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Guthrie County REC
A Taxpayers Energy Cooperative

SEPTEMBER 2017

Help us find missing member-owners who are owed capital credit checks ▶ See page 4

Solar eclipse, co-op style!

We gathered to watch day turn into night



Changes announced for heating bill assistance program

Does your home need more insulation?

During harvest (or anytime), road safety matters

Visit our website at www.guthrie-rec.coop

IN THE NEWS

Get to know GCREC – on TV!

Guthrie County REC is partnering with Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) and KCCI-TV to develop a 90-second “Get to Know” feature that will air on KCCI-TV with Steve Berry as the host. The presentation is a snapshot of the cooperative and how it operates.

“Guthrie County is proud to partner on this unique initiative to showcase our cooperative and our members,” said CEO Cozy Nelsen. The cooperative will be showcasing the first-rate system that works to keep member rates low and stable. ⚡



CEO Cozy Nelsen is interviewed by host Steve Berry during production of the co-op’s “Get to Know” show.



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EXTEND A HELPING HAND!

Help us find these missing

One of the biggest benefits of being a member of Guthrie County REC is sharing in its success. Every year, once all financial statements have been finalized and audited, the co-op records the margin – revenue in excess of expenses. These margins are held for a set period of time before being dispersed to cooperative

members, based on their electric usage in the year the margins were recorded.

The cooperative has a number of members whose checks have not been cashed for one reason or another. It’s very important that we find these people as soon as possible so that we can forward payment.

- A**
Alborn Jr., Henry D
Allen, Timothy or Nancy
Allender, James R or Valerie J
Anderson, Helen C
Anderson, Linda J
Anderson, Mary Jean or Richard
Annear, Robert B or Ruth K
Ashby, Grover J or Sharon A
Aurora Enterprises Inc
- B**
Barnhill, Robert L c/o Robert Barnhill III
Baumgardner, Lola
Beattie, Collene or Richard
Beaudoin, David D or Debra K
Becker, John F or Abby Swartz
Bergeron, Steve P or Lisa Bernsmeier Estate, Bud Bieghler Jr, Donald L or Emily
Blakeman, Bernie
Blattner, John W
Bodenberger Estate c/o Joanne Bodenberger
Booth Estate, Grace c/o Gary Gilmor Exec.
Brabham, Richard F or Lorraine
Bramer, Raymond A
Briggs, Sharon
Broderick, Charles W
Buell, Leanne M
Burger, Clarence H
Busch, Alfred P
- C**
Cadwell, Glen L or Beverly
Chambers, David J
Chance, Gary P
Collier, Robert L or Karen S
Conway, Brian J or Terri L
Cotton, Robert
Crabbs, Bruce
Crampton, Mark D or Judy
- D**
Danielson, Gloria or Clarence
De Phillips, Milo R
De Rocher, Marie
Dirks, Maynard or Catherine
Dodd, Helen E
Dolezal, Patricia E or Tim
Downey, Joy I c/o Stacie Cox
- E**
Emerson, Roger
Espejo, Adolfo T
Essy, George or Gloria
- F**
Feirick, Jeffrey A or Carol J
Foresman, Helen L c/o Sherry Foresman Exec.
Fowler, Frank C or Mary Fox, W F or Marian B
Francis, Stephanie or Christopher
Fryman, Robert G
- G**
Gadberry, Delores A
Gilbert, Michael D or Linda S
Glass, Mitze or Danny
Good, Ron G or Sue Ann
Grim, Gerry or Connie
Grossnickle, Donald I or Betty J
Grubbs, Carrie or Ryan
GTE-Midwest Inc. c/o Robert Tyler
Gustafson, Brian
- H**
Halterman, Amy L or Nick
Hamman, Robert D
Hanley, Mark W
Hanlon, Lawrence T or Melvin J Whitfield
Hansen, Yvonne M
Harrison, Jennifer L
Hartleben, Dave W or Gail
Hartman, Robert
- I**
Harvey, Eric G or Carla Hayden, Laverne M c/o Mary Lou Stout
Heaton, Edward D or Linda S
Helper, Ryan
Herron, David D
Hesse, Richard A or Deborah J
Hibbs, Jerry
Hickman, Dan W or Susan M
Hillman, Lurleen W or Charles Iles
Hudspeth, Todd R
Hughes, Lloyd W or Josie D
- J**
James, Jeff
Israel, John D
- K**
Karstens, A.J.
Kaser, Peter G or Becky Kaser
Khoundara, Misay or Kongmala
Khoundarn, Khan
Kirby, Chad
Kissel, Joseph B or Karen
Klebs, Jack W
Knapp Jr, Walter
Kollasch, E. Delores
- L**
Lageschulte, Jeromy F
Larsen, Donald D
Larson, Jerome D or Sue
Leser, Gerald W
Link, Lisa A
- M**
Lippincott, Chad M or Sheila M
Litho-Graphics Inc. c/o Robert Lassner
Logan, Michelle A or Jeffrey
Lovelace, Jeremy C or Lindsey
Lumsden, Wallace
Lund, Josh or Rachel
- M**
Magee, Crystal
Mason, Jeffrey P
Mc Dow, Louise A or Daniel R
Mc Farland, Charles
Mc Griff, Patrick M
Mc Laughlin, Thomas L or Katherine M
Mc Lavey, Morris L or Diane E
Mc Millen, James
Meyer, John R
Miller, Jeffrey T
Miller, Thomas
Miller Jr, Frank M or Luann
Moody, Dallas E c/o Lola Baumgardner
Morrow, Gary
Morse, Linda, V
Mote II, Howard M
Mr. D’s at the Port c/o Dennis D Heuton
Mueller, Dave D
Murrell, Kenneth D or Vicky L
- N**
Nelson, Michael A or Kyle
Neus, Jason D
Neville, Judith L
Nevins, Ken
Norman, Lee
Northrup, Charles R
Nourse, Eelyn J
- O**
Osborne, Dean E or Kathleen
Oxley, Dale E
- P**
Parker, Alberta F

members!

If you see your name or have information on the whereabouts of any of the members on the list, please contact us.

Also remember if you move or change your contact information, please let us know so that we may get in touch with you in the future about your capital credits. ⚡

Patrick, Ron D
 Pauk, Mike K
 Peckum, Jane M
 Petersen, Dennis L
 or Susan Drake
 Petersen
 Petersen, Edna M
 Petersen, Richard
 Petersen, Steven D
 Phillips, Gilbert T or
 Joan
 Phillips, Robert S or Ada
 I Phillips
 Pieper, Alene F
 Plummer, James A

R
 Raab, Jerimian
 Ramquist, Shelly
 Ristig, Bernard or
 Milissa
 Rosenquist, Richard L or
 Joan R
 Rottler, Joen M or
 Gary W
 Rude, Larry H
 Russell, Kenneth R
 Ruth, Sidney L or
 Roxanna R

S
 Schrack Jr, Donald D
 Schultes, Larry J
 Scott, Rodney A or
 Shelly D
 Seidler III, William or
 Nancy
 Shaffer, Dana or Joan E
 Sharon, Bernard W or
 Bonnie
 Sharp, Albert
 Shirley, Alma
 Smith, Kevin D or Jill S
 Smith, Nick
 Sparks, Kara L or Jerry
 Sparks
 Spence, Susan J or
 Jeffrey
 Stafford, Pamela A
 Stangl, Jerome M or
 Mary A
 Stein, Janice
 Stewart, Allen G
 Stokely, Robert A
 Strain, Roger D or Jill K

Suby, David A or
 Carolyn C
 Sundquist, Roberta

T
 Talbott, John W
 Tasler, Marvin or
 Katherine S
 Taylor, Ronald L or
 Rebecca S
 Thacker, Carolyn A
 Tholen, Bradley A
 Thompson, Otil Lyle
 Thompson, Sara L or
 Chris Thompson
 Thompson, Sean W
 Ticknor, Allen
 Toft, Donald F or
 Donna
 Tope, Ronald or Jan
 Tri State Outdoor
 Media Group Inc.
 Trump Sr, Ronald W or
 Gwenda

U
 Uken, Henry D

V
 Van Brunt, Karl

W
 Wahlert, Leonard or
 Irene M
 Walter, Carol A
 Wang, David or
 Chunyan
 Wells-Ball, Kim or Dave
 Selim
 White, Gilbert or
 Dorothy
 White, Randy E or
 Donna E
 Whitney, Terry J or
 Louis
 Wigton, Roger E or
 Sharon S
 Wilkinson, David
 Williams, Linda
 Wilson, Joanna C or
 Catherine Allen

Z
 Young, Dennis E or
 Suna Bayrakal

During harvest (or anytime), road safety matters

BY COZY NELSEN

Iowa's farmers provide us with an abundant food supply. But farmers are exposed to a unique and sometimes hazardous workplace, as agriculture continues to rank as one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S. We've witnessed the dangers, as the Iowa DOT estimates that nearly 2,000 roadway accidents involving farm equipment occurred over the last decade. During National Farm Safety and Health Week Sept. 17-23, we recognize those farmers and ranchers who promote safe and healthy practices as they enter the harvest season.



Farm Safety and Health Week is not just for farmers. All of us use public rural roadways, and it's everyone's responsibility to share the road. As users of these roadways, we must look out for slow-moving vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and other automobiles. Sharing the road is everyone's responsibility, and we all can play a role in preventing accidents.

Harvest season means the number of farm vehicles traveling on rural roads will increase significantly. Operators need to be cautious of oncoming traffic and vehicles behind them. When making turns, use signals and always check your blind spots before proceeding with any turn. Roadway vehicle drivers, be aware and slow down when approaching farm equipment.

Many users of rural roads don't know the speed limitations of farm

equipment. Tractors, combines and other self-propelled farm machinery can only travel up to 25 mph. Once you notice a farm machine ahead of you, slow down. Only pass when you're in a designated passing zone and where there aren't any entrances on the left side of the road, as the operator may turn in unexpectedly. Patience is a trait that will allow everyone to go home at the end of the day.

I encourage everyone to be extra diligent when driving during harvest season. By practicing a few safety tips, we can keep the roads safe across Guthrie County REC's territory, and all of Iowa, for everyone's benefit. ⚡

Cozy Nelsen is the CEO of Guthrie County REC.

MEMBER SERVICE

Has your contact information changed? Let us know!

It's very important for Guthrie County REC to maintain updated contact information for our members. If you've had a recent change, contact the office at 888-747-2206 with your corrected information.



EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

Win an LED work light!

This \$120 Husky twin-head, 7,000-lumen, tripod light will provide all the light you need for any project. Complete the entry form by Sept. 30, 2017, at the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website: www.livingwithenergyiowa.com. ⚡



Nominating committee plans for 2017 election

As a member-owned electric cooperative, Guthrie County REC is governed by a board of directors comprised of people who are your neighbors and elected by you. Democratic member control is one of seven cooperative principles that guide Guthrie County REC. It means every cooperative member has one vote, and every member is eligible to serve as a co-op director representing his or her district.

On Jan. 6, 2018, your cooperative will hold its annual meeting and board election. Members in Districts 7, 8 and 9 are eligible to run for a position on the board of directors and get involved in co-op decision making. Directors serve 3-year terms and represent all co-op members at monthly meetings.

Meet this year's nominating committee

The nominating committee begins the process of electing directors each year. If you reside in District 7, 8 or 9 and would like to recommend a candidate for your district, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee.

District 7

Jeannene Willms, Guthrie Center: 641-757-1075
 Rich Bachman, Stuart: 515-720-3411
 Kieth Merrill, Guthrie Center: 641-747-3579

District 8

Tom Klever, Audubon: 712-304-0605

Bob Hoffman, Audubon: 712-304-0461

Jason Fett, Guthrie Center: 712-830-7551

District 9

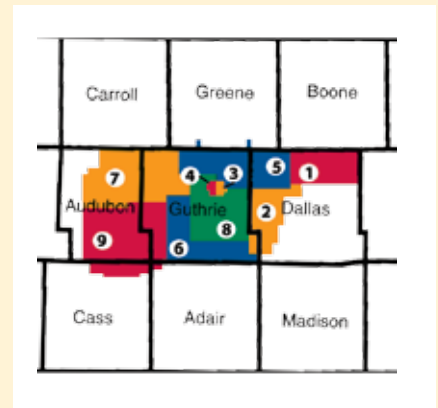
James Bireline, Adair: 641-742-3765
 Lonn Kilworth, Exira: 712-249-1302
 Joe Walker, Exira: 712-249-7029

These districts will hold elections

District 7: Cameron, Viola, Leroy, Melville, north one-half of Hamlin and the north one-half of Greeley Townships in Audubon County. Orange, Union, Seely, west one-third of Highland and sections 2-11 of Bear Grove Townships in Guthrie County.

District 8: Victory, excluding West Lake Panorama; south seven tiers of Cass, excluding East Lake Panorama, except the 5200s on Panorama Point and Panorama Terrace, all 5300s and 5400s, north six tiers of Valley, north four tiers of Jackson and north one tier of Beaver Townships in Guthrie County.

District 9: Summit Township in Adair County. Exira, Audubon, south one-half of Hamlin, south one-half of Greeley Townships in Audubon County. Benton and Grant Townships in Cass County. Sections 14-23 and 26-35 of Bear Grove, west one-half of Grant Townships in Guthrie County.



Reminder to electric heat users:
Heat rates go into effect Oct. 1

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Kyler Nielsen of Nielsen Tractor Repair in Guthrie Center "puts farm safety into practice" when he's working on and around farm machinery.



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