



## Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Our mission is to serve our members and community by safely providing reliable and environmentally responsible power and other services efficiently and at a competitive price to benefit members and improve the quality of life in the areas that we serve.

Office: 22458 Highway 2, PO Box 70  
Bloomfield, IA 52537-0070  
Phone: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027  
Phone Payments: 800-927-5341  
Report Outages: 800-607-2027  
Call Before You Dig: 800-292-8989  
Website: www.sie.coop  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm  
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

### Management:

Greg Proctor, CEO/General Manager  
Jo Altheide, CFO/Economic Development  
Ross Hunter, COO/Systems Analyst

### Board of Directors:

Darrell Downing, President	Travis Harris
Paul Wells, Vice President	Beth Sullivan
Joy Evans, Secretary	Earl Trachsel
Dave Yahnke, Treasurer	Ben Koellner
	Fred Zeitler

### What to Do in Case of Trouble

\*Check for blown fuses or tripped breakers.  
\*Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and whether they have reported the outage.  
If not, call Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc. and report the problem 24 hours a day:  
641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027.

### Service Charges

ACH (Electronic Payment)	No Charge
Bill Collection	\$ 50
Disconnect	\$ 50
Posting	\$ 50
Returned Check	\$ 30
Reconnect	\$ 75
Trip Charge	\$ 50
Meter Tampering	\$150
Overtime Service Call	\$150

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Attention High School Seniors

In 2018, Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc. will award three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors; one scholarship in each of three areas determined by membership totals: Appanoose-Van Buren Counties, Davis County and Wapello County. There will also be one \$2,000 scholarship available for Lineman School.

All high school seniors, whose parents or guardians are members of the cooperative with active account(s) are eligible. An exception will be made for a student enrolling in Lineman School.

The applicant must be accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for fall 2018 and the applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

To apply, pick up an application at Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative's office, download an application from our website, www.sie.coop, or call 800-607-2027 to request an application be mailed to you. Mail completed application to: SIEC Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 70, Bloomfield, IA 52537.

Completed applications must be received by the cooperative no later than March 31, 2018.

All completed applications will be sent to a panel of judges who select the scholarship winners. The judges are not from SIEC and will give equal consideration to all students. Winners will be notified in May 2018 to allow for presentation to the recipient at his or her graduation awards assembly. Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable. Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at an institute of higher education and be issued in August 2018. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.

## It's Iowa Youth Tour Time!

Each year, Iowa's local electric cooperatives offer the Iowa Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The 2018 Youth Tour trip is set for June 8-14, 2018. Highlights of the trip include touring historic sites, exploring the Smithsonian museums, meeting Iowa's congressional leaders, spending a day on Capitol Hill and cruising down the Potomac River. Any sophomore, junior or senior high school student in Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative's service territory is eligible to apply--parents need not be a member! SIEC's service territory includes: Davis County and portions of Appanoose, Van Buren and Wapello counties. Just fill out the application form below and return it to SIEC, PO Box 70, Bloomfield, IA 52537. Interviews will be held March 13th at our office. One lucky student will be chosen to represent Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative!

The entry deadline is February 28, 2018.

### 2018 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR CONTEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Importance of Right-Of-Way Tree Trimming

I know how you feel; I've had it happen to me too. A knock at the door and a utility contractor informs you they are going to have to trim the trees in your yard that are getting too close to the electric line. You look out at the trees and cringe at the thought of your beautiful trees getting an unwanted haircut. You know it needs to be done but the sentimental side of you wants to tell them no.

The National Electric Safety Code mandates electric line clearances for utilities for the purpose of safety for you and your family. Here is one of the reasons why mandated line clearance measures are so important. Johnny Doe, a 9-year old, was electrocuted by climbing a tree when he made contact with the electric line. The branch Johnny was climbing on was about 2 feet above the line and sagged into it with Johnny's weight. This tragedy can be avoided.

While it may be painful, please understand the importance of allowing our tree trimming contractors to cut trees back to safe clearances. Thank you for your concern, understanding and compliance with the co-ops safety requirements.

## Recipe of the Month...

### Chicken & Dressing Casserole

Cook: 1 large stewing chicken, reserve broth & debone  
Saute: 3/4 cup chopped celery; 1/2 cup diced onion; 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley in 1/2 cup of butter or margarine in a heavy skillet for 5 minutes.

Prepare: 6 cups dried bread cut into small pieces, add the sauted vegetables to the bread and toss with a fork.

Add: 1 tsp. salt; 1 tsp. poultry seasoning; sprinkle with 3 Tbsp. chicken broth and toss lightly.

Turn: into a greased 14X10 pan or a 2 Qt. casserole dish. Cover with 1/2 of the chicken custard recipe (see below) then add the cooked chicken meat. Pour remaining custard over the top.

Bake: at 350 for 20-25 minutes. (Serves 10-12)

Chicken Custard...

Melt: 1 cup chicken fat (part butter may be used) in a large sauce pan.

Blend: 1 cup sifted flour, gradually add 4 cups chicken broth & 1 cup milk, stirring constantly until mixture becomes very thick.

Add: a little of the hot mixture into 4 slightly beaten eggs, add to hot mixture remaining in pan. Cook over low heat 3-4 minutes and remove from heat.

**Recipe submitted  
by...Margaret Boas  
of Bloomfield**



Eat More Chicken!

## Electric Cooperatives Discuss Important Issues at Legislative Reception

Over 150 directors, managers and staff members from Iowa's electric cooperatives discussed priorities with state legislators and policy makers on January 9 during the annual Welcome Back Legislative Reception at the State Historical Building in downtown Des Moines. Other guests of honor included: Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, Auditor of State Mary Mosiman, Attorney General Tom Miller, Iowa Utilities Board Member Nick Wagner, and Iowa Department of Economic Development Director Debi Durham. The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, in conjunction with the Iowa Biotechnology Association, the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives, the Iowa Communications Alliance and the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa, hosted the annual reception. In the coming months, the Iowa General Assembly will be addressing a multitude of issues, including items central to Iowa's rural economy. Beginning with the Welcome Back Legislative Reception, the directors, managers and staff will again be important advocates for a balanced approach in addressing energy issues allowing Iowa's member-owned electric cooperatives to continue providing safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible power to more than 650,000 Iowans. Electric cooperative representatives from all parts of the state will come to the state capitol in the next couple of months to visit with their legislators once again. The annual REC Day on the Hill will be held on March 14, 2018, at the capitol.



On January 9, 2018, Representative Gaskill and Senator Rozenboom spoke with Board of Directors members of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative and Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative to discuss their work regarding the constituents they serve. Pictured left to right: Wesley Green, Becky Teno, Rep. Mary Gaskill, Norm Major, Kenny VandenBerg, Senator Ken Rozenboom, Earl Trachsel (Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative), Richard Welsh, Charles VanDePol, Greg Proctor (Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative) and Tod Faris.