



Highline Headlines

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



Lineworker Appreciation Day April 18th

**For after hours
emergencies call
800.452.7819
or 319.385.1580**

**Tuesday
August 5, 2014**

SAVE THE DATE



About

Annual Meeting

www.accessenergycoop.com

They **arise** before the sun, pour steaming cups of coffee, and kiss their family goodbye. After swinging by the office to get the day's orders, our **linemen** climb into their trucks and head out. Our lineworkers form a solid **team** with **one** job: to deliver safe, reliable electricity. But that job can change in a million ways when rough weather steps in.

We often take power—and the men and women who provide it—for granted. Let's take a moment and stand in their boots.

Linemen have to work safely, smart, and efficiently—all while 40 feet in the air wearing sturdy, thick rubber gloves. On a typical day, our lineworkers maintain electrical distribution lines or build service to new homes and businesses in southeast Iowa. They have a lot on their plates. But when our dispatch center calls crews with a problem, everything else takes a back seat.

Power restoration takes precedence on a lineworker's to-do list. These brave men are always on call. We have 40 employees standing by to serve you 24 hours a day, in the middle of the night or wee hours of the morning, weekends and holidays.

Can you imagine getting a call at 3 a.m. telling you to work outside during bad weather and possibly **climb** a pole in it? Not many people are willing to face storms. Our lineworkers face harsh **elements** daily, all to serve you. How

about those linemen this winter???

Lineworkers also focus on safety; the lives of coworkers are on the line. Job safety is important to everyone, no matter your occupation. But for lineworkers, there can be no slip ups or careless actions. Even the smallest mistake can cost a limb or life. That's one of the reasons linemen form a brotherhood. When you put your life in the hands of co-workers every day, they become more than colleagues. They're family.

That sense of family extends to electric co-ops across the nation. One of our principles is cooperation among cooperatives. We help other co-ops in their time of **need**, and they extend that service to us, too. It's reassuring to know if a severe storm strikes, a national team of lineworkers stand ready to answer the call.

To be ready to respond no matter the situation or weather conditions, linemen are highly trained. At Access Energy Cooperative, lineworkers go through regular training to ensure they can work safely with various kinds of equipment. The equipment gets tested regularly, too.

These highly skilled men light our homes and businesses every day. They endure harsh weather and long hours, all to make our lives better. Today (and every day), please take a moment to thank them. Access Energy Cooperative's lineworkers are the heart of the Co-op Nation, proud and strong.

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Thank You to our Nominating Committee for selecting this year's



nominees to run for a seat on the board of directors. See page 2 for their report on nominations.

Manager's Corner



General Manager/CEO Robert Swindell

I often joke that I'm the last person in Henry County to complain about it being too hot or too cold, but as this winter drags on, I have joined the chorus in wishing spring would soon arrive.

The cold weather resulted in both January and February's kilowatt hour sales surpassing the previous records for both months. When we are setting record sales, this also means that

many of you are seeing some of the highest bills ever this winter. If your increased winter bills are creating a hardship, I want to encourage you to contact us so we can work together to find a solution to avoid you losing your service. Our billing department will be happy to work with you on a payment plan to spread part of your monthly bill out over several months. It is always best to contact us before we start our collection process. Please contact our Billing Department at either 319-385-1580 or 866-242-4232 to enter into a payment agreement.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

At the March Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposed change to the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation which will require approval from the membership at this year's annual meeting. The proposed change is to Article IX Section 4. The proposed change will add the following language to the Director Qualifications: *or who fails to meet the qualifications for Director as described in the Bylaws.* This change will assure that our Articles

and Bylaws are consistent. We will **address** information on this change to the Articles of Incorporation and the director elections for you as we get closer to our August 5, 2014, Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee selected the following candidates to run for a seat on the board of directors:

District I

David Hollingsworth, Packwood
Mark Ledger, Stockport

District II

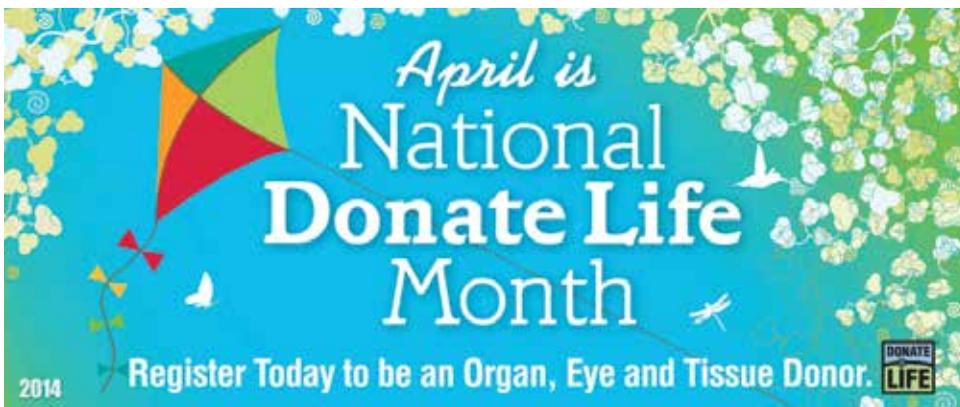
Jerry Barker, Mt. Pleasant
Jeff Rich, Wayland

District III

Marvin Holtkamp, Donnellson
Jason Samples, Danville

DONATE A LIFE

In closing this month I want to remind you that April is National **Donate** a Life Month. It's a time to recognize the tremendous generosity of those people who are or have been organ **donors**. As I write this, there are over 90,000 people waiting for a life changing organ transplant. It's approaching thirteen years since my kidney transplant, but it would not have happened but for the kindness of a donor. Becoming a donor is easy, you can sign up when you renew your driver's licenses or you can register on line at www.iowadonorregistry.org. If you have signed up to be an organ donor I want to personally thank you. If you have not signed up yet, I want to encourage you to please become one.



COOPERATIVE INFORMATION

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& Holidays)
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General Manager/CEO: Robert Swindell
Editor: Kimberly Brumbaugh
Assistant Editor: Cherty Wibben

Officers and Directors:

Marvin Holtkamp	District 3	President
Ronald Campbell	District 2	Vice President
Joseph Heckethorn	District 1	Secretary
Larry White	District 2	Treasurer
Donald Atwood	District 1	Director
Fred Hickenbottom	District 1	Director
Jerry Barker	District 2	Director
Marvin Newton	District 3	Director
Victor Pierrot	District 3	Director

Board Visits the Capitol



The board is shown here with **Senator** Heaton and Representative Kearns.

Left picture: Marvin Holtkamp, Fred Hickenbottom, Joe Heckethorn, Marvin Newton, Representative Dave Heaton, Larry White, Don Atwood, Ron Campbell and Robert Swindell.

Right picture: Marvin Holtkamp, Don Atwood, Ron Campbell, Robert Swindell, Marvin Holtkamp, Larry White, and Representative Curt Hanson

Keeping Your Lights On

Access Energy Cooperative strives to deliver safe, efficient and reliable service, while upholding environmental responsibility. Part of accomplishing this mission involves keeping detailed records of outages incurred by members, and maintaining a regular program of below ground and overhead equipment inspections. We keep track of the total minutes **each** member is out of service per year and calculate an average number of minutes per year each account is without power.

In 2013, the major categories for outages were power supplier interruptions, major storms and scheduled maintenance. The average member of Access Energy Cooperative experienced 1.37 outages last year. This was a slight increase over the 2012 level of 1.04 due mainly to weather-related occurrences. The average number of minutes members experienced an interruption of service was 109 in 2013, which was also a slight increase over 2012 of 104 minutes.

We strive to provide the most reliable, safe, efficient power to your home or business as possible. We cannot, however, prevent damage incurred from Mother Nature like storms and ice damage. What we CAN do is respond to them as quickly as possible, and we can do things to help minimize the effects from those events.

To help minimize service interruptions, we have stringent maintenance programs in place for the equipment that brings you power, including things like poles, lines, meters, OCR's, transformers, switches, and many other parts. Our pole testing reports in 2013 showed a 0.8% rejection rate of poles needing replaced, in comparison to the 2012 rate of 1.16%. When we find a pole that does not meet inspection, it is replaced as soon as possible.

We also have a rotating schedule for management of vegetation that could pose a **threat** to your service and safety. The program attempts to cover approximately 20% of our system each **year**. Last year we spent nearly \$302,305.69

on vegetation management (this includes our labor and materials plus outside contractors).

Access Energy Cooperative reports this information on your service reliability to the Iowa Utility Board annually. Our employees are very proud of the safe, reliable, efficient service we provide to you!



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

These days, it may be easier to trim your refrigerator's energy use than it is to trim your waistline. Consider this energy-saving and maintenance regimen to keep your refrigerator in shape. Set the refrigerator temperature above 37 degrees Fahrenheit. Make sure door seals are in place and are snug when closed. And keep outside coils unobstructed and clean; dirty ones could over work the unit's compressor.

Source: Energy.gov

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 REBATES

- * 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. A final walk-through must be conducted after the project is completed.
- * Total rebate amount is limited to \$30,000 per member per year and will not exceed 40% of the total equipment price.

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 loans available at low interest rates 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.

The Big Green Box

They're big. They're often green. They generally sit on concrete, often within housing developments. Some families don't like these "electrical boxes" (a common nickname for pad-mount transformers) and try to hide them with bushes, fences, or flower beds. But stay clear: even small additions around pad-mount transformers create hazards.

To improve aesthetics of new neighborhoods, developers often route powerlines underground. While this eliminates utility poles and overhead wires, it requires installing pad-mounted transformers in some front yards. Unfortunately some homeowners, concerned about curb appeal, attempt to screen pad-mount transformers from view—creating an unsafe situation for all concerned, including Access Energy Cooperative lineworkers.

Access Energy recommends leaving at least 10 feet of clear space in front of pad-mount transformers. Linemen repair units while they are energized so homeowners don't experience an interruption in service. To ensure linemen stay safe, they use an 8-foot fiberglass hot stick that requires about 10 feet of "elbow room" in front of the access panel.

Pad-mounted transformers surrounded by vegetation or a structure may overheat and cause service interruptions when the air circulation around them is compromised. Allow at least three to four feet of space on both sides and behind the transformer.

Members should also be aware that plantings along rights-of-way—strips of land owned by a member on which the co-op places poles, wires, and other equipment like pad-mount transformers—could be damaged by co-op vehicles.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Because underground service continues from the transformer to your home, you should never dig anywhere in your yard without first calling 811 to find out where cables are buried.

To learn more about how you can safely beautify the area around your transformer, contact Don Roach at droach@accessenergycoop.com.

Source: Megan McKoy-Noe, NRECA



Dear Access Energy Cooperative,

We recently relocated from Pennsylvania to Iowa. Our electric bills significantly increased once winter set in. We heard an ad on the radio for a free home energy-efficiency audit. I was skeptical, I'm a DIY person myself and have done a lot of construction, electrical, plumbing and heating. But, when our next electric bill came, we called Access Energy and made an appointment.

Alan Raymer arrived promptly. He went straight to setting up his equipment. He was very professional and quite personable. He asked lots of pertinent questions about the history and structure of the home. He was genuinely concerned about our high (\$500.00+) electric bill.

During his thorough inspections of the house he discovered a major design flaw in the heating cold air draw system of the house in a center wall along with a major leak of air at the stove vent pipe. We blocked off 2 vents on the center wall in the house and it raised the temperature in one day by 7 degrees on that area of the house. He also pointed out that the fan motor on our heat pump system was not turning fast enough. "Might just be a capacitor" he said after we looked together at the wiring schematic of the system. Ends up it was both. Fan motor took out the capacitor from trying so hard to start it. We immediately had it repaired.

I'm not easily impressed but I must tell you that Alan did a great job in finding ALL the areas of the house that needed attention. He also suggested that we consider looking into a geothermal system for our home. We have an estimate coming on Tuesday from one of the geo-thermal companies he recommended.

Alan also noted the telephone pole and old trip reset system needed attention by the house. One of your technicians will be here to discuss that Tuesday also.

We are extremely impressed and very pleased with our Access Energy Audit. Alan was fantastic! We are hopeful that Alan's report and recommendations will enable us to make the necessary improvements that will help lead to a lower electric bill and more energy efficient home!

Just wanted to express my appreciation for one of your team members.
Super job Alan!

Sincerely,
Gregory B.
co-op member



Alan Raymer conducting a free energy audit, including a blower door test, at a member's residence.

Spring Clean for Savings

Adding a few items to your list of spring chores can help make your home more energy efficient and deliver electric bills that won't make you sweat when temperatures soar. Start with your air conditioner.

Spring and early summer are good times to make sure that your air conditioning unit is ready to work when you flip the switch:

- Get help from a professional who can inspect and service your unit.
- Give your air conditioner a do-it-yourself cleaning. Shut the unit off, and clear away leaves and yard debris outside. Inside the unit, clean or replace filters that can restrict air flow and reduce overall efficiency by making the air conditioner work harder on hot summer days. Dust the fan blades if you can do so safely. Make sure air can flow freely over the inside and outside coils. Vacuum registers to remove any dust buildup.
- Check weather stripping. When using window units, ensure that weather stripping is in place. Placement should be between the middle of the top window pane and the bottom pane.

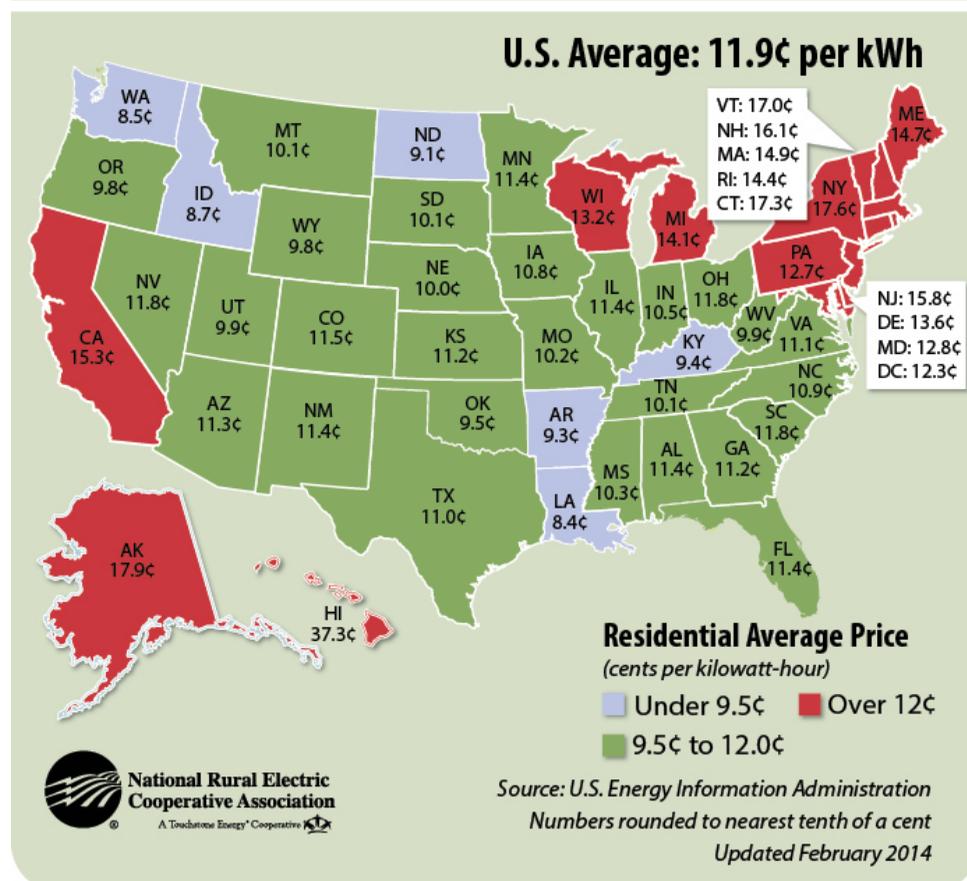
Check out your roof. See how well your roof has weathered the winter. Few things can shorten the life of your home faster than a roof leak, even a minor one can damage your attic insulation before you know it. A roofing professional can assess and repair things like loose or missing shingles, repair leaks, and clear gutters.

Make your electric cooperative a resource. The energy advisors at Access Energy Cooperative can help you determine the right steps for your home, including whether a free energy audit will help find more savings. You can also visit www.accessenergycoop.com to find out how little measures around the house can add up to big energy savings as temperatures outside climb.

Sources: Denise Hawkins; U.S. Department of Energy, TogetherWeSave.com, and Energy.gov.

Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2012 figures, in cents per kWh



2014 Youth Tour Winners



Jasmine Craff and Megan Hoenig, both of Mount Pleasant, have been selected to attend the 2014 Youth Tour on June 13-19. The event is an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. sponsored by Access Energy Cooperative.

Jasmine and Megan will join approximately 40 other Iowa students and nearly 1,000 students from across the country who have been selected by their electric cooperatives to attend the annual Youth Tour. While on tour they will learn about American history and government. They will visit historical sights including monuments, museums, the U.S. Capitol, federal agencies and other points of interest. They will also have an opportunity to meet with their legislators in the House and Senate.

Access Energy Cooperative has been a part of the Youth Tour program for more than 55 years and currently selects two students each year to participate in the trip.

Members Saving on Prescriptions

In February, twenty-three members saved \$378 on their prescriptions.

To find out more on the discounts offered check out our website at www.accessenergycoop.com. We continue visiting with area businesses and adding to the list of local deals.

It's easy to save—you just have to show your card to participating merchants.

If you own a business and would like to offer a discount for the card, please contact Kim Brumbaugh at kbrumbaugh@accessenergycoop.com or call our office.



NEW THIS MONTH:
The Sweet Spot in Fairfield now offers a free 4 oz. fries with the purchase of a sandwich.



Summer Help Wanted

Access Energy Cooperative is accepting applications for summer help in the operations department. Duties will include helping in the warehouse and out in our service area with our crews.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and enrolled in college for the Fall 2014 semester.

Applications are available in our office at 1800 W. Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant or by sending a resume to the Director of Operations, Don Roach.

Storm Safety: When Thunderstorms, Tornadoes Strike

Beware. Spring can usher in more than April showers. Now through the summer months, thunderstorms can quickly roll in and tornadoes can touch down.

Follow these tips from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the American Red Cross to keep you and your home safe when tornadoes and severe thunderstorms come your way.

- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged tree limbs.
- Listen to local news or National Weather Service broadcasts to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings.
- If in a mobile home, immediately head to a sturdy shelter or vehicle. Mobile homes, especially hallways and bathrooms, are not safe places to take shelter during tornadoes or other severe winds.
- Designate a family meeting place for shelter during and after a storm. If possible, go to your home's basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest level. Also, have a battery-operated weather radio handy along with emergency supplies.
- Unplug your electronics. Don't use electrical equipment and corded telephones.
- Remember that there is no safe

place outside during a severe storm. If you are caught in a storm while on the road, the American Red Cross urges drivers to turn their headlights on, try to safely exit the roadway, and park. Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. If thunder and lightning is occurring, avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.

- Stay safe after a storm. Remain indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Also, stay away from downed power lines and avoid flooded areas, power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Report them to Access Energy Cooperative at 1-800-452-7819 immediately.

Learn more about storm safety at <http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/svrwx101/thunderstorms/>

Sources: Denise Hawkins; The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory, and American Red Cross

Outdoor Electrical Safety

Warmer weather brings an increase in outdoor work in many parts of the country, both on the job and at home. Increasing electrical safety awareness can help ensure those activities do not result in injuries and deaths.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) provides the following safety tips:

- Carefully check the location of all overhead wires before using a ladder. All ladders, even those made of wood, that contact a power line can shock or electrocute people coming in contact with them.
- Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.
- Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs and cracked or broken housing. Repair or replace damaged items.
- Water does not mix with electricity. Avoid damp conditions - including wet grass - when using electricity.

Visit www.esfi.org for more ways to keep your home and family safe this spring and beyond.

Stop in to Get Your FREE Weather Radio App Code for Your Smart Phone

Install on your smart phone for free!!



Have You Seen These Guys Working in Our Area?



Legacy Power Line Inc. is a contractor working for Access Energy Cooperative on our construction work plan projects. They will be working in the Batavia area for awhile.

Enjoy a Safe Start to Spring

As the spring season approaches, many will usher in the warmer weather by thoroughly cleaning their homes and tending to yard work. The Electrical Safety Foundation (ESFI) recommends homeowners ensure that electrical hazards are eliminated along with unwanted dust and clutter.

ESFI suggests starting with the basement, an important, but often overlooked space when it comes to home inspection and fire safety. These low-level rooms contain two leading causes of home fires - heating equipment and electrical distribution systems.

- Check the label inside the door or cover of your electrical service panel to see when your electrical system was last inspected. If the date has passed or is approaching, contact a licensed, qualified electrician to schedule an inspection.
- Be sure circuit breakers and fuses are correctly labeled with their amperage and their corresponding rooms, circuits or outlets. Use correct size and current rating for breakers/fuses.
- Increase your fire protection by having a licensed electrician replace your standard circuit breakers with arc fault circuit interrupters - AFCIs.
- Have your furnace cleaned and inspected annually by a licensed professional.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment, such as furnaces, stoves, and fireplaces, is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Check for excessive vibration or movement when the washing machine or dryer is operating. This can put stress on electrical connections.
- Make sure the area around your dryer is clutter free and that the dryer lint filter is cleaned after each load. Build up can be a fire starter.
- Don't overlook your basement when it comes to smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices should be installed in these spaces as well as on every level of your home and outside every sleeping area. These alarms should be **tested** regularly to ensure that they are in working order, and replace the batteries when needed.

Visit www.esfi.org for more tips on keeping your home and family safe this spring and beyond.



Solar Electric During Power Outages

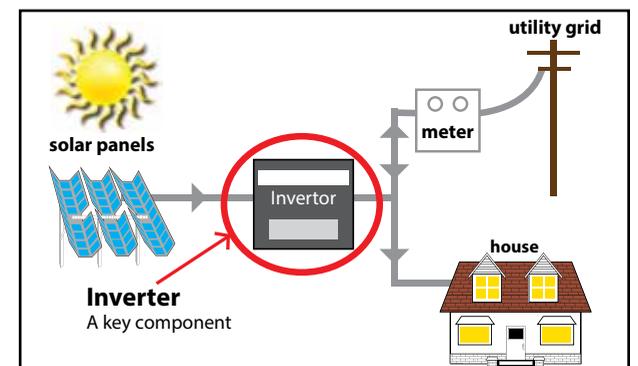
Many consumers considering solar electric systems for their homes believe it will offer them a back-up source of **electricity** during a power outage. In nearly all cases, when central-station power from the utility goes down, so does power from the solar system. The task of helping consumers understand this limitation often falls upon the local power supplier like Access Energy Cooperative; so here's some background information.

Two very important characteristics of electricity produced from solar cells are:

1. It is DC (direct current) which must be turned into AC (alternating current) for use in the home;
2. The electric output from a solar module is not constant, it can vary continuously (clouds; sun angle, etc.).

Comparing these two characteristics to normal utility power clarifies the difference; central-station power is stable no matter what the weather conditions (industry standards require the voltage and current remain within a close range). Plus utility power is already delivered as alternating current (AC) as needed by motors, lighting and appliances.

In a solar installation, the device that converts the incoming and highly variable DC power into stable AC is called an "inverter." This sophisticated electronic device requires a steady source of electricity to function. Since input current from the solar system constantly varies, the inverter needs a separate and constant power supply to do its job. If an outage occurs, the inverter won't work unless another battery source is in-place to supply it. Unless the inverter is powered separately, during a power outage the solar system won't produce electricity for the home.



Adding a battery strictly to power the inverter during an outage sounds simple, but it's not. It means the system must safely disconnect itself from the utility grid as required, but retain the ability to convert the direct-current (DC) electricity from the solar system into usable electricity for the home. Technology that is affordable and failsafe is still under development.

As a partial solution during outages, a few manufacturers include a separate plug-in outlet incorporated into an emergency power-supply system. This safely separates it from the utility grid and the building's electrical circuits. It offers a small amount of power to serve cell phones or laptop computer charging.

When it comes to solar and other renewables, there is a major trade-off in reliability compared to conventional electricity generation. Sometimes the appeal of "clean **energy**" is so great that consumers tend to overlook these tradeoffs or other negative aspects. The challenge for power suppliers is to explain all the considerations so that members can consider all factors before making decisions.



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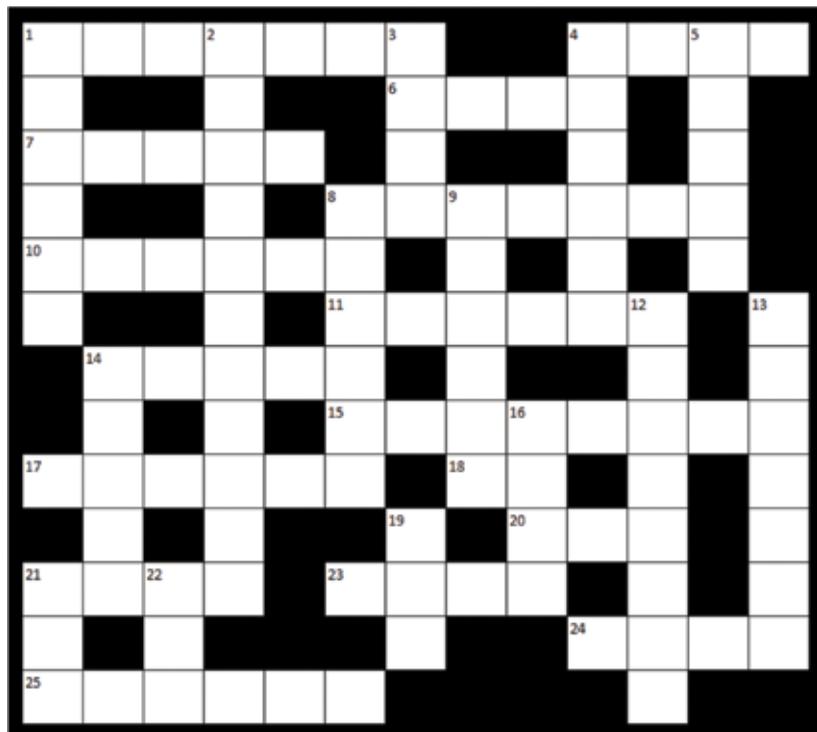
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Win \$25 By Learning About Your Cooperative!

Access Energy Cooperative members can win \$25 by completing the crossword below correctly. Members may clip out their answers and send them by April 30, 2014 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 Brenda Meierotto of West Point.

ACROSS

- 1 These work as a team to deliver safe, reliable power to you
- 4 Our lineworkers work as this to deliver safe, reliable power to you
- 6 We keep track of how many minutes these members are out of service
- 7 Stay clear of this box for safety
- 8 We will do this to more information for you on the proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation as we get closer to the annual meeting
- 10 Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should have this done regularly
- 11 April is this National month
- 14 Thick soup often made with beans and beef
- 15 Opposite of southern
- 17 Our energy auditors check out this in your home for safety
- 18 Conjunction: and for this reason; therefore
- 20 Don't do this with electrical equipment or corded phones during a storm
- 21 Do what you are told
- 23 Our vegetation management program covers about 20% of our service area in this amount of time
- 24 To qualify for a rebate, a room air conditioner must be rated with this
- 25 Members should explore all considerations of solar before they make decisions about the appeal of this

DOWN

- 1 We have stringent maintenance plans to keep these on for you
- 2 People are often confused about whether or not solar electric systems can offer this during a power outage
- 3 When other coops are in this of help, our linemen are there to assist them
- 4 We have a rotating maintenance schedule to take care of vegetation that may post this to your service
- 5 Our linemen do this before the sun
- 8 Doing this to a few items on your spring chore list can help you save energy
- 9 In April we recognize nationally these people
- 12 Our lineworkers face these harsh things every day to keep your power on
- 13 Our board met with this legislator at the Capitol
- 14 Our linemen sometimes must do this to a pole to restore your power
- 16 Two students have been chosen to go on this for free to Washington DC
- 19 Avoid this grass around electricity
- 21 Our linemen work as a team with this many jobs on their plates
- 22 Organ we see with



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 send it to mktg@accessenergycoop.com and we can do it for you.

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.



Sponge Shortcake

From the Kitchen of Evelyn Woodruff

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 eggs

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 T butter
- 1/2 cup hot milk
- 1 tsp vanilla

Sift together 1 cup flour, 1 tsp baking powder and 1/4 tsp salt. Set aside. Beat 2 eggs until thick and lemon colored, about 3 minutes at high speed on mixer. Gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating at medium speed for 5 minutes. By hand, quickly fold dry ingredients into egg mixture. Add 2 T butter to 1/2 cup hot milk. Stir into batter with 1 tsp vanilla. Blend well. Pour into waxpaper lined 8x8x2 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes; until browned on top. Cool in pan for 15 minutes, then remove from pan and remove waxed paper. Top with sweetened fruit and whipped cream. Great with Strawberries!!

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