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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Nominating Committee meets

The 2018 Nominating Committee meeting was held on May 24, 2018, at the office of the cooperative in Grundy Center to select the 2018 Director candidates for Districts 2 & 3. The Board of Directors appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Mike Wiarda – 12192 B Avenue, Ackley, IA, 50601, 641-847-2803

Joe Dier – 23296 270th Street, Grundy Center, IA, 50638, 319-269-4763

Jason Paper – 1020 Underwood Ave, Conrad, IA, 50621, 641-485-8862

Kevin Pruisner – 14705 R Avenue, Dike, IA, 50624, 319-415-8637

The Articles of Incorporation state that the Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of nominees identifying each candidate by name, address, and the Director district in which they reside. The Nominating Committee shall make a good faith effort to nominate two (2) candidates for each Director position to be filled but may nominate only one (1) candidate for the position. The following director candidates were nominated for a three-year term:

District 2: Norbert Boyle (Incumbent); and Dennis Harms

District 3: Kyle Dudden

Earl Slinker, Incumbent, District 3, is not seeking re-election, therefore, the REC has a place open to run for the Board of Directors.

The written list of nominations of the Nominating Committee shall be posted at the office of the Cooperative not less than thirty (30) days prior to mailing the notice of the Annual Meeting of members. For ten (10) days after posting of the list of nominations by the committee, additional nominations of members residing in the district of the vacancy may be made by written petition on forms provided on request of any member and signed by not less than twenty (20) members. Any member nominated shall give prior consent to such nomination whether by committee or petition.

A list of nominations as selected by the Nominating Committee will be posted by July 28, 2018, and nominations by petition will be accepted through August 17, 2018.

Directors are to be elected from the following districts. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, there will be no nominations from the floor.

District No. 2

Monroe and Washington Townships of Butler County

Etna and Clay Townships of Hardin County

German and Shiloh Townships of Grundy County

In Pleasant Valley of Grundy County – Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

And in Colfax Township of Grundy County – Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18

District No. 3

Washington and Palermo Townships of Grundy County

In Colfax Township of Grundy County – Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

In Grant Township of Grundy County – Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

In Lincoln Township of Grundy County – Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

And in Black Hawk Township of Grundy County – Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32

If you are interested in serving on the Board and live in District 2 or 3 or know of someone who would be interested in serving as a Director, please contact one of the listed Nominating Committee members.

Director elections will be held as part of the Cooperative's annual meeting on September 6, 2018, at the Grundy Center Community Center.



Your 2018 Nominating Committee: Standing (l to r) are Jason Paper and Mike Wiarda. Seated is Kevin Pruisner.

Touchstone Energy promotes co-op membership at Iowa State Fair

Membership in your local Touchstone Energy cooperative is a powerful thing. It means you have an energy source you can trust to look out for your community's best interests, not its own bottom line. That's because your local Touchstone Energy co-op is owned by the very members it serves – built to deliver its members safe and reliable electricity at the lowest possible price.

We invite you to stop by and learn more about co-op membership at the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa display in the Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair Aug. 9-19.

Located inside the 4-H Exhibits Building on the south end of the fairgrounds, the display showcases all Iowa electric cooperatives on a map of Iowa. Magnetic “markers” are available to place on the state map to show co-op membership.

Fairgoers may register to win one of three Instant Pot Ultra 10 In 1 Multi-Use Programmable Cookers from Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa. The Instant Pot is the next generation in kitchen appliances. It combines a pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice/porridge cooker, cake maker, yogurt maker, sauté/searing function, steamer, warmer and sterilizer along with custom programming for pressure and non-pressure cooking. Favorite dishes can be made and ready up to 70 percent faster.

Three winners of the Instant Pot will be chosen, at random, following the close of the fair.

Additional energy efficiency and savings information will be displayed in the booth.

Cooperative members have a voice in how cooperatives are run, making sure their co-ops enhance quality of life by providing affordable electricity. Co-ops encourage members to save money through responsible energy use and offer discounts on qualified products and services members use every day.

Be sure to visit the Touchstone Energy display when you're at the Iowa State Fair and go to touchstoneenergy.com for more information on how to save energy and the value of cooperative membership.



Two 4-H participants at the 2017 Iowa State Fair mark their co-op on the magnetic map inside the Touchstone Energy of Cooperatives of Iowa display in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Visit the display this year and register to win an Instant Pot.



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For many rural Iowans, homeownership is just a dream. That's why your electric cooperative works with Homeward Inc., a not-for-profit housing organization, to offer a Home Buyer Loan Program. Funds can be used for down payment and closing costs associated with purchasing a home in areas we serve.

- Borrow up to \$10,000 (matching funds from the borrower is required)
- Interest rates: 4 percent for 5 years, 5 percent for 10 years
- Income restrictions apply

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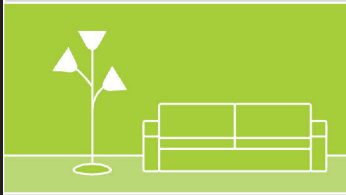


Visit the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa booth to learn more and register to win one of three Instant Pots!



Save Energy with LEDs

LED lights last up to 30 times longer than incandescents, reducing the need to replace bulbs in high or hard-to-reach places. Below are LED lighting suggestions for your home.



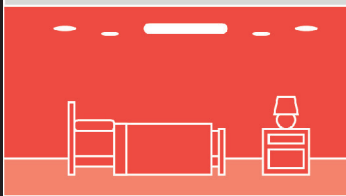
Living Room Lamps

Table or floor three-way lamps using LED bulbs provide 620, 1,600 or 2,150 lumens of soft white light and deliver up to 25,000 hours of light.



Kitchen

Dimmable recessed LED conversion lights add a warm glow of up to 1,200 lumens for kitchen workspaces and add far less heat to your kitchen. Each bulb could last 10 years.



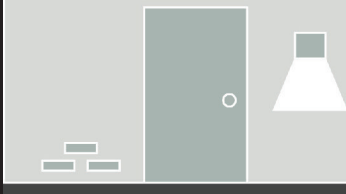
Bedrooms and Hallways

Long-life LEDs are ideal for ceiling fixtures. A 9-watt LED produces the same 800 lumens of light as a 60-watt incandescent, and uses about 80 percent less energy.



Bathrooms

Omnidirectional LED globe bulbs are designed to provide a warm glow ideal for bathrooms. A 6-watt bulb produces 450 lumens and lasts up to 15,000 hours.



Outdoors

A 6-watt, 500 lumen LED bulb can replace a 40-watt incandescent bulb. Designed to last up to 30,000 hours, it could be a one-time switch.



If an irrigation pipe makes contact with a power line, call 9-1-1 or your local electric utility.

Irrigation Safety

Irrigation systems can be essential for delivering water to crops. Your electric cooperative urges proper installation for new systems and regular maintenance for existing systems. To ensure everyone's safety:

- Do not store, handle or assemble irrigation pipes under or near overhead power lines.
- Make sure everyone understands the danger of moving pipes near power lines.
- Avoid moving pipes in windy conditions.
- Keep pipes at least 10 feet away from the lines at all times.
- Have a qualified electrician install your system, and inspect the pump and wiring before use.
- Make sure irrigation systems with electric motors are adequately grounded with copper piping.
- Make sure the system is positioned at least 15 feet away from power lines when operating, and position the water jet streams so that there is no chance that they will spray power lines.
- If lines do come in contact with water from the sprayer, make sure no one approaches the system. For more information on irrigation and electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Is it time to clean your water heater?

It seems strange that we would need to clean something full of clean water. However, your electric water heater needs maintenance just like any other appliance. Rheem, manufacturer of Marathon water heaters, recommends the following for maintenance of their electric water heaters:

- Every month, drain a few quarts of water from the tank to wash out hard-water deposits that may have collected.
- At least once a year, lift and release the temperature pressure relief valve handle to ensure the valve works. Allow several gallons to move through the discharge line and flow to an open drain. Be careful because this water might be hot enough to scald.
- If your water heater is making excessive noise, have it inspected.
- Keep the area around the water heater free of flammable liquids and combustible materials. Maintaining your water heater will help the appliance provide years of trouble-free service.



Ralston on Honor Flight

On May 22 Steve Ralston, Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative Operations Manager, along with his dad Marvin Ralston and cousin Terry Haren participated in a Cedar Valley Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit the war memorials and pay honor to all veterans.

Marvin, a former Grundy County REC employee, was in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, and Terry, whose parents were Grundy County REC members, is a Navy veteran from the Vietnam War. Steve, a Marine veteran during Desert Shield, which became Desert Storm, was a guardian for this trip and happy to share in the experience with his dad and cousin.

After an early morning flight, the group first visited the World War II Memorial. (From there, the Lincoln and Washington Memorials could be seen.) Then it was on to the Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. After a bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery to observe the Changing of the Guard, they visited the Women's Memorial, which honors women of the military.

Rain interrupted some of the site seeing but the day was still an awesome, humbling experience for all. The day ended with the veterans being enthusiastically welcomed home by an Honor Guard, family, friends, Amvet members and others at the Waterloo airport. A day to remember for all!



Operations Manager Steve Ralston, center, joined his dad, Marvin Ralston (left), and his cousin, Terry Haren, on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C.



New employee joins cooperative

Jacob Paulding from rural Aplington has started with Grundy County REC as a 1000-hour lineman. Jacob will be here to help out during the summer months when the REC is the busiest.

Jacob graduated from AP High School in 2014 and is also a graduate from Northwest Community College in Sheldon in 2018 with a degree from Powerline School.



Safety Day

First Class Linemen Aaron Bird (l) and Karl Nielsen are shown at Grundy County's 4H Safety Day. Every year third-grade classrooms from all of Grundy County come to the fairgrounds to learn about safety.

One of the sessions is electrical safety, and Grundy County REC is asked to come in and teach them about electrical powerlines.



Norb Boyle (l), presents a \$100 check to Tim Eichmeier.

Volunteer winner

Norb Boyle, Grundy County REC board member, presented a check for \$100 to Tim Eichmeier, chief of the Ackley Fire Department.

The check was awarded to Norb for his volunteer hours through Touchstone Energy. The Ackley Fire Department will be using the check to help fund new bunker gear that is out of date.

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