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Employees recognized for years of service.
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Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11...

Lineworkers are the power behind your power

You've likely noticed Eastern Iowa REC's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough—but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, here are some interesting facts about electric lineworkers.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require

Look for the winners in the May C-N

Applications for the 2022 Cooperative scholarship program were due earlier this month.

All completed applications will be collected and forwarded to a panel of independent judges.

The winners of the \$1,000 scholarships will be announced and profiled in the May 18 issue of the *Current News*.



LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that becoming a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.

Despite the many challenges, Eastern Iowa REC's lineworkers are committed to

powering our local community.

Deadline is April 1... Director nomination deadline is near

Anyone seeking to run for a position on the Eastern Iowa REC Board of Directors has about two weeks to submit their initial nomination paperwork.

Potential director candidates are asked to submit an address verification form. This will enable the Cooperative to ensure the potential candidate is eligible to run within the district they indicate on the form.

Information regarding qualifications to seek election, director compensation and the district boundary map can be found on the Cooperative's website, www.easterniowa.com under the "My Co-op" tab, Director Elections or call 1-800-728-1242 to request the information. 11008103

The next step is for the candidate to complete a petition signed by at least 15 memberships of their district by April 1.

All candidates who submit qualifying petitions will then be asked to fill out a brief biographical form and return it to the Cooperative by May 16.

This information will be used for the candidate profiles which will be published in the June issue of the *Current News*. All profiles will be published verbatim, as submitted.

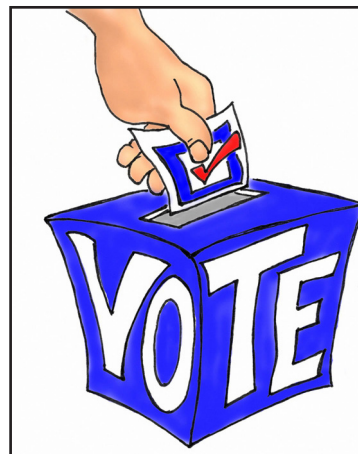
powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 elec-

tric lineworkers. Eastern Iowa REC has 36 lineworkers that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain more than 4,800 miles of power lines across all or parts of 12 counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems. 100694801

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hard-working men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them on April 11, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.



The nomination process puts no limit on the number of candidates in a given district.

To serve on the board:
✓A candidate must hold an active membership and be a bonafide resident in the district he or she is to represent.

✓A candidate cannot be in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative.

✓No close relative of a candidate, as defined by board policy, can be employed by the Cooperative.

This nomination process in no way screens or filters potential candidates for seats on the Cooperative's board. Anyone who successfully completes the nomination papers and meets qualifications as described will be placed on the ballot.

All candidates should note the time requirements of a director are more than just the 12 monthly meetings. Directors should be prepared to devote an average of 25-30 days per year to Cooperative business-related activities.

All candidates, who complete the nomination process, will be profiled in the June *Current News* prior to district meetings.

At this time, one board seat is up for election in each of the five Cooperative districts. The elections will be held during the 2022 district meetings.

The incumbent directors whose terms expire in 2022 are: Kurt Olson, district 1; Allan Duffe, district 2; Nancy Varner, district 3; Tom Hotz, district 4; and Kathy Wunderlich, district 5.

Director nomination packets are now available online at www.easterniowa.com or call 1-800-728-1242 to request a packet.

Youth Tour 2022 applications are due March 18, 2022.



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Renewable energy project forms, tariffs available online

Eastern Iowa REC members wishing to install a renewable energy system can obtain the initial applications, agreements and tariffs online through the Cooperative's website, www.easterniowa.com.

The "Renewable Energy" tab on the main menu bar is where the appropriate forms can be found. You can also find the Iowa Energy Center publica-

tion "Home Series: Solar PV Energy Guide." 12256604

It is important to discuss your project with the Cooperative to ensure the interconnection process smoothly moves forward.

Contact Aaron Healy, Cooperative member service supervisor, 1-800-728-1242 or via email at aaron.healy@easterniowa.com.

Improve household energy efficiency by getting your ducts in a row

By Miranda Boutelle

Q: My HVAC system is a mystery to me. What can I do to maintain it and keep my home comfortable year-round?

A: For most people, the inner workings of the HVAC system are out of sight, out of mind. The system is ignored until something goes wrong.

Understanding the basics of how a heating and cooling system works will help you create a more efficient, comfortable living space. To get started, let's go over how it works.

If you have a forced air system, you have ducts. A forced air system consists of the equipment that heats or cools the air and the ductwork that moves it around the home.

Your furnace, or air handler, has a fan inside that pushes the heated or cooled air through the supply ducts into the rooms. The return ducts bring air back to the furnace to be heated or cooled again and sent back through the home.

This continuous loop of supply and return is susceptible to inefficient practices and leakage.

Here are some steps you can take to keep your system running efficiently and maintain a

comfortable living space.

Make sure the air you paid to heat or cool is freely moving through the home.

I wish vents were made without dampers because the feature creates the misconception they should be closed. Closing registers does not save energy. It can cause your system to work harder, shortening its lifespan and increasing duct leakage.

If you don't do anything else after you read this, do check that your supply register dampers are open and not blocked by furniture or rugs throughout your home. This is easy to do and costs nothing.

If your ductwork travels through an attic, crawl space or other unconditioned—not heated or cooled—space, it could have holes, cracks or gaps that cause duct leakage.

This wastes energy and money by heating or cooling spaces you don't use.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates 20% to 30% of the air moved through duct systems is lost due to duct leakage. You could have the most efficient heating or cooling unit available, but if your ducts leak, you are wasting energy.

This Spring: Watch ditch fires and call before you dig

Eastern Iowa REC is asking for extra sets of eyes to look for potentially dangerous situations this spring--ditch fires.

It is that time of year, when many may be burning the weeds and grass in roadside ditches. This burning can help "clean things up," but it can also cause a great deal of trouble if the fire is allowed to burn around Cooperative poles, guy wire anchors or underground cable cabinets.

Uncontrolled fires endanger lives, damage electrical facilities and cause unnecessary interruptions in electric service. Please take care when burning ditches and keep fires away from all electrical facilities.

Other potential safety haz-

ards are signs, reflectors and other items attached to power poles. Please do not nail, staple or post any kind of material on utility poles.

This is also the time of year people begin preparations for their spring landscaping plans. You might not think twice before you push that shovel into the ground.

In many areas, homes are served by underground electric lines. If you cut into a line, not only will you probably interrupt service to your home, but you could also receive a serious shock!

Just dial 811 to start the process to ensure your project will be safely completed.

Kiosks available for use at all service centers

Payment kiosks are available for use by Cooperative members in the vestibule of each service center from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

These kiosks offer another avenue for making payments. Bill payments can be made at the kiosks by check, cash, debit card, VISA, Mastercard

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging.

1. NOTIFY
Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT
Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

3. CONFIRM
Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

4. RESPECT
Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.

5. DIG CAREFULLY
If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.

Source: call811.com

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or Discover. Money orders are not accepted at the kiosks. Bill payments made using the kiosks are immediately processed.



Improve your HVAC system's efficiency by checking the filter regularly and replacing it when dirty.

Photo Source: Mark Gilliland, Pioneer Utility Resources

In addition to wasted energy, leaky ducts can cause air-quality issues. Leaks in the return ducts can pull air into the ducts from surrounding spaces, through the furnace and then deliver it into the home. This can introduce dust, dirt, insulation particles and other gross stuff that is in your attic, crawl space or walls.

Sealing ducts can be difficult because they are hidden

behind the walls, floor and/or ceiling. Attics and crawl spaces can be hard places to work. You can hire a professional to test your duct system for leakage with specialized equipment and seal your ducts.

If you seal ducts yourself, do not use duct tape. I know it is hard to believe, but duct tape dries out quickly and loses its adhesion. Seal with metal tape or duct mastic specifically designed for the job.

One relatively easy place to seal is where the duct meets the floor, wall or ceiling. Remove the registers and look for cracks or gaps around the edges. Remember to wear gloves to protect your hands.

The filter is on the return side of the duct system. It could be in the return registers or in the furnace. Checking your system's filter regularly and replacing it when dirty can help you improve your

heating and cooling efficiency.

When it comes to filters, my philosophy is buy cheap and replace often. I don't know about you, but I have a much more difficult time throwing away a \$20 filter than a \$5 filter. Save by buying filters in bulk or set up auto ship for every three months.

In most cases, filters are designed to protect the furnace, not improve air quality. If you are worried about your home's air quality, getting the ducts cleaned and sealed can help. Add an air purifier if you need additional air filtration.

(Miranda Boutelle is the director of operations and customer engagement at Efficiency Services Group in Oregon, a cooperatively owned energy efficiency company. She also writes on energy efficiency topics for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.)

Assistance is again available for winter home heating bills

You can apply immediately for the 2021-2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights, and has been established to help qualifying families meet home heating costs. Qualifying Iowa residents can submit applications until April 30, 2022.

Low-income Iowa homeowners and renters can obtain assistance to help pay for a portion of their primary heating costs through LIHEAP.

The assistance is based on household income, size, type of fuel used to heat the home and type of housing.

For information concerning household income maximums, see the chart.

INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320

For each additional household member, add \$9,080

If you are not sure where to apply, Dial 2-1-1, or visit <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> to contact your local community action agency, or write to: LIHEAP

Iowa Department of Human Rights
Capitol Complex
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Comments from the CEO

Advocating for the membership at the Capitol

The passing of February brings us a bit closer to spring, warmer temperatures and green, fresh grass. Another sure sign of spring is renewed activity in Des Moines by our state legislators.

Several members of the Cooperative's board of directors and staff members visited the Capitol earlier this month to chat with our area legislators and will return to Des Moines to take part in REC Day on the Hill on March 22. This annual event brings REC officials from across the state to Des Moines to meet with legislators.

As an organization, we have always enjoyed a good relationship with the hard-working area lawmakers. We meet with them as an individual group during the fall and make additional, periodic visits

to Des Moines throughout the year. The best way to protect the interests of the Cooperative is to maintain a positive and active line of communication with our legislators.

These efforts enable us to discuss the issues, thank our legislators for their support and also gives us a solid presence in the legislative process. These efforts will continue to be a success through the grassroots efforts of local Cooperative leaders. 13085302

It truly is a great partnership because we are fortunate to have legislators who are familiar with the numerous contributions the Cooperative makes to rural Iowa and rural America. Look for more details on the 2022 REC Day on the Hill event in next month's issue of the *Current News*.

One of the legislative priorities for Iowa's electric cooperatives this session is dealing with an issue created in 2018 when the Legislature tackled significant tax policy by passing a bill that included a new sales and use tax rate of 6% on digital products and software. This bill included an exemption covering for-profit companies and some non-profits. Electric cooperatives, which are non-profit and owned by those they serve, were unintentionally left out of this exemption.

As a result, for the last three years, rural Iowans have been paying higher taxes through their energy bills than urban and suburban residents. The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives estimates that the total increase is approaching \$1 million in additional taxes on rural Iowans, based on an unintended consequence of the 2018 law.

Iowa's electric cooperatives are asking the Iowa Legislature to support HF 2520 which solves this rural-urban tax inequality by putting rural electric cooperative members in the same sales tax status as their urban/suburban counterparts. Simply

because a person lives in rural Iowa should not mean that taxes on their utilities be higher than those who live in population-rich areas.

In addition to advocating for the best interest of the Cooperative membership with our legislators, electric cooperatives are structured to be accountable, transparent and locally responsive to the communities we serve. Your attendance at the Cooperative's district and annual meetings are ways Cooperative leaders receive direct feedback from members.

Cooperatives are locally governed with an elected board that actively participate in setting policies and making long-term decisions.

This local business structure has been at the heart of Eastern Iowa REC since the very beginning. We work hard to hold open and fair director elections and we make sure our directors receive cooperative training and education so they can make informed decisions and manage fiduciary responsibilities on your behalf.

We also work to keep all members informed about the co-op through several communication channels, including the Cooperative newsletter *Current News*, social media posts on Facebook, our website www.easterniowa.com and monthly bill messages. An informed and educated membership is in our best interest as a locally owned cooperative.

An entire section of our website is dedicated to sharing Cooperative information with our members.

Under the "My Co-op" tab you will find our bylaws and articles of incorporation, the latest audit document, the seven cooperative principles, qualifications for serving as a Cooperative director, details about the director nomination and election process, voting maps for all Cooperative districts, a rate summary sheet, a copy of the latest Eastern Iowa REC annual report and a description of our power supplier's, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, power portfolio.



Kirk Trede
CEO

From the Boardroom, February, 2022

- Directors reported on their attendance at the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Directors Update Conference and the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives 2022 Board Presidents' Conference.
- Approved board policies: Responsibilities of Board of Directors and Delegation of Authority to Chief Executive Officer, Committees of the Board of Directors, Member Attendance at Board Meetings, and Capital Credits.
- Approved the Division Manager of Accounting to sign the audit engagement letter with CliftonLarsonAllen.
- Selected the attendance gift for the 2022 annual meeting and discussed meal and entertainment plans for the event.
- Approved the 2021 Reliability Report which will be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board.
- Discussed the wholesale power contract negotiations.

The next board meeting will be held on March 31, 2022.

Stay connected with the Cooperative, update your contact info

In the utility business, we know rough weather will occur. Sometimes power outages simply can't be avoided. But did you know there are steps you can take to ensure your electricity is restored as quickly and safely as possible?

By keeping your contact information up to date, you can

take full advantage of the services Eastern Iowa REC offers.

You may have noticed prompts through our bill inserts, this newsletter and now our Facebook page requesting your updated contact information. If we don't have the correct phone number linked to your home

address, it makes it much more difficult for you to report an outage.

Eastern Iowa REC uses an automated phone answering system that can simultaneously answer multiple calls.

For this system to work, we need to have a phone number provided by you to link to your service address in our outage management system. This number can be a land line or a cell phone number. Whichever

number is your main contact number.

To update your contact

information, call toll free, 1-800-728-1242 or email billing@easterniowa.com.

Cooperative group makes trip to Capitol



Members of the Eastern Iowa REC Board of Directors and staff traveled to Des Moines to meet with legislators March 1. Kevin Condon, Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives director of government relations, briefed the group prior to their interactions with our area lawmakers.

Photo courtesy Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives



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Eastern Iowa REC is online at www.easterniowa.com and check out the Cooperative's Facebook page



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Building cooperation—a power across the land.



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Years of Cooperative service are recognized

The success of Eastern Iowa REC over the past 87 years can be directly attributed to the hard work and dedication of the employees who work each day to ensure Cooperative members receive the best possible service.

Each year Eastern Iowa REC recognizes employees for their years of service to the organization. In 2021, 14 employees were honored for a combined 235 years of service to the Cooperative.



Chris Grunder
Work Order Coordinator
35 years



Todd Horst
Journeyman Lineworker
25 years



Kory Urmie
Forestry Coordinator
25 years



Mark Elder
Div. Mgr. of Operations
20 years



Justin Pingel
Member Service Specialist
20 years



Don Roth
Div. Mgr. of Member Relations
20 years



Shari VanDeWalle
Records Coordinator
20 years



Rob Jipp
Auto/Diesel Technician
15 years



Josh Tyler
Meterperson
15 years



Dan Fratzke
Grounds & Facility Coordinator
10 years



Andrew Pulliam
SCADA Technician
10 years



Nicole Spengler
Accountant
10 years



Reed Marion
Journeyman Lineworker
5 years



Cody Mink
Journeyman Lineworker
5 years

The power restoration plan is ready if it is needed

Immediately after a severe storm hits the Eastern Iowa REC service area, crews begin to assess the extent of the damage and the Cooperative puts its emergency power restoration plan into action.

The plan is designed to restore power to the greatest number of members in the shortest amount of time. The severity of the outage and weather conditions always

play a role in the time it takes to restore power.

The first key to developing a power restoration plan is to ensure the Cooperative has collected all outage details. This is done by evaluating the calls received from Cooperative members.

To report a power outage, members should call 1-800-728-1242 or report an outage using SmartHub® online or the SmartHub® app.

When a storm strikes, crews immediately begin the restoration process. Repairs are made at the substations first, followed by major feeder lines, branch lines off the feeder lines and then individual service lines. 14145805

The last portion of the plan, dealing with individual outage situations, can take the greatest amount of time. During that stage, crews move house-to-house making repairs. With

the Cooperative's rural service area, there can be great distances involved between houses.

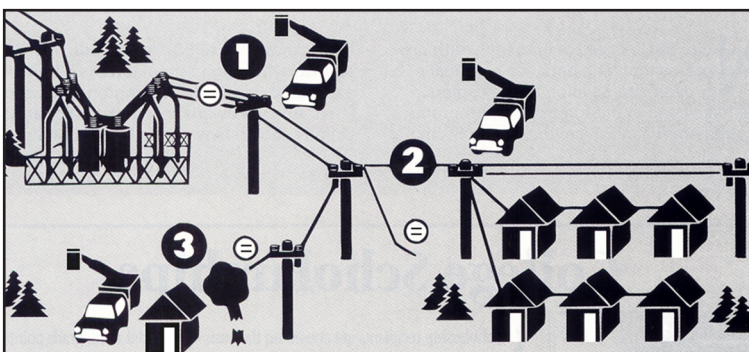
All during the power restoration effort, the Cooperative's telephones are answered 24 hours a day. During peak periods, an automated call handling system may be used for incoming outage calls. This system increases the efficiency in which Cooperative personnel can handle power outage situations and coordinate

power restoration plans.

The diagram that is printed with this article shows how the plan will work.

Repairs are made to lines from the substation first (1). Crews will then concentrate on main lines that restore power to the greatest number of members (2).

After all major problems are addressed, crews will make repairs to lines serving individual members (3).



Using the Eastern Iowa REC power restoration plan, crews address problems with lines serving substations (1) first; followed by repairs to major distribution lines (2); and finally, individual outages (3).

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT COPPER THEFT!

Report any suspicious activity you see at or around utility equipment!

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The 2022 Momentum is Building conference attracted many building industry professionals eager to learn about the latest trends and products related to residential energy efficiency. The conference is sponsored by Iowa's electric cooperatives.

Energy efficiency conference educates contractors, builders on industry trends

Nearly 200 building industry professionals and employees from Iowa's electric cooperatives attended the 2022 Momentum is Building conference, held February 3-4 in Altoona.

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, the annual conference promotes residential energy efficiency building concepts and provides valuable CEU training for electricians, plumbers and HVAC professionals. Vendors and exhibitors were also on site to share new trends and products related to residential energy efficiency.

“Supporting programs like the Momentum is Building conference is part of Eastern Iowa REC’s commitment to energy efficiency and helps provide useful resources for local contractors to assist Cooperative members to use energy wisely in their homes and businesses,” Don Roth, Cooperative division manager of member relations, said.

In the opening keynote session, successful entrepreneur and New York Times bestselling author Weldon Long talked to attendees about how to generate powerful sales results

through consistency. Weldon’s personal story of overcoming adversity and conquering challenges has inspired audiences across the country.

The annual conference is managed and organized by Iowa’s generation and transmission cooperatives, including Central Iowa Power Cooperative, which supplies power to Eastern Iowa REC. Momentum is Building will return to the Meadows Conference & Event Center next February; contact the Cooperative’s member service department for more details, member.service@easterniowa.com.

You can use SmartHub® to report power outages

SmartHub® can be used for more than just managing your Eastern Iowa REC account or paying your bill. You can also report a power outage using SmartHub®.

This can be done through both the SmartHub® website at www.easterniowa.com or by using the SmartHub® Mobile App.

When using the SmartHub® website, after logging in to your SmartHub® account there is a button in the top right corner of the screen that says “Report an Issue/Inquiry”.

Click this button and choose “Power Outage”. Your account number will appear. If you have more than one account, be sure to have the correct account selected, then choose an outage description. If none of the descriptions fit your outage situation, choose the most fitting one and please add additional comments. Click “Continue”.

A green checkmark will appear to let you know your outage has been submitted. You may then exit SmartHub®, or there are two options in the bottom right corner to either report another outage or view



the status of your outage.

To report an outage using the SmartHub® Mobile App start by clicking “Report an Issue/Inquiry” on the home screen. Next, click on the line that says “Power Outage” then click “Continue”. It will ask you to select an outage description and comments may be added. Click “Send”, a message will appear to let you know an outage has been submitted. 15341708

Power outages may still be reported by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling 800-728-1242.

Access SmartHub® by visiting the Eastern Iowa REC website, www.easterniowa.com, or by downloading the app on your mobile device through the Apple App Store (iPhone or iPad) or Google Play Marketplace (Android phone or tablet).

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Energy Star® heat pump water heater (stand alone units)	\$650
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Energy Star Air Source Heat Pump	\$300/ton
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Energy Star Geothermal heat pump w/closed loop	\$500/ton
Energy Star Geothermal Unit Only (existing closed)	\$200/ton
Fire to Wire Bonus (replacing gas w/electric, retrofit only)	\$150/unit

Heat Plus Rate

Heat Plus Rate/Meter/ per home	\$100
Heat Plus Rate/Meter/apartment or shared building	\$50

Appliance Rebates (Must be Energy Star® rated)

Heat Pump Dryer	\$150
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Residential New Home Construction

Premier Electric Home Bonus--see rebate form for details	\$1,000
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Electric Car Charger

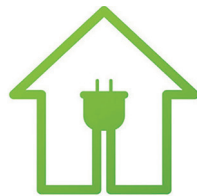
Residential Level II Charger	
<i>Electric Car Charger rebates are 50% of installed costs up to \$350.</i>	
EV Ready-for new or remodeled homes that are prewired for EV chargers	\$350
	\$100

Outdoor Battery-Operated Equipment

Electric mower, snow blower or bicycles (25% of the cost up to \$150)	\$150
Electric leaf blower, chainsaws, power washers, pruners or trimmers (25% of the cost up to \$50)	\$50



All rebate forms are available online at: www.easterniowa.com



SAVINGS WITH STAYING

All rebates are mutually exclusive and at the discretion of the Cooperative.

All rebates less than \$500 will be credited to the member's energy bill. Rebates more than \$500 will be paid by check as long as the member's account is current.

Members must apply for rebates within six months of the purchase date (as shown on the member's invoice).

Past eligibility, however, does not guarantee that equipment will meet criteria for current programs.

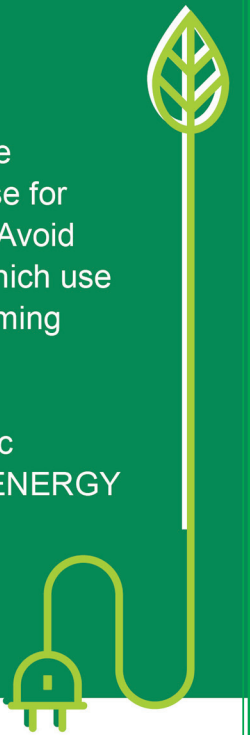
Call 1-800-728-1242 for rebates on weatherization, agriculture & commercial equipment.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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SAVINGS WITH STAYING POWER

The Market Place

Members may place personal ads in Current News at no cost, up to 25 words per ad, and only one ad per issue. Business ads from members cannot be accepted unless the business is served by the Cooperative, or upon payment in advance at 10 cents per word. **Only ads with member's name and account number will be accepted.** Only telephone numbers will be listed unless otherwise requested. Members may send their ads to Eastern Iowa REC, Attn: Market Place, P.O. Box 3003, Wilton, Iowa 52778. The Current News or the Cooperative will not be responsible for damages resulting from any errors in copy. Members are advised to check ads prior to transactions. Acceptance of advertising by the Current News does not imply endorsement by Eastern Iowa REC of the product or service advertised. Advertisers are screened by the editor and every effort is made to protect the subscriber, but the Current News and Eastern Iowa REC are not responsible for the performance of the product or service advertised.

- ANIMALS/ANIMAL RELATED -

FOR SALE- Four 7 1/2 month old peacocks, 3 roosters & 1 hen, Indian Egyptian cross, \$100 each. Phone Tipton 563-316-9186.

FOR SALE- Registered Black Angus yearling bulls, both calving ease & growth bulls, performance & carcass information available, Wishing Well Angus. Phone Columbus Junction 319-461-6554.

FOR SALE- Duck eggs coming in late March/April, free range run birds thru summer. Phone Long Grove 563-285-5522.

FOR SALE- Horse tack, 3 horse saddles, 1 pony saddle & other items. Phone Sperry 319-985-2185 or 319-759-4600, leave message.

FOR SALE- Border colliers, reg., smart, healthy, athletic pups, ready to be your farm-hand, sport prospect or active companion, DOB 1/5/22, \$750. Phone or text Columbus Junction 319-855-2485.

FOR SALE- 2-year-old & yearling bulls, half-blood to purebred Simmental; NEW Apache-Palco livestock equipment: corral panels, feeder wagons, creep feeders, feed bunks, tubs, chutes. Phone Atalissa 319-631-3565.

- VEHICLES/BOATS/MOTOR HOMES/ETC. -

WANTED- Toyota Tacoma truck, prefer running but may consider one that is not. Phone or text Columbus Junction 563-299-4570.

WANTED- Vintage car/muscle car that is sitting around, cash buyer. Phone Lone Tree 563-299-4570.

WANTED- Older gas-powered golf cart that runs. Phone Mediapolis 319-394-3266.

WANTED- Collector buying vintage bicycles from 1930's through 1950's w/horn tanks, headlights, etc., all makes including Schwinn, Elgin, Monark, Hawthorne, Huffman, Columbia, Shelby, Firestone, Rollfast, Colson, etc., or any deluxe or unusual old bicycles, will pick up anywhere. Phone 309-645-4623.

WANTED- Cash paid for antique Harley Davidson, Indian or other American made motorcycles from 1920's through 1960's, any condition, Illinois collector will pick up anywhere. Phone 309-645-4623.

WANTED- Old running/non running dirt bikes, 4 wheelers, 3 wheelers, etc., cash buyer. Phone Lone Tree 563-299-4570.

WANTED- Older snowmobiles, snow suits, helmets, anything snow related, prefer shedded machines but will consider others, give me a call w/what you have. Phone Riverside 319-648-2070 or 319-321-1989.

FOR SALE- '01 Ford F150 2WD extended cab, Triton V-8, 127k, no rust, nice clean truck. Phone West Liberty 563-506-0113.

FOR SALE- '18 Lowe boat, 17' 50HP motor Evinrude w/trolling motor counsel steering. Phone Atalissa 563-559-0375.

FOR SALE- '09 Ford Ranger 70,000 miles, white, floor shift, \$10,500. Phone Clinton 706-573-7603.

FOR SALE- '05 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD 4.6L, new tires, brakes, rotors & battery, \$4500 obo. Phone Wheatland 563-508-2388.

FOR SALE- '96 Geo Tracker, 2 door, auto, 4WD, new lock out hubs, soft top, remote start, 2" rear hitch, set up to pull behind vehicle, rusty but trusty, \$1900. Phone Muscatine 563-506-9522.

FOR SALE- Car trailer; Ranger boat trailer; body shop tools; misc. boat items, anchors, ropes pedestals; outboard motors and fuel tanks. Phone Muscatine 563-263-8126, leave message.

- FARM/MACHINERY/MOWERS -

WANTED- Sprayer 6'-12'; disc. 6'-12'; used corral panels & gates. Phone Muscatine 563-299-7895.

FOR SALE- 42" pull lawn aerator plug type predator 173cc OHV engine vertical shaft new in the box mo jack EZ lawnmower or ATV lift new in the box. Phone Muscatine 563-506-5439.

FOR SALE- 5' JD 3pt. mower, \$500 obo. Phone Muscatine 563-299-7895.

The deadline dates for Market Place ads and other news items to be included in the Current News issues for 2022 are:

Apr. 1	July 8	Oct. 7
May 6	Aug. 5	Nov. 11
June 3	Sept. 9	Dec. 9

Submit your Market Place ads via e-mail at market.place@easterniowa.com

The publication dates for Current News issues for 2022 are:

Apr. 13	July 20	Oct. 19
May 18	Aug. 17	Nov. 23
June 15	Sept. 21	Dec. 21

FOR SALE- Cub Cadet XT2 series riding lawn mower w/46" fabricated deck & 18HP Kawasaki engine, less than 100 hrs. use, asking \$1600. Phone Muscatine 563-260-6751.

FOR SALE- Fresh cut hedge post, all sizes, \$5-\$35. Phone Mediapolis 319-759-5384, leave message.

FOR SALE- Small square bales of grass hay, 5 miles SW of Tipton, \$4/bale. Phone 563-529-3711.

FOR SALE- Water pressure booster pump, Grundfos SCALA2 220v, works great, 2 months use before new well drilled, \$300, cost new \$700; new chainsaw Echo CS-271T, complete & never fueled, \$275. Phone Muscatine 563-299-8222.

FOR SALE- 80 big round bales, alfalfa grass mix, JD bailer net wrapped. Phone Columbus Junction 319-931-7351.

FOR SALE- Alfalfa square bales for sale. Phone Mt. Vernon 319-551-1995.

FOR SALE- JD Van Brunt grain drill, 10', \$800. Phone Donahue 563-285-7224.

FOR SALE- JD 48" 2013 mower deck, deck only, no parts, fits these JD models: x330, x350, x354, x370, x380, x384, x390, x394, x570, x580, etc., \$400 obo. Phone Nichols 563-299-4178.

FOR SALE- JD 820 diesel, loader on front, blade on back; tractor weights; various pitch forks & tools; sickle mower bar & blades; two JD 111 riding lawn mowers. Phone Atalissa 563-249-5603.

- HOME FURNISHINGS/APPLIANCES -

FOR SALE- Overhead garage door, 7' high 18' wide w/windows, very good condition. Phone Wellman 319-325-8023.

FOR SALE- 2 fiberglass overhead garage doors, w/operators, 9'x7', you take down, \$75 each. Phone Calamus 563-212-0551.

FOR SALE- Sewing machine & cabinet, signature model 285, 14 cam auto zigzag sewing machine in walnut cabinet, includes all accessories & instruction booklet, \$60. Phone Muscatine 563-264-3460.

- MISC. OR MULTIPLE -

COUNTRY HUMOR- Send your first-person country humor items to the Current News. When printed, author receives a \$25 bill credit. The C-N editor serves as judge. Mail country humor items to Eastern Iowa REC, P.O. Box 3003, Wilton, IA 52778.

WANTED- Buying old guitars & amplifiers, the older the better, broken or not working okay, acoustic & electric, even organs & drums will be considered, call w/what you have, cash paid. Phone Riverside 319-321-2335 or 319-648-2070.

WANTED- Sewing alterations & mending. Phone Muscatine 563-260-6758.

WANTED- Old, used, water/stock tank, prefer large size but small is fine too, rust & holes are ok. Phone Atalissa 563-260-3793.

WANTED- Working egg incubator, working 10,000 gal. swimming pool pump & sand filter. Phone Muscatine 563-260-6758.

FREE- Bucket of soybeans. Phone Lone Tree 319-333-5796.

FREE- Flexible flyer metal swing set, great condition, 2 sling swings, 4 passenger lawn swing, 1 trapeze bar, 1 wave slide, you haul. Phone or text Fruitland 319-212-1362.

FREE- Firewood logs, all sizes and shapes, you haul and load from Pleasant Valley Golf Course, Iowa City, for more information call 319-337-3812, leave message.

FOR SALE- '03 Ford Ranger, excellent shape, asking \$8000, call for details; 50+ black leather office/restaurant chairs, \$27 each, not sold separately. Phone afternoons, Muscatine 563-260-5397.

FOR SALE- Used lawnmowers; wooden wood duck houses, \$15 each. Phone Muscatine 563-299-7903.

FOR SALE- Buffalo meat, all cuts. Phone Winter Bison, Blue Grass 563-381-3671.

FOR SALE- Old farm tools, too many to mention; lots of kitchen stuff, crocks, etc. Phone West Liberty 319-541-3298.

FOR SALE- Three quarter size pool table, 72" by 39", complete set of balls & cues, \$150; leather recliner, navy blue, good condition, \$35. Phone Blue Grass 563-320-4097.

FOR SALE- New T-14 purple martin houses, Troyer tunnels, EZ mount system, \$650; 16'-3" square aluminum pole w/brake winch, stainless steel cable, \$425. Phone Bennett 563-893-2400.

FOR SALE- Radio Flyer child's wagon 36" #83125 bought \$160, used 3 times indoors, looks brand new, \$90. Phone West Burlington 319-572-8096.

FOR SALE- Antique steel wheel running gear, no box; small lime or seed spreader, good for small lots, very good condition; two Rainbow vac. cleaners w/power heads, very good condition. Phone Muscatine 563-260-5445.

FOR SALE- Billboard advertising sign on wheels w/all lettering & numbers, \$375 obo. Phone Riverside 319-330-0792.

FOR SALE- STIHL 018 chainsaw, 14" blade, good condition, \$90; half windshield for full size Polaris Ranger w/Pro-Fit cage, near new condition, \$40; 10-speed & 3-speed bicycles. Phone Wilton 563-299-1293.

FOR SALE- Small wood drop-leaf table w/2 chairs, \$50; Mainstays metal over-the-toilet shelf unit, new, unassembled, \$20. Phone Lone Tree 319-333-5796.

FOR SALE- '16 Polaris RZR, 900ES, 50" trail, loaded w/options, super nice, 4,830 miles, \$10,500; 80 18"x20" double wall perforated plastic culverts, \$80 each. Phone Moscow 563-260-2122.

Phoenix Services--Has the weather ruined Your Driveway, Road, Farm yard? Steel making slag aggregates are very strong, durable materials that perform better than natural aggregates. Great for Access Roads, Parking lots, Driveways, Pathways, Lay-down Areas, Feed lots and pens, Erosion Control. Sizes available:
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All prices FOB, DELIVERY available call Ted Skowron. For delivery pricing up to 75 miles from Wilton. Phoenix is located inside Gerda Steel - Gate B @ 1500 W 3rd St - Wilton. 219-246-0038 (Skowron) 563-732-4010 (Scale) Open 7a-3p; Monday -Friday. For more information visit www.phxslag.com.

- HOUSE/PROPERTY -

FOR RENT- Permanent pasture, 17 acres w/water, 2 miles from Wilton from May 15-August 15, limit of 8 cow/calf pairs, \$300 for three months. Phone Wilton 563-299-1839.

FOR SALE- Rural home sitting on 1.7 acres just outside of Wilton, IA, 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom, down road of school. Phone Wilton 563-299-6310.

FOR SALE- 25 cemetery plots, all connecting but will sell separately, regular price \$600, asking \$300 for each plot, at Oakdale Cemetery in Wilton. Phone 563-343-5919.

- SERVICES -

WANTED- Someone to prep, prime & paint two full size Sunday School Church buses in Mediapolis, call for photos & details. Phone 319-750-5626.

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WANTED- Someone to fell hardwood trees 8"-15" diameter, will pay \$2.50/tree felled, or cut for free & take firewood before April 15. Phone Wilton 563-299-1839.

HELP WANTED- Horse barn help wanted, cleaning stall, chores, other projects as needed, pay negotiable, located near Tipton exit on I-80, ask for Otis. Phone Moscow 563-506-3925.

HELP WANTED- Corteva Agriscience, full time, health insurance, 4 weeks paid vacation, 401k w/company match, \$1500 sign on bonus, www.corteva.com/careers and search "Durant".

HELP WANTED- CDL A drivers, stay close to home, off weekends, make great money, 100% no touch dry vans, full time/part time, guaranteed pay. Phone Dedicated Transportation Systems 888-616-0368.

WANTED- Scrap iron of all kinds: iron, tractors, wire, tin, appliances; free pick up. Phone Wilton 563-260-3355.

BOOKKEEPING SERVICE- 30 years professional accounting experience, advanced excel work, rates negotiable. Phone or text Laura 563-210-5337.

A-OK Sanitation Service- Septic tank cleaning, installation, repair, licensed & insured, state certified inspector, 50 years' experience, serving East Central Iowa area. Phone Frank Hahn 563-299-2228, 563-724-3458 or Kevin Hahn 563-299-2459.

MJK Metal Works- Will do skid loader, backhoe, bulldozer & track hoe repair; also welding & fabrication; will travel w/service truck. Phone DeWitt 563-210-6313.

Iowa Maintenance- Painting, repair work, new construction & more. Phone Iowa City 319-631-1937.

Current Electric Inc.- Free estimates, residential/commercial, State of Iowa licensed. Phone Jeff, Blue Grass 563-381-4500.

Gerhardt Construction & Remodeling- Licensed & insured general contractor & electrician, providing professional results for all your commercial & residential needs, call for free estimate. Phone 563-210-5711.

PABEERS Handyman Services- Able to complete most all home repair projects, complete repair shop, registered contractor C126123. Phone or text Alan, Ainsworth 319-330-4378.

Howard Forest & Prairie- Professional tree service & natural resource management. Phone Bart for free estimate 563-299-4847 or email bh.howardfp@gmail.com.

Iowa River Tree Service- Premier tree service out of Columbus Junction, IA offering professional tree trimming & removal services. Also specialize in snow removal, landscaping, stump grinding, lawn services & spring/fall cleanup. Commercial & residential. For free estimates call 319-212-0201 or email joseleyva312@gmail.com.

Entenmoor Habitat Improvement- Food plot preparation/planting, brush mowing & stump grinding. Phone Jeff 563-277-0059 or entenmoor@gmail.com for estimate or to schedule work.

JonZ Auto Repair- Specializing in light repair & maintenance of all domestic & some import vehicles, 1639 Monroe Ave. Tipton. Phone Jon 563-889-3539.

Skid Steer Work- Tree pulling, hauling & leveling rock, dirt, etc., clean up CRP fields, trees must go w/my tree puller, can pull up to 7"-diameter trees. Phone Bill, Muscatine 563-506-9848 for details.

Excavation & Skid Steer Work- Rock hauling & leveling, yard shaping, tree pulling, tile install & repair. Phone Lucas, Wheatland 563-331-0187.

Mills Paranormal Research Society- Is your home or business haunted? Do you need answers? Call the professionals. No fees. Will travel. Phone 563-607-1988 or email j_mills_18@live.com. Facebook@MillsParanormal Research Society & Instagram @millsparanormal.

Tammi's House Cleaning- Muscatine area. Phone 563-506-3151.

Sparkle & Shine- We clean when you don't have the time: thorough cleaning, free consultation, bonded & insured, reliable service. Phone Davenport 563-370-1844 or 563-449-6671.

Lou's Cleaning- 20+ years cleaning experience, houses and business cleaning, flexible scheduling M-F & Saturday for deep cleaning. Phone Muscatine 563-260-3472.

Bison Ridge Kennels- Boarding & grooming. Phone Blue Grass 563-381-3671.

Starlite Academy- Dog training by certified trainer, 20 years' experience, puppy development classes offered (age 6-14 weeks old), our K-9 country club is your dog's home away from home for 1 day or many. Phone Bennett 563-893-2460 or www.starliteacademy.net.

Dot's Groom & Board- We care when you can't be there, dog walking, transportation, in-home care, boarding & grooming. Phone Calamus 563-246-2020 or www.dots-groomandboard.com.

Caning- Specializing in chair caning, furniture repairs & custom-made furniture. Phone Donahue 563-843-2644.

Roofer- Asphalt, steel or mobile home, free estimates in Louisa & Muscatine counties. Phone or text Muscatine 563-316-9060.

J & M Seamless Gutters- 20-years' experience in Muscatine County & surrounding area; gutters, cleanouts, repairs, covers, soffit & fascia. Phone 563-260-3352, free estimate.

S&K Stump Removal- Free estimates, discounts for seniors & veterans, Scott McConnaha owner/operator. Phone Scott 563-260-3769 or Kathy 563-260-4769.

Fisher Stump Grinding LLC- Free estimates, multi stump discount, low impact machine, cleanup available. Phone Riverside 319-631-4700.

Sexton Stump Removal- Stump grinding, clean up available, over 10 years experience, insured. Phone Iowa City 319-430-7919.

CRP Field Clean Up- Trees must go w/my tree puller, can pull trees up to 7"-diameter, fast & reliable. Phone Bill, Muscatine 563-506-9848 for details.

Jerry's Painting- Specializing in painting houses & barns, inside & out, Historic Preservation Commission Award Winner, 29 years' experience. Phone West Branch 319-643-2425.

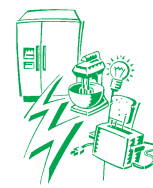
Total Nuisance Wildlife Removal Services- Specializing in animal removal from your home or business, licensed & insured. Phone David, Tipton 563-886-4378.

Night Owl High Speed Internet- Proudly serving the areas surrounding Walcott, Blue Grass, Durant, Stockton, Plainview, Maysville & Montpelier. Phone 563-447-0177.

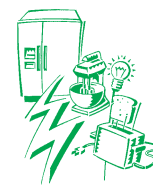
Allworth Contracting, Wapello- Excavating, septic systems, sewer repair, brush/timber clearing, pond building, terrace & tiling, site-prep, basement digging, road building, trucking, rock hauling, demolition. Phone Ruger 319-750-0993.

GW Seed & Seedling LLC- CRP seed sales & seeding, professional timber sales, 30 years of experience, Greg Wagner 319-759-4171, lgforstry98@gmail.com.

Revolving Loan Fund- Eastern Iowa REC has a limited revolving loan fund available for new or expanding businesses. Contact Dave Mohr, 1-800-728-1242 for details.



Kitchen Kuisine



March is National Noodle Month!
All recipes are courtesy www.allrecipes.com

Creamy Beef Tips with Egg Noodles

2 lbs. sirloin tips, cubed	½ C. red wine
½ yellow onion, chopped	1 (1.25 oz.) package beef with onion soup mix
2 (10.75 oz.) cans condensed cream of mushroom soup	2 (16 oz.) packages egg noodles
1 C. milk	

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Saute beef sirloin tips with onion in the hot skillet until beef is browned, about 5 minutes. Stir cream of mushroom soup, milk, red wine, and beef with onion soup mix together in a bowl, pour into the skillet, and stir to coat beef in the soup mixture; bring to a simmer, reduce heat to low, place a cover on the skillet, and cook until the beef tips are tender, about 2 hours. Reduce heat to lowest setting and continue cooking until the beef pulls apart easily with a fork, at least 4 hours more. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook egg noodles in the boiling water, stirring occasionally until cooked through but firm to the bite, about 5 minutes. Drain. Ladle beef tips mixture over egg noodles.

Dan Dan Noodles

1 (16 oz.) package egg noodles	1 (1 inch) piece fresh ginger, peeled
2 Tbsp. canola oil	8 oz. ground pork
¾ C. dry-roasted peanuts	½ tsp. salt
6 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce	1 ¼ C. cucumber--peeled, seeded, and chopped
2 Tbsp. sambal oelek (chile paste)	¾ C. thinly sliced green onion
2 tsp. white sugar	½ C. chopped fresh cilantro
5 cloves garlic, peeled	3 Tbsp. lime juice

Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rapid boil. Cook egg noodles at a boil until tender yet firm to the bite, 7 to 9 minutes. Drain in a colander over a bowl, reserving ¾ cup cooking liquid. Place noodles in a large bowl. Heat oil in a large wok over medium-high heat. Add peanuts to pan; saute until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Combine peanuts, soy sauce, sambal oelek, sugar, garlic, and ginger in a mini food chopper; process until finely ground. Cook pork and salt in a wok over medium-high heat until no longer pink, stirring to crumble, about 8 minutes. Add peanut mixture and ¾ cup cooking liquid to pork; bring to a boil. Cook for 1 minute, stirring frequently. Add pork mixture, cucumber, green onions, cilantro, and lime juice to noodles; toss well. Serve.

Country Humor

Granddaughter has trouble finding the pet bunny

By Jane Elsasser

Our granddaughter loved playing with our pet rabbit. She would go to the back porch to see the bunny and feed him carrots.

One day the bunny unexpectedly died. When my granddaughter came to visit, she ran to the porch looking for the rabbit. With a puzzled look she ran back to me. "Grandma! Where's the bunny?" she asked.

I hesitated and said in a soft, gentle voice, "Well honey, the bunny died. He's in heaven now." I was prepared to comfort a distraught little girl, but she just stared at me and replied "Oh!" Then, ran off to play with her toys.

The rest of the morning was uneventful. No tears or crying--which made me feel a little better. 16095447

As I was preparing lunch, my granddaughter ran out to the porch. She came back and asked, "Grandma where's the bunny?" A little bewildered I replied, "Well the bunny died, sweetheart. He's in heaven." She looked at me with eyes wide opened and in a surprised voice said "AGAIN!"

Send your first person country humor items to the Current News. When printed, the author receives a \$25. bill credit. The C-N editor serves as the judge.

February Lucky Number Winners

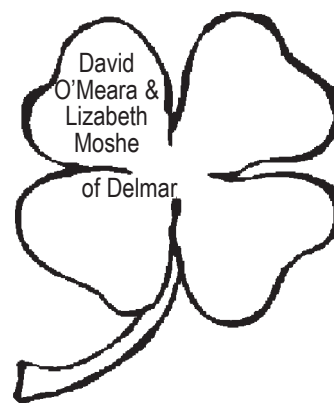
Seven account numbers are randomly selected each month and hidden in the Current News. If you spot your account number, you could earn \$25.

Your account number can be found on your monthly energy bill. Due to printing irregularities, the number on the Current News label is not always your full account number.

If you spot your lucky number, contact the information department before the next issue is mailed.

Anyone who finds their lucky number will receive a \$25 credit on their next energy bill.

Call, toll free, 1-800-728-1242 if you find your lucky number.



Patronage treasure hunt continues this month

The Cooperative is trying to locate the following people and firms who have outstanding patronage refunds, deposits and or uncashed checks. If you know any of these people or firms, have them contact the patronage department of Eastern Iowa REC, at 1-800-728-1242. Included with the names are the last known addresses the Cooperative has for these people and firms.

All income above that needed to provide electric service is returned to Cooperative members as patronage. A portion of the funds are deferred and returned at a later date.

This time lapse causes some problems for members who move off Cooperative lines and don't leave forwarding addresses.

If you see a familiar name among those listed, have the person contact the Cooperative. The list will continue in the April issue of the *Current News*.

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 Harvey Barrett; Des Moines
 Harvey Jon ; Valley City ND
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 Hastings Don; Somonauk IL
 Hatch Deborah S; No valid address
 Hauenstein Kyle R; Mediapolis
 Haushahn Ben R; Burlington
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 Holeton Michael D; Antioch TN
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 Holladay Clyde L; Rapids City IL
 Holladay Fusako; Honolulu HI
 Holland Donald W; Grandview
 Hollingsworth Tucker L; Sperry
 Holm Elise J; Iowa City
 Holm Gerald J; Camanche
 Holmes Lin; Riverside
 Holst Jason; De Witt
 Holt Donald; Muscatine
 Holt John; Davenport
 Holub Heath; Mount Vernon
 Holway Melissa A; Oxford
 Home Oil Station Inc; Urbandale
 Honeycutt Robert R; Clinton
 Hoon Andrew; Buffalo WY
 Hoover David ; Muscatine
 Hopkins Samantha; Plattsmouth NE
 Hora Bobbi; West Liberty
 Hora Patricia; Muscatine
 Horn Sara; W. Burlington
 Horn Shane; Burlington
 Horst Art; Durant
 Hottenstein David; Wilton
 Houchins Rodney T; Lakeview AR
 Houghton Ben ; Muscatine
 Housh E William ; Muscatine
 Howard Angel; Weatherford OK
 Howard Deja; Tipton
 Howard Jerry; Stilwell KS
 Howard Mitch; Tipton
 Howard Ron; Buffalo
 Howard Thomas W; West Liberty
 Howe Jeff ; Osage Beach MO
 Howe Jordan ; Goose Lake
 Howe Linda L; Gorin MO
 Howell Craig B; Columbus Jct.
 Howell John W; W. Burlington
 Howell Robert M; Sperry
 Howerton Steve; Muscatine
 Howes Kevin T; Green Valley IL
 Huber Steve; De Witt
 Huber Trisha; Muscatine
 Hubler Richard; Mechanicsville
 Hubner John; Eldridge
 Hudson Jerry; New London
 Hudson Jerry D; Riverside
 Hudson Richard H; Loveland CO
 Huennekens Dave; Clinton
 Huerta Elizabeth; Muscatine
 Huff Debra; Neosho MO
 Huff Ronald D; Davenport
 Hukill Bernard; Coppell TX
 Hull Jack; Iowa City
 Humphries Edward M; Washington
 Humphry Mike ; West Burlington
 Huneke Michael; Burlington
 Hungate Earl E; Muscatine
 Hunt Wayne ; Muscatine
 Hunter Chas P; Davenport
 Hunter Curtiseena C; Iowa City
 Hunter James; Muscatine
 Hurlburt Brent; Woodland Park CO
 Hurst Mike; Friendswood TX
 Hurt David C; Foley AL

Hurtado Martin; Vista CA
 Hurtado Teresa; Wapello
 Hutchcroft Tim; Mediapolis
 Hutchison Raymond D; Ames
 Hute Jason; Delmar
 Hylton Connie Y; Iowa City
 Hylton Kirk; Davenport
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 I & M Rail Link; Llc; Missoula MT
 Igou Pat; Rock Island IL
 Ijdo Jacob W; Iowa City
 Ingwersen Alva J; Indianapolis IN
 Isaacs Jessica; Hills
 Jackson Abby; Muscatine
 Jackson Craig; Olin
 Jackson Jacob; Muscatine
 Jackson Jessica ; Muscatine
 Jackson Jon; Burlington
 Jackson Rex; Davenport
 Jacobs Jeff; Julesburg CO
 Jacobs Lamoyne; Muscatine
 Jacobs Roberta; Wilton
 Jacobsen Dennis; Solon
 Jalomo Carolina; Muscatine
 Jansen Bruce R; Bettendorf
 Jansen Scott; Riverside IL
 Jarrett Holly; Mountain Grove MO
 Jaspering Rick M; West Chester
 Jelliff Amanda; Clinton
 Jensen Billy; North Liberty
 Jensen Jeffrey R; Edina MN
 Jepson Tom; Coralville
 Jividen Janalee; Bettendorf
 Johansen Mark; Grand Mound
 Johns Brian; Iowa City
 Johns Jeffrey A; East Troy WI
 Johnson Brenton; Wilton
 Johnson Daniel D; W. Burlington
 Johnson Howard L; Maquoketa
 Johnson James I; Davenport
 Johnson Jamie; Davenport
 Johnson Jerry; Tama
 Johnson Jessica; Davenport
 Johnson Kim; Clinton
 Johnson Kory M; Blue Grass
 Johnson Larry A; Burlington
 Johnson Linda L; Muscatine
 Johnson Marilyn; Burlington
 Johnson Mark E; Bettendorf
 Johnson Randy; Columbus Jct.
 Johnson Ronald L; Marion
 Johnson Shaline B; Letts
 Johnson Toni; Moscow
 Johnston Joseph J; Marion
 Johnston Patricia A; Danville
 Joines Richard A; Blue Grass
 Jones Bill ; Eldridge
 Jones Chester; Eldridge
 Jones Darlene; Hills
 Jones David J; Moline IL
 Jones Doug; Muscatine
 Jones Henry; Davenport
 Jones James W; Davenport
 Jones Jim; Muscatine
 Jones Kenneth E; Wapello
 Jones Kerry D; Refugio TX
 Jones Kimberly; Muscatine
 Jones Nicole; Iowa City
 Jones William H; Blue Grass
 Joseph Anthony; Iowa City
 Joslin Rodney; Charles City
 Justus Elmer; Davenport
 --K--
 Kaczinsk Josh; Delmar
 Kaefring Jana; Iowa City
 Kane Gary A; Wilton
 Kane Pamela K; De Witt
 Kanke Chad; Cedar Rapids
 Karg Carol; Rock Falls IL
 Kasper Paul; Kalona
 Kautz Terry; Tucson AZ
 Kayser Brenda J; Ames
 Kearney Chad; Blue Grass
 Kearney Mija; Muscatine
 Keck Dennis; Burlington
 Keckler Jeff; Davenport
 Keckler Timothy J; Davenport
 Keeton Rosella J; Cedar Rapids
 Kehoe John H; Long Grove
 Keller Kent; Muscatine
 Kelley Curtis E; Bettendorf
 Kelley Steven R; Clayton IN
 Kelley Sue; Davenport
 Kellogg Brett; Fruitland
 Kelly David R; Muscatine
 Kelly Grant D; Wapello

Kelly Larry; Clinton
 Kelting Alberta; Donahue
 Kennedy Jon M; North Liberty
 Kennedy Lawrence; Muscatine
 Kenser Richard; Buckingham
 Kent Leslie; Madison SD
 Kent Mary; Muscatine
 Kepford Dennis; Muscatine
 Keppy Brian; Davenport
 Kerens Michael; Aurora CO
 Kerr Carl L; Wapello
 Key Michael J; W. Burlington
 Kham Hawi; Columbus Jct.
 Kiefer Dawne D; Riverside
 Kiersch Scott H; Iowa City
 Killen Jim; Muscatine
 Kindelsperger Susie K; Eldridge
 KingRoger A; Muscatine
 King; Susan; Bennett
 Kingsley Damon; Blue Grass
 Kinneer Robert; Iowa City
 Kirby Richard; De Witt
 Kirk Rodney D; Muscatine
 Kirkpatrick Myrna E; Burlington
 Kiser Ronald; Wilton
 Kisner Chad M; Marshall MN
 Klauer Gerard; Bennett
 Klavemann Frederick; Tipton
 Klein Rayna; Muscatine
 Kleinendorst Steve; Davenport
 Kleppe Todd A; Toulon IL
 Kling Gerald; Wapello
 Klinkenberg Jennifer; Long Grove
 Klockslem Roger; Wright WY
 Knapper Elmer; Middletown PA
 Knepp Ryan; Wellman
 Knepp Tara F; North Liberty
 Knepper James A; LeClaire
 Knight Christine M; Stockton
 Knoll Lori J; Iowa City
 Knott Joe; Riverside
 Knotts Anthony P; Burlington
 Knotts John; Burlington
 Knouse Brad; Muscatine
 Knox Richard; Muscatine
 Knudson Natalie; Mankato MN
 Knudson Junoa; Cedar Rapids
 Knudson Tony; Chicago IL
 Koch Gary M; Saint Peter MN
 Koch John; Kenner LA
 Koch Stephanie A; Ashford AL
 Koelz; Stephen; Orion IL
 Kofron Danel L; West Branch
 Kohl Teresa; Cedar Rapids
 Kohnert Milton; Calamus
 Koller Franz; West Liberty
 Kopel Richard L; Blue Grass
 Koppe Jeff; Letts
 Kopriva Marty; Tipton
 Kording Glenn C; Muscatine
 Kotouc Jim; La Salle IL
 Kraft Charles M; Peoria IL
 Krall Karina; West Branch
 Kramer Michael; Muscatine
 Kraus Joe; Davenport
 Krebs Randy; Badger
 Kremanshawn; North Liberty
 Krenz; Devin T; Grandview
 Kress Terry; Maquoketa
 Krieger Garry K; Buda TX
 Kroll Roger; W. Burlington
 Kruckenberg James J; Wapello
 Krueger Enterprises; Iowa City
 Krueger Sallie M; Fairfield
 Kruse Debra; High Springs FL
 Krutzfield Amy; Winfield
 Kudelka Scott R; Sauk Rapids MN
 Kuehn James I; Grand Mound
 Kuisle John; Mediapolis
 Kulp Janice M; DeWitt
 Kuntz Farms Inc; Burlington
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 L & M Golf Inc; Clinton
 Lacina Betty; Iowa City
 Ladehoff Devin; Coralville
 Lahmon Nancy; Clinton
 Lair Virgil L; New London
 Laird Naomi R; Salt Lake City UT
 Lamb Crettie; Muscatine
 Lamont Chantell; Davenport
 Lance Sharon K; Moline IL
 Lane Michael J; Iowa City
 Lansing Heidi; Muscatine

Large Ricky L; Davenport
 Larue Gary; Columbus Jct.
 Laslo Adrian; Muscatine
 Lathrop Paul K; West Liberty
 Lawrence John P; Iowa City
 Layton Curtis; Clinton
 Leas Mary Jean; Burlington
 Ledoux Elaine; Camanche
 Lee Brian K; Iowa City
 Lee Daniel J; Davenport
 Lee Frank H; Montpelier IA
 Leisinger Cary; Iowa City
 Lema Lisa; Davenport
 Lemay Amanda B; Painesville OH
 Lenz John; Grand View WI
 Leuch Sandra L; Tarpon Springs FL
 Lewis Dena M; Burlington
 Lewis Kevin H; Tipton
 Lewis Marlene J; Wapello
 Lewis Mary Ellen; Muscatine
 Lewis Shane A; Danville
 Leydens Jon W; Iowa City
 Leza Santos; Muscatine
 Lick Lanny D; Muscatine
 Lightcore Century Tel Co; Chesterfield MO
 Lihs Judy; East Moline IL
 Lilleholm Dale ; Colfax
 Lincoln Esther; Hills
 Lincoln Mary A; Burlington
 Lind Patrick A; Winfield
 Lindle Dale; Mc Causland
 Lindsey Tom; Coralville
 Lindstadt Clara K; Burlington
 Linnenbrink Brian A; Donahue
 Lippincott Ross; Davenport
 Little Belinda S; Gulfport MS
 Little Jeremy; Buffalo
 Littrel Linda; Wapello
 Lobdell Duane; Blue Grass
 Lockard John S; Washington
 Lofthus Craig A; Burlington
 Logsden James; Tipton
 Logue James O; Elkhorn NE
 Long Alta; Goose Lake
 Long Christine M; De Witt
 Long Mark S; Burlingame KS
 Long Shelly A; Burlington
 Longoria Liz; Wapello
 Loomis Alan; Cedar Rapids
 Lopez Esteban; Muscatine
 Lopshire Viola; Donahue
 Lorenz David R; Sioux City
 Loriman Judy P; Marengo
 Lousias Christine; Clarion
 Lovell B W; Gun Barrel City TX
 Lovell Warren W; Muscatine
 Lowe Dean; Muscatine
 Lowe Linda; Davenport
 Lowery Cynthia A; West Liberty
 Lox Jason L; Oquawka IL
 Luck Laura; Iowa City
 Ludin Raymond; Bettendorf
 Luecke Mark E; Indian Land SC
 Lumberg Carla M; Burlington
 Luna Rogelio; Muscatine
 Lundgren Ruth J; Clinton
 Lundholm Robert E; Dahinda IL
 Lundy Kenneth W; Sigourney
 Luttrull Charles; Muscatine
 Lyons John; Iowa City
 Lynch Family Trusts; Marion
 Lynch Jennifer L; Camanche
 Lyons John; Iowa City
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 Maas Donald; West Liberty
 Macans Marie M; W. Burlington
 MacDonald Jason; Tipton
 Mace Becky; Davenport
 Mace Carol A; Letts
 Mace Gale D; Fort Madison
 Macgowan Lester; Port Isabel TX
 Mack Ian A; Iowa City
 Mack Lameika; Blue Grass
 Mackey Rhonda J; Iowa City
 Macy Gerald; Clinton

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