with fifty dollars and use them in our calendars.



Deadline is March 31, 2014

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Manager's Corner



General Manager/CEO Robert Swindell

I'm glad to once again end the year with some good news in regards to our rates and wholesale power cost for next year. We will not be seeing an increase in our wholesale power cost for 2014. Because our wholesale power cost makes up about sixty percent of our **total** cost of business, we will be able to maintain our current rates in 2014.

While it's still much too early to have good projections for 2015, our generation cooperative, Associated Electric Cooperative Inc (AECI) is anticipating a significant increase in our cost for transporting coal. Our long term contracts with the railroads are ending, and the new delivered cost of coal to our New Madrid plants will increase by twenty five percent. The other major issue impacting our

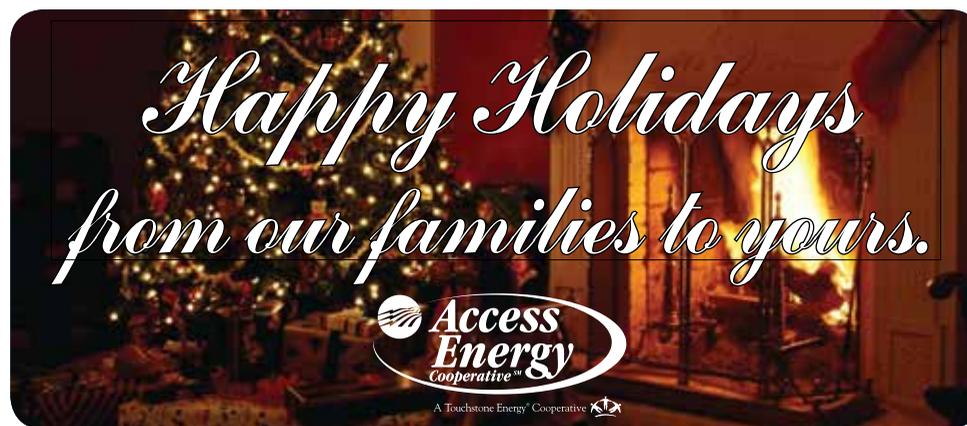
rates will continue to be environmental costs. We are expecting new rules from the EPA on existing power plants which most certainly will add cost to both our coal and natural gas generating facilities.

Once again, I would like to remind you of our RECare Program. Our RECare Program allows you to add a donation to your monthly bill to help other members with their monthly bills. The majority of the families assisted by RECare are elderly or handicapped. Proposed federal budget cuts will significantly lower the amount of funds through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps these deserving people with their heating bills. With fewer dollars available to LIHEAP the need for additional assistance will be greater this coming heating season. Your contribution to our RECare will help

these folks served by Access Energy Cooperative.

With the continued sluggish economy, I also realize that some members maybe experiencing problems with their electric bills. I would encourage you to contact our billing department, who will be happy to work with you on a payment plan to spread part of your monthly bill out over several months. In order to avoid additional charges associated with being delinquent with your payment, it is always best to contact us prior to your due date.

As this is the last newsletter for 2013, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of Access Energy Cooperative, to thank you for your support of the cooperative during 2013 and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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Carry a Weather Radio in Your Pocket

As a member of Access Energy Cooperative, we are offering a premium **Weather** Radio smartphone app at absolutely no cost to you! At a value of \$9.99 this application, designed for iOS and Android devices, will automatically send you **alerts** about impending adverse weather at your location; audibly announce weather watches, warnings and advisories; and provide you with live radar data. Plus, you have the **ability** to **add** alerts for up to 5 different locations to ensure the safety of family, friends and assets.

Set-up is easy! Just open the App Store on iOS or Google Play on Android and search for the free "Touchstone Energy Weather Connection". Once inside the App, find and select "Co-op Code", and enter Access Energy Cooperative's code to unlock premium "weather radio" functionality. You could also receive customized alerts from us, including outage restoration alerts and updates.

Stop in today to pick up your Access Energy Cooperative weather app code!!



BE SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

Before your family puts up a tree or hangs the stockings this holiday season, start a new tradition. Put safety at the top of your list. Trees and lights are danger-prone holiday decorations. According to the United States Fire Administration, Christmas trees start an average of 260 house fires each season, resulting in more than \$16 million in property damage. Another 150 house fires are sparked by holiday lights and decorative lighting, costing \$8.9 million in damage. Typically, all of these fires are more severe and damaging, resulting in twice the injuries and five times the fatalities per blaze compared to average winter home fires.

Unsafe practices while putting up decorations are to blame for even more injuries. Nearly 6,000 individuals visit emergency rooms each year for falls that occur. Four thousand more are treated for injuries associated with extension cords.

But safety steps don't **end** with bright decorations. Gifts trigger injuries, too. Toys that are not used as intended or used without proper supervision lead to avoidable accidents. Electrical shocks, burns, or injuries from sharp, pointed, or moving parts are to blame for many of these injuries according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

When it is time to deck your halls, take these precautions to **ensure** the safety of you, your family, and holiday guests:

TREES

Real or artificial, short or tall, Christmas trees are often the culprit for danger. Incorporate these safety guidelines in your decorating routine:

- Make sure an artificial tree is labeled "fire resistant." Be aware that "fire resistant" does not mean "fire proof." Exercise caution when it comes to your tree.
- Make sure a live tree is fresh and green. Dry, brittle limbs and shedding needles are a breeding ground for sparks. Water a live tree regularly to prevent it from drying out.
- Place any type of tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, vents, and radiators.

LIGHTS

Festive lights give homes a magical glow both inside and out. When decorating this season, a few simple safety tips can keep your spirits bright.

- Do not overload electrical outlets. Most lights are designed to connect no more than three strands. Inspect the wires periodically to make sure they are intact and not warm to the touch.
- Never leave lights on overnight or when no one is home.
- Only use lights that have been approved by an independent testing laboratory.
- Replace any strands that show signs of damage, such as bare or frayed wires, broken bulbs, or loose connections. Faulty lights can send an electrical charge through a tree and electrocute anyone who comes in contact with a branch.

GIFTS

The thrill of holiday presents is quickly forgotten when a gift leads to injury. Here are a few suggestions to keep children safe:

- Select gifts that are age appropriate for the recipient. Toys recommended for older children pose too many risks for younger children to use safely.
- Educate children on electrical safety when using any new toy or product that requires an electrical connection.
- Review all instructions and safety guidelines included with new products before you allow the child to use it. This ensures the safety of the child and protects the integrity of the product.

Make sure safety ranks at the top of your "to do" list this holiday season. Like the old Christmas song says, there is no place like home for the holidays—especially when your family is safe and your home is filled with good cheer.

Sources: Sara Peterson; United States Fire Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission

Take Control & Save

A Cooperative Effort for Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency Rebates & Programs

ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

- * Energy Star® Room Air Conditioner.....\$ 50
- * Water heater (Electric only; At least 90% efficient)\$100

HEAT PUMPS

- * Air to Air Source - at least 16.5 SEER (w/Elec. Resist.) \$100 per ton
- * Mini-Split Air Source - at least 16.5 SEER \$250 per ton
- * Dual Fuel Source - at least 16.5 SEER (gas back up) \$250 per ton
- * Ground Source - at least 19.1 EER
- * replacing existing ground source unit..... \$400 per ton
- * new & replacing other heat source type \$750 per ton

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES\$250 per KW

- * Capped at capacity. Access Energy Cooperative owns any carbon credits generated.

HOME WEATHERIZATION INCENTIVESUp to \$500 maximum

- * Incentives are available to those who choose to make energy saving improvements recommended by Access Energy Cooperative following a FREE energy audit conducted by us.
- * Improvements must be completed in recommended order by AEC.

BUSINESS LIGHTING REBATE

- * Must have at least 10 eligible fixtures at a commercial, industrial or ag business member's account of Access Energy Cooperative.
- * Fluorescent T-5 and T-8 lighting systems with electronic ballasts
- * LED (light emitting diode) and LED exit signs
- * Occupancy Sensors
- * Bulbs and fixtures must be evaluated by AEC to determine eligibility based on an audit of existing lighting prior to any installation of new equipment. A knowledgeable employee from the business needs to be present to guide AEC through the initial walk-through lighting audit.
- * Total rebate amount is limited to \$30,000 per member per year and will not exceed 40% of the total equipment cost.

FREE ENERGY AUDITS & REBATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS

- * Conducted by a qualified Access Energy Representative
- * Blower door test to check for air leaks and gaps
- * Inspect insulation, doors, windows, lighting, appliances, and much more
- * Weatherization improvements suggested at audit are eligible for incentive up to \$500

LOW INTEREST LOANS

Access Energy Cooperative has ERC low interest loans available for the cost of materials and labor for energy efficiency home improvements in new or existing structures. For more details see our website.

Specific requirements apply to individual rebates. For more information on rebates, low interest loans or to schedule a free energy audit call 385.1577 or 1.866.242.4232 or visit our website at www.accessenergycoop.com.

LEDs Exceed 2014 Standards

Congress called for improved energy efficiency standards for traditional incandescent bulbs under the federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. By 2014, a lightbulb using between 40 watt to 100 watt must consume at least 28 percent less energy than a classic bulb. The change will save Americans an estimated \$6 billion to \$10 billion in lighting costs annually.

When the next wave of standards kicks in next month, traditional 40 watt and 60-W incandescents will no longer be available. In their place, some consumers are filling the gap with a solid solution: LEDs.

'SOLID' LIGHTING

Incandescent bulbs create light using a thin wire (filament) inside a glass bulb—a delicate connection that can easily be broken, as frustrated homeowners can attest. In contrast, LEDs are at the forefront of solid-state lighting—small, packed electronic chip devices. Two conductive materials are placed together on a chip (a diode). Electricity passes through the diode, releasing energy in the form of light.

Invented in 1960 by General Electric, the first LEDs were red—the color depends on materials placed on the diode. Yellow, green, and orange LEDs were created in the 1970s and the recipe for the color blue—the foundation for white LEDs—was unlocked in the mid-1990s. Originally used in remote controls, exit signs, digital watches, alarm clocks, and car signal lights, LEDs quickly gained momentum for large-scale lighting.

MEASURING LED POTENTIAL

The Cooperative Research Network has partnered with several electric cooperatives throughout the United States to test LEDs. Researchers are cautiously optimistic; LEDs offer several benefits:

- LEDs could last longer, perhaps for decades
- The energy to use LEDs could be substantially less than that of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) or other fluorescents
- With no mercury content, LEDs are more environmentally friendly
- The products are rugged and more resistant to breakage
- LEDs perform well in cold climates, especially outside
- LEDs can be dimmed and produce a more pleasing light

However, some consumers avoid LEDs because the price tag exceeds normal lightbulb costs. But the true value lies in the lifetime of the bulb. It takes about 50 traditional incandescent bulbs, or eight to ten CFLs, to last as long as one LED lamp.

BUYER BEWARE

Poor quality LED products are flooding the marketplace. Some are manufactured outside of the United States with components that produce low light levels, don't boast a long service life, or make exaggerated energy saving claims.

Don't be fooled. Look for the U.S. Department of Energy's ENERGY STAR logo for guaranteed color quality over time, steady light output over the lifetime, high efficiency, and a warranty.

You can also look for an LED Lighting Facts label. The label helps consumers compare products to manufacturer claims and similar products with a quick summary of performance in five areas:

- **Lumens:** Measures light output. The higher the number, the more light is emitted.
- **Lumens per watt (lm/W):** Measures efficiency. The higher the number, the more efficient the product.
- **Watts:** Measures the energy required to light the product. The lower the wattage, the less energy is used.
- **Correlated Color Temperature (CCT):** Measures light color. "Cool" colors have higher Kelvin temperatures (3,600–5,500 K); "warm" colors have lower color temperatures (2,700–3,000 K). Cool white light is usually better for visual tasks. Warm white light is usually better for living spaces because it casts a warmer light on skin and clothing. Color temperatures of 2,700 to 3,600 K are recommended for most general indoor and task lighting.
- **Color Rendering Index (CRI):** Measures the effect of the lamp's light spectrum on the color appearance of objects. The higher the number, the truer the appearance of the light. Incandescent lighting is 100 on the CRI.

SHEDDING LIGHT ON LEDS

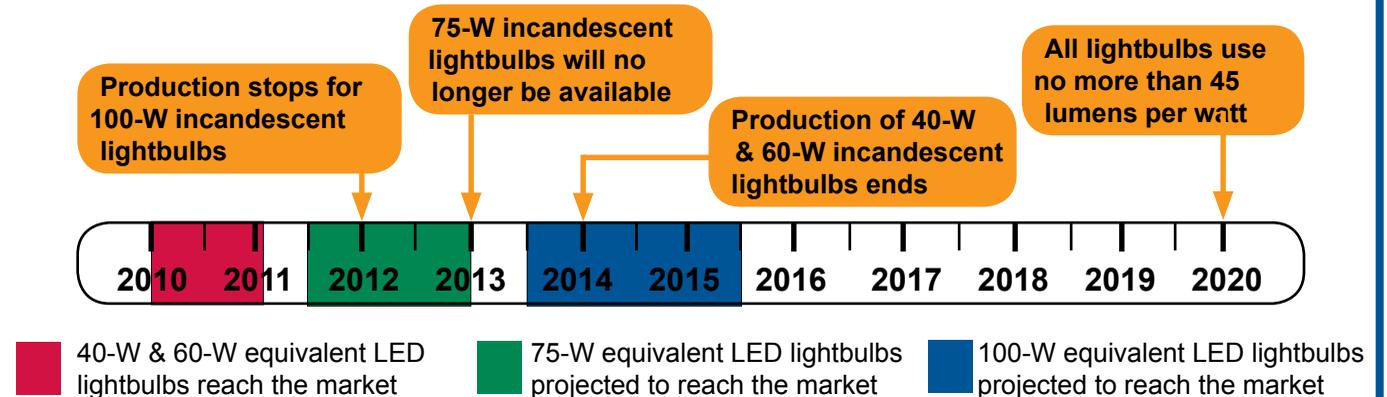
More lighting efficiency changes are coming. Congress' measure mandates lightbulbs become 70 percent more efficient by 2020.

Curious to know if LEDs are right for you? Learn how to know by using LED labels at www.lightingfacts.com/content/consumers. Homeowners can visit www.energysavers.gov/lighting to compare LEDs to new energy-efficient incandescent bulbs and CFLs.

Sources: Megan McKoy-Noe and Brian Sloboda; The Association of Electrical Equipment and Medical Imaging Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Energy, Cooperative Research Network

LEDs: A Decade of Change

By 2014, lightbulbs using between 40-W to 100-W must consume at least 28% less energy than traditional incandescents, saving Americans an estimated \$6 billion to \$10 billion in lighting costs annually. The Federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2001 also mandates that lightbulbs become 70% more efficient by 2020. Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are quickly evolving to meet this challenge.



*Celebrating
75 Years*

Still providing safe,
reliable, efficient service...
because we care.

Happy Holidays from our Family to Yours!



Annual Meeting Survey Results

During September of 2013, Access Energy conducted a bill insert survey of all members to find out what you thought about our 2013 Annual Meeting of Members. These results reflect the responses from 1237 members who participated in the survey. Of your responses, 29% had attended the meeting. Of the 71% who did not attend, 37% had a previous commitment.

We were pleased to discover that you offered us very positive ratings on the items that seem to be most important to you for the event. While the meal, location and free gift are important (and you gave us very high ratings on them – thank you), the MOST important things you stated were prize drawings and dividend check distribution, and you also rated them very highly.

We didn't have many people stop to receive a free weather radio app for your smart phone; however if you indicated on the survey that you were interested, we will be trying to contact you soon to make sure you receive a free code to access it. We still have additional free codes left, so if you are interested, please contact our office.

While 95% of you said you preferred an evening meeting, there was a split vote for the time of year you prefer to hold your annual meeting, with 49% in the summer and 47% preferring a fall meeting. Our Articles of Incorporation dictate when we hold your annual meeting, and you the members control the Articles of Incorporation, so ultimately you can decide when we have it.

The majority of you said you would prefer musical entertainment over speakers; however 25% of you also like special features such as the hot air balloon we had this year.

We appreciated all of you who stopped at our social media booth. We launched our Facebook Page and Twitter account just before the meeting. Please take a moment to like us at www.facebook.com/AccessEnergyCoop and follow us on Twitter at @AccessEnergyC. We also invite you to visit our website for all kinds of information on safety, energy efficiency, youth programs, rebate information, our Coop Connections Card program and so much more.

We were pleased that you were pleased with this year's menu at the meeting. While 66% of you said you liked it the same as we have had in the past, 29% of you said you liked it better. That sure offers us a challenge for next year to make it even better, especially since 30% of you said the food was the best part of the meeting.

If there is something about the meeting you didn't like, it was the weather and the business meeting portion of the event. We cannot control Mother Nature, we just hope she cooperates on the day we choose. And it is important for you to know what is going on at your cooperative, so we found out that we need to work on finding ways to make the business meeting more enjoyable for you to get to know your cooperative.

A big thank you to all members who submitted a survey and let us know how you feel about your annual meeting. And congratulations to those who won a \$50 bill credit for turning theirs in.



Russell Morey, Mt. Pleasant

Tyler Freese, Mt. Pleasant

Krystle Evans, Lockridge

Robert Jones, Wever

Dennis Smith, Fairfield

TOGETHERWESAVE.COM

Tip of the Day

When you go to our website, you can click on the Together We Save icon in the lower right corner for an extension of our energy saving ideas.

Now, the Together We Save campaign is helping to spread energy efficiency ideas with a mobile app, too. The app is available for Blackberry, Droid, and iPhone, and delivers a simple easy-to-follow energy efficiency "Tip of the Day."

Visit accessenergycoop.com (or use your smart phone to read the QR code at the right) and click on Together We Save for a link to download this free app.



Saving Money Through Advanced Power Strips

Remote Switch

Power Strip
A tethered switch or a remote switch.

Pros: Power strip can be turned off by the user via a remote switch.

Cons: To save any energy, you have to remember to turn off the power strip each time.

Timer

Power Strip
Digital or dial timer

Pros: Power strip automatically turns off outlets based on a pre-set schedule.

Cons: You have to set up the timer and stick to your schedule for maximum energy savings.

Master Controlled Power Strip

One outlet is labeled "master".

Pros: When a tv or computer is turned off by the user, the powerstrip automatically turns off the controlled outlets where the peripheral devices are plugged in.

Cons: Can be tricky to select your "master" device.

Activity Monitor

Power Strip

Motion sensor or an infrared "eye" that detects remote control use around the TV or stereo.

Pros: Power strip looks for signs of activity in the room, and turns off outlets if none is detected.

Cons: Motion sensors don't always work perfectly.

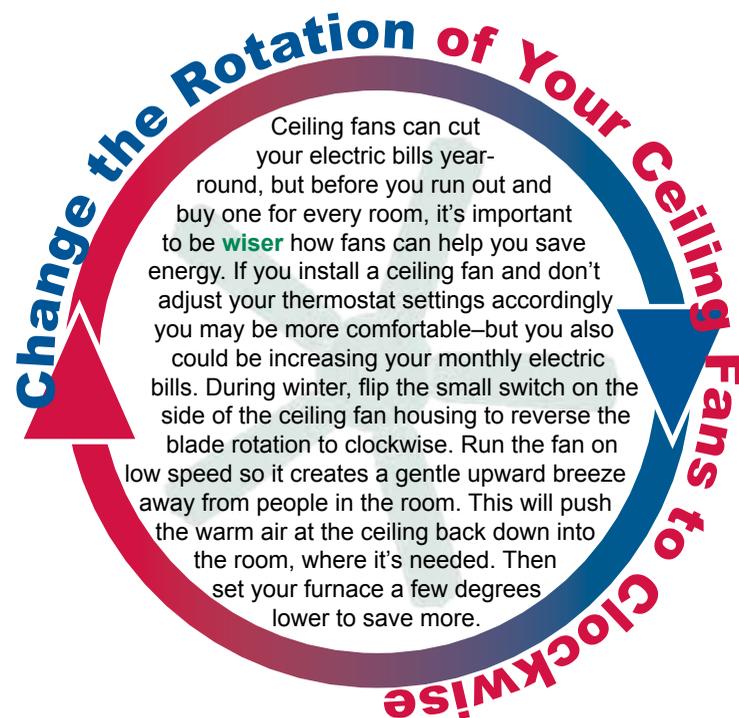
Masterless Power Strip

No "master" outlet. Description should include "automatic switching" or "power detection".

Pros: When all of the controlled devices are turned off, the power strip turns off power to those outlets completely eliminating all of the vampire loads.

Cons: Turning off one high-powered appliance could turn off the entire power strip.

Power Strips are listed from least to most expensive.



Peak Alerts Why They Matter to You

Just as you can get a cheaper airfare by catching a red-eye flight, using energy when fewer folks are pulling power out of the electric grid generally costs your co-op—and ultimately you—much less.

There's a certain amount of energy we all use, even when we are asleep. Refrigerators, air conditioning and heating systems, and other steady appliances create base load power requirements—the minimum amount of power you rely on us to supply.

Of course, we all have energy use patterns—television shows to watch, dishes to wash, etc. Lots of consumers tend to use electricity during the same “peak” periods—in the morning to warm up the house and get kids ready for school, and in the afternoon after work when a home lights up with power-draining activities. And then there's the interval between these two extremes.

WHY TIMING MATTERS

Why does Access Energy Cooperative carefully monitor member energy use or “load” patterns? Our price for wholesale power rises and falls depending on the type of fuel (coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydro, etc.) used to generate electricity, which largely depends on the time of day when power is used. For example, generating baseload power with coal costs far less than starting up a natural gas peaking plant to meet peak electricity consumption on hot, humid summer weekday afternoons or extremely frigid winter mornings.

SUPPLY TYPES

Here's a quick look at the types of power plants and fuels used to supply electricity at various times:

Baseload: These are large, efficient generating stations providing enough dependable electric power at a low cost to meet the minimum level of electricity needed at any given time. They do not start or stop quickly, and instead are run around the clock. Power Sources include coal, nuclear, hydro, and large natural gas-fired power plants; in some regions biomass and geothermal power stations.

Intermediate Load: These plants handle sharp increases in demand, filling the gap between baseload plants and peaking plants. Also known as load-following plants, these facilities are larger and therefore more efficient than peaking plants. Power Sources include natural gas and coal.

Peak Load: Though expensive and small, these plants can start generating power quickly during times when electric consumption reaches its highest point. Power Sources include natural gas and diesel fuel.

HELP US KEEP YOUR BILL AFFORDABLE

Access Energy Cooperative remains committed to providing you with affordable power, and there are some costs we can control with YOUR help. As an owner of Access Energy Cooperative, you can help if you reorganize your energy-related tasks so you use less during a peak alert.



Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Electric bills rise in the winter for lots of reasons—holiday parties, house guests, and shorter days and longer nights. Take little measures to help control costs like turning down the thermostat, washing clothes in cold water, swapping out lightbulbs for high-efficiency versions, and using microwaves or toaster ovens to cook. Find more ways to save at www.accessenergycoop.com

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

Learn How to Lower Your Electric Bill

Keep your radio tuned into Doug Rye on his Saturday morning program, sponsored by Access Energy Cooperative. Doug is one of the best-known residential energy consultants in the nation. For more information about Doug Rye's home energy tips, visit his home page at www.dougye.com or listen to Doug's radio program “Home Remedies” airing on the following radio station:

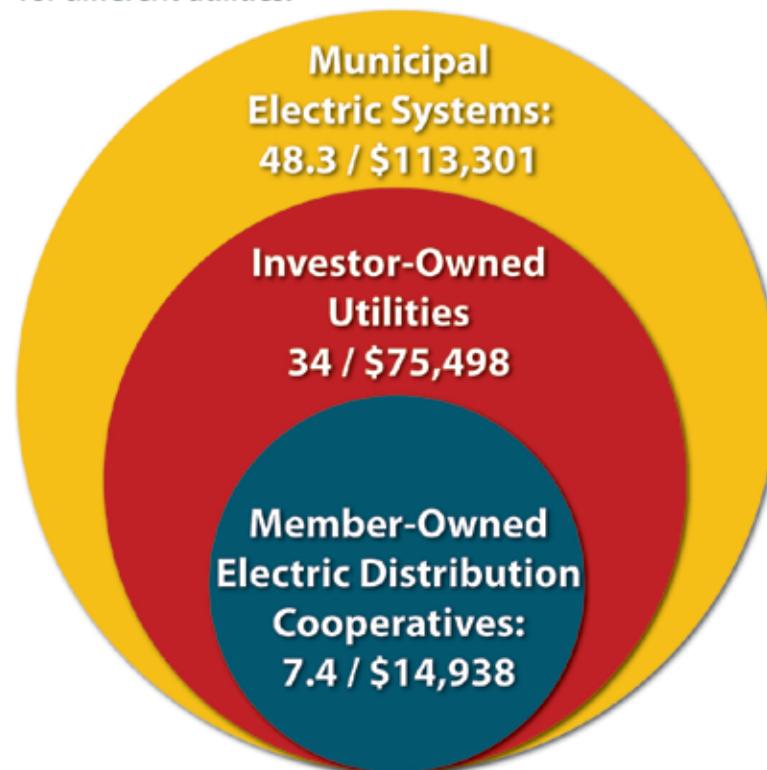


**KILJ FM 105.5
9–10 AM**

Revenue in Review

Because of higher population densities (more consumers served per mile of line), municipal electric systems and investor-owned utilities receive more revenue per mile of line than electric cooperatives.

Consumers served/revenue per mile of line for different utilities:



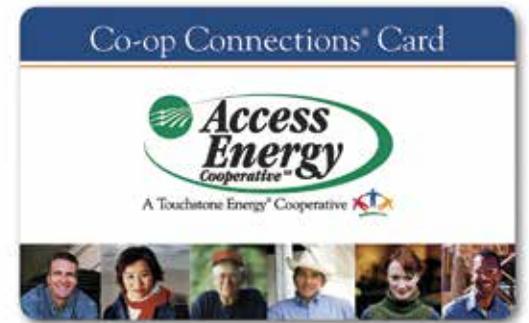
Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, September 2013

Members Continue to Save!!

In October, thirty-one members saved \$578 dollars in prescriptions. A total of \$6029 for 2013. We have also continued visiting with area businesses and adding to the list of local deals.

Check out our website at www.accessenergycoop.com to find out information on these continued discounts offered by the following businesses:

- Addy May Fudge, Bonaparte **Purchase 1lb minimum fudge, receive a 10% discount on 2014 theater tickets**
- All American Tree Service, New London **Free stump grinding with any tree removal or 10% off any tree maintenance**
- Amy Becker Photography, Mt. Pleasant **One free "basic" family portrait session (Values at \$50.00)**
- Any Wear Apparel, Mt. Pleasant **\$5.00 off any \$35.00 in-stock purchase**
- Bel-Capelli Salon & Tanning, Denmark **10% off services or retail purchases**
- Bezoni's True Value, Mt. Pleasant **10% off regular priced paint brushes or rollers**
- Blue Fish, Fairfield **10% off of any purchase**
- Brown's Shoe Fit Co., Mt. Pleasant **10% off any Regular Price Footwear. Some exclusions apply**
- Cedar Valley Winery, Batavia **10% off of regularly priced wine & wine accessories**
- Clever Container, Wendy Lemon, New London **Double Host Credit**
- Dollar Plus, Inc., Keosauqua **Free gift with \$15 purchase**
- Dotty's Sewing Nook, Fairfield **Cost of tax discounted to card holders**
- Fairfield True Value, Fairfield **5% off appliances of \$599.00 or more**
- Freedom Foam Insulators, Fairfield: **5% off for members**
- Hotel Manning, Keosauqua **\$5 off published rates**
- Iris City Cleaners & Laundry Company, Mt. Pleasant **Discount changes. November 20% off jackets and coats**
- Kelly Supply Company, Fairfield **10% off on plumbing fittings and tools**
- Ladies Workout Express, Fairfield **Free membership - savings of \$34.95 and one week free trial**
- Lia Sophia, Judy Stuecker West Point **Free shipping on any order**
- McDonalds, Mt. Pleasant & Fairfield **Free size up on all value meals (get large fry and soft drink)**
- Misty's Malt Shop, Keosauqua **Purchase full meal get small ice cream cone free**
- Mount Pleasant Tire & Service, Mt. Pleasant **\$4.00 off an oil change**
- NATEL, Fairfield: **20% discount on 1st year of internet service**
- Oakwood Nursey & Garden **10% on nursery stock, mulches, fertilizer, and garden chemicals**
- Riverbend Pizza & Streakhouse, Keosauqua **Free drinks with a dinner purchase (no alcohol)**
- Salon Pro 34, Mt. Pleasant **3 offers to save! see details.**
- Shaeffer Memorial Golf Course, Fort Madison **\$2 off any regular priced 18 holes with cart and 5% off regularly priced Pro Shop item**
- The Bronzing Depot Tanning & Beauty Salon, Salem **10% off color services and tanning packages**
- The Full Effect Salon, Fairfield **\$2.00 off any one service or product sold per visit**
- The Guitar Farm, New London: **10% off purchase of any guitar or amplifier**
- The Shear Advantage, Mt. Pleasant **One time use \$5 off next appointment with any stylist**
- Total Connexions, Mt. Pleasant: **Buy one, get one free accessories for new lines of services. Buy one get one 50% off on upgraded lines of service**
- Trendy Looks, Montrose **25% off any product**
- Triage Duct Cleaning, Mt. Pleasant **Free dryer vent cleaning with whole house duct cleaning**
- Village Cup & Cakes, Keosauqua **Free dessert with a meal purchase of \$8 or more**
- Whitetail Country Estates, Washington: **20% off all packages hunting and lodging**



The fast track to feeling GREAT



Do you know of an event in southeast Iowa you would like to see posted on our website?

Do you have something you would like to sell?

Go to our website www.accessenergycoop.com to submit your event or classified item or call us at 1.866.242.4232 and we can do it for you.

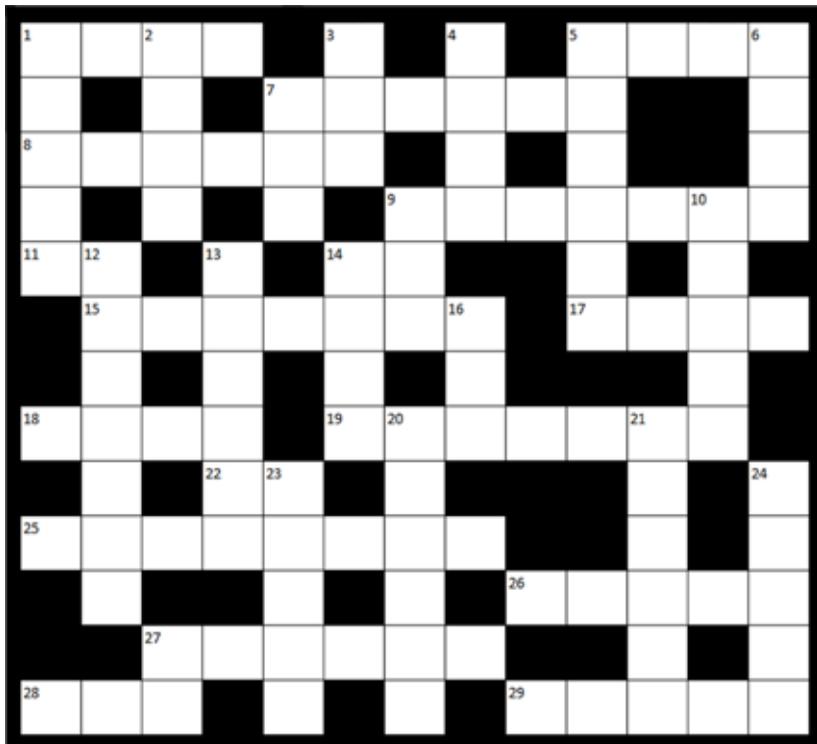


Win \$25 By Learning About Your Cooperative!

Access Energy Cooperative members can win \$25 by completing the crossword below correctly. Members may clip out their answers and send them by December 30, 2013, to: Access Energy Cooperative, Attn: Crossword Puzzle, P.O. Box 440, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641. Most of the answers are bold and highlighted elsewhere in this issue of the Highline Headlines. If more than one person answers all of the questions correctly by the deadline, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Only one prize will be given for the crossword puzzle.

Name _____

Address _____



Last month's winner is Rose Schillerstrom of Fairfield.

ACROSS

- 1 Access Energy sponsors two students on this
- 5 In the survey, half of you said you like the meeting in the summer, half said a different time of this
- 7 See page 3 for precautions that will do this for your safety
- 8 We will do this for the photographers who submit the 12 winning entries
- 9 You have this to add extra locations to your weather radio app
- 11 Short for each
- 14 Short for television
- 15 A free app from Access Energy can be downloaded on your smartphone to alert you of this
- 17 Traditional light bulbs that use even 40 of these to operate will soon no longer be available
- 18 Using less energy at peak times means pulling less energy out of this and can save money
- 19 Type of gas that generates energy
- 22 Another name for propane
- 25 Wholesale power costs rise and fall depending on what type of fuel is used to do this to the energy
- 26 Submit photos of this setting to our contest to win \$50
- 27 The name of your cooperative
- 28 On our weather radio app, you can do this for 5 locations
- 29 You need to be this about how fans can save you energy before you turn them on

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- 1 Number of \$500 scholarships we award annually
- 2 Photos from the southeast part of this state can be submitted to our contest
- 3 Safety steps don't do this with bright decorations
- 4 By 2014, this must use 28% less energy
- 5 This color LED was created in the 1970s
- 6 For your power, you do this on us
- 7 These loans are available for energy efficiency improvements
- 9 Short for avenue
- 10 Wholesale power costs make up about 60% of this of our cost of business
- 12 Winners of the poster contest will be _____ \$50
- 13 Intermediate load power plants do this well to sharp increases in demand
- 14 Incandescent bulbs are made with this kind of wire in a glass bulb
- 16 Decompose
- 20 Homeowners can do this that incandescent bulbs are easily broken
- 21 Get an app free from us for your smart phone to send you these about bad weather
- 23 This rises and falls for wholesale power costs based on type of fuel used to generate energy
- 24 Kids you can make your poster about this type of energy for our contest
- 27 Short for advertisement

NOTICE

Due to the regulations under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, we will no longer be using our automated phone notification system to notify members of their past due bills.

If you have any questions please contact us at 319.385.1577 or 866.242.4232.

The featured recipe winner who submitted this recipe will receive a \$10 electric bill credit. Check out our recipe section at www.accessenergycoop.com for a new recipe or to submit your favorite recipe. Or mail us your recipe and we will post it for you.



Easy Chicken Enchilada

From the Kitchen of Valerie Adams

- 2 pounds of chicken breasts
- 1 packet of taco seasoning
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken
- 1/2 cup of chicken broth (from chicken)

- 1 lg. jar of salsa (or a can of chicken enchilada sauce)
- 10 soft tortilla shells
- 1 1/2 cup of shredded sharp cheddar cheese or mexican blend cheese

Cook 2 pounds of chicken breast with a packet of taco seasoning; drain off 1/2 cup of broth & save. Shred the chicken once cooked. Mix chicken with 1/2 jar of salsa, 1 cup of cheese, and the soup. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a baking dish, spray Pam. Fill each tortilla shell with the chicken mixture. Lay facedown in the pan, side by side. When pan is full, pour chicken broth and then leftover salsa over the tortillas. Sprinkle the remainder of the cheese over the top and bake for 40-45 minutes, until cooked through and bubbling.

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