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**Check out our website
to see the agenda
of this year's Annual
Meeting on Aug. 5th**

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Annual Meeting

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Happy Father's Day to All the Linemen & Employees With Families

It is challenging work that is so important. And in itself is very rewarding. Although millions of people depend on power every day, very few actually consider how electricity gets to their homes. Before you switch on the lights, **linemen** have already put up the poles, connected miles of wire and flipped more than a few switches of their own. All to make sure your life is always powered.

Linemen tend to be the unsung heroes who labor without regard to their own comfort in order to ensure our members have electricity. These men of your electric co-op are committed to helping members weather any storm—before, during and after. Because between rain, sleet, **snow**, and wind, it's still the human **element** that's the most powerful.

As a tribute to our men who literally put their **lives** on the line every day, let's all show our thanks to these unsung heroes who turn disaster into triumph, as we wish all of them a very happy Father's Day.



Happy Father's Day to all the fathers at Access Energy Cooperative!!!

Left to right: Jim Mills, Don Roach, Tony Brown, Tony Adams, Gary Stevens, Bob Swindell, Chuck Rila, Scott Augsburg, Brad Hainline, Alan Raymer, Bill Simon, Daniel Philips, Mark Fulton, Levon Mullen, Kurt Lowenberg and Jay Prichard. Not Pictured: Steve Hyde, Steven Klein and Colton Stephens

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Dividend Checks Are Coming!

Access Energy Cooperative Board of Directors approved a dividend refund in the **amount** of \$910,089. This refund is 34% of the remaining **dividends** for 1996, 40% of 1997, 10% of 1998 and 14% of 2013. A portion of the amount is a pass-through from Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative.

PICK UP YOUR CHECKS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Dividend checks will be available to pick up at the **annual** meeting on **August 5th**. In order for us to comply with Red Flag Rules, and as precaution to protect your identity, you will need to provide identification to pick them up.



**Checks,
continued on page 4**

Please Recycle

Manager's Corner



General Manager/CEO Robert Swindell

The United States Supreme Court recently issued a ruling upholding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to regulate cross-state air emissions, which overturned lower courts.

The EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rules (CSAPR) requires that power plants reduce their emissions that may impact other states. CSAPR will require that Iowa, Missouri, and twenty six other states reduce the amount of nitric-oxide, sulfur dioxide and fine particulates they produce.

While the rules will increase our cost of producing electricity, our power supply cooperative, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) believes that we are well positioned to comply with these rules. By employing new technologies and the use of low sulfur coal, we believe we will comply with the rules with a minimum impact on rates.

Unfortunately, this is just the beginning of a list of new rules being issued by EPA that may result in significant rate increases. EPA will be issuing rules on mercury emissions, additional rules on sulfur, ozone and particulates with new ambient air rules, regional haze rules and carbon emissions from existing power plants.

As the article on page four of this month's HighLine HeadLines points out, we will be reaching out to you to contact our elected officials to form sensible rules that allow us to be good stewards of the environment while keeping electric rates affordable.

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

It's not too early to plan on attending our 76th Annual Meeting to be held on the evening of August 5th at McMillan Park in Mount Pleasant. As always the annual meeting is a great opportunity to have a nice evening visiting with your friends and neighbors and to learn more about the important issues facing the cooperative. I am looking forward to visiting with you there.



Meet the Candidates

These members have been nominated to run for a seat on the board of directors in the upcoming election at your annual meeting August 5th. Be sure to **vote!**

DISTRICT I



David
Hollingsworth



Mark
Ledger

DISTRICT II



Jerry
Barker



Jeff
Rich

DISTRICT III



Marvin
Holtkamp



Jason
Samples

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Fred Hickenbottom	District 1	Director
Jerry Barker	District 2	Director
Marvin Newton	District 3	Director
Victor Pierrot	District 3	Director

Co-op Membership: What's in it for You?

You start electric service with Access Energy Cooperative and at the time you probably think it is just one more thing checked off the list. But did you know we're more than just a place where you pay for electricity each month? Did you know that you own a part of the energy company you just started receiving service from?

Access Energy Cooperative serves almost 9000 meters with lines stretching over 2200+ miles. So what makes being a member of an electric cooperative unique?

YOU OWN US. You are a member of Access Energy Cooperative – not a customer. And that means you OWN a part of the cooperative, and you have a voice when it comes to the way we do business. Each August, you have the option to vote for your board of directors. These directors play a key role in making important decisions for our co-op, which is why members' voices must be heard.

WE'RE NOT-FOR-PROFIT. Access Energy Cooperative doesn't pay profits to investors—we return money over and above operating costs to YOU, our members, based on the amount of electricity you consume. Each year, your board of directors determines whether or not to pay back a portion of the dividends,

based on the financial status of the cooperative. Last year, our members received \$854,726.44 in the form of dividends.

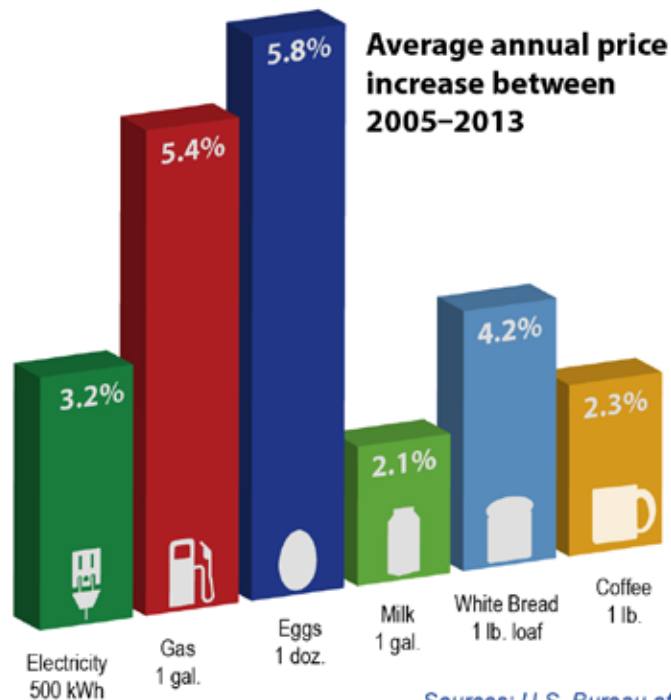
WE'RE LOCAL. It's likely that you know an employee of Access Energy Cooperative, because our employees are your friends and neighbors, and they **live** in and share the same concerns for our community that you do. Each year, Access Energy Cooperative participates in things like providing safety education for students and communities, sending two students to Washington DC, providing \$1500 in scholarships to seniors going off to college, helping communities with little league projects and Christmas lighting projects in small **towns**. We also help communities with economic development projects, and our employees volunteer all over their communities.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU. At Access Energy Cooperative, our mission is to provide you with safe, reliable, and efficient service, while maintaining a responsibility to our environment. We care about our members' quality of life, which is why our employees are continuously finding innovative ways to improve your service.

For more information about us and what we can do for you, visit our website, follow us on Twitter, or **like** us on Facebook.

Electricity Remains a Good Value

Electricity continues to be a bargain, especially when compared to other consumer goods. As demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable electricity and keeping your electric bill affordable.



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Mainstream Graphics

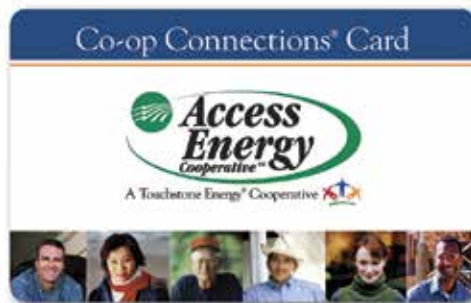
Members Saving on Prescriptions

In April, thirty four members saved \$656 on their prescriptions.

To find out more on the discounts offered check out our website at www.accessenergycoop.com.

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

If you own a business and would like to offer a discount for the card, please contact Kim Brumbaugh at kbrumbaugh@accessenergycoop.com or call our office at 1.866.242.4232.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When replacing incandescent bulbs from recessed light fixtures, use energy-efficient bulbs that are rated for that purpose. For example, the heat buildup in downlights will significantly shorten the life of spiral CFLs.

Source: Department of Energy

Take Control & Save

A Cooperative Effort for Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency Rebates & Programs

ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

- Energy Star® Room Air Conditioner.....\$ 50
- Water heater (Electric only; At least 90% efficient).....\$100

HEAT PUMPS

- Air to Air Source - at least 16.5 SEER (w/Elec. Resist.).. \$100 per ton
- Mini-Split Air Source - at least 16.5 SEER \$250 per ton
- Dual Fuel Source - at least 16.5 SEER (gas back up) \$250 per ton
- Ground Source - at least 19.1 EER
- * replacing existing ground source unit..... \$400 per ton
- * new & replacing other heat source type \$750 per ton

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.....\$250 per KW

- Capped at capacity. Access Energy Cooperative owns any carbon credits generated.

HOME WEATHERIZATION INCENTIVES.....Up to \$500 maximum

- Incentives are available to those who choose to make energy saving improvements recommended by Access Energy Cooperative following a FREE energy audit conducted by us.
- Improvements must be completed in recommended order by AEC.

BUSINESS LIGHTING REBATES

- Must have at least 10 eligible fixtures at a commercial, industrial or ag business member's account of Access Energy Cooperative.
 - * Fluorescent T-5 and T-8 lighting systems with electronic ballasts
 - * LED (light emitting diode) and LED exit signs
 - * Occupancy sensors & photo cells
- Bulbs and fixtures must be evaluated by AEC to determine eligibility based on an audit of existing lighting prior to any installation of new equipment. A knowledgeable employee from the business needs to be present to guide AEC through the initial walk-through lighting audit. A final walk-through must be conducted after the project is completed.
- Total rebate amount is limited to \$30,000 per member per year and will not exceed 40% of the total equipment price.

FREE ENERGY AUDITS & REBATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS

- Conducted by a qualified Access Energy representative.
- Blower door test to check for air leaks and gaps.
- Inspect insulation, doors, windows, lighting, appliances, and much more.

Weatherization improvements suggested at audit are eligible for incentive up to \$500.

LOW INTEREST LOANS

Access Energy Cooperative has ERC loans available at low interest rates for the cost of materials and labor for energy efficiency home improvements in new or existing structures. For more details see our website.

Specific requirements apply to individual rebates. For more information on rebates, low interest loans or to schedule a free energy audit call 385.1577 or 1.866.242.4232 or visit our website at www.accessenergycoop.com.

Is Solar Effective in Cool Climates?

When it comes to harnessing and delivering resident-owned solar power, the market for this renewable energy source is growing in popularity and becoming more affordable – and even residents beyond the Sun Belt are taking advantage.

Since the 1800s, people have been tapping into the sun's power, harnessing it to do everything from cooking food and running hand-held calculators to fueling rockets and supplying the power grid. Today, photovoltaic (PV) systems use solar cells and panels to capture and convert sunlight into electric power. When a PV system absorbs sunlight, energy passes on to electrons. Those flowing, energized electrons then break free, and in the right conditions, join an electric current—which can then bring power to your home.

Despite conventional wisdom, consumer-members living in Arizona and elsewhere in the Southwest where sunshine is constant aren't the only ones benefitting from solar energy installations. It's time to debunk "a common misconception," says Andrew Cotter, NRECA's Cooperative Research Network (CRN) senior program management advisor. Sun-drenched regions are "not necessary to produce electricity."

Tapping solar energy in cold climates is possible, even in places where there is "12 percent less solar energy available," Cotter says. Think Bismarck, North Dakota: a solar energy system with a one megawatt array, for example, would

produce approximately 1,590 MWh (AC) per year in this city, while the same system would produce 1,580 MWh (AC) per year in Jacksonville, Florida. So, how can some place so cold generate as much solar power as a sun-drenched locale? "While Bismarck has less sunshine, the cooler weather allows the PV modules to take better advantage of what sun is available," Cotter explains. "PV panels lose efficiency when they get too hot."

The fact that PV panels work better in cooler weather, as well as gain from reflected sunlight off the Bismarck snow, all help to make up for the smaller amounts of sunshine.

For both co-ops and members, the solar energy market is growing exponentially as the costs of PV system equipment and installation decreases. From a utility perspective, the cost of solar in 2012 was \$2,340 per kilowatt-peak (kWp), a drop of more than 40 percent from 2010. Homeowners installing rooftop solar systems also saw a cost savings—in 2012, the price was under \$2,000 per kWp from the 2010 price of \$5,710/kW.

But as co-ops look ahead at the shifting solar market, there are challenges. Dealing with increasing amounts of resident-owned solar is something that co-ops have found to be no more challenging than other obstacles they have faced," Cotter says. "As long as member-consumers communicate their interest in residential solar, the co-ops have the skill set to maintain a safe, reliable grid.

Photo Contest Winners

Mary Adkins

Red Alert & Shimek Shadows

Beatrice McDowell

A Meeting of the Minds & Shunk River

Kristan Barclay

Untitled

Nedra Cumberland

Triplets & A Summer Day

Donna Wooldridge

Country Pride

Jean Situmeang

Behind the Fence

Hannah Dettman

Cedar Creek

Cathy Kaska

Barnyard & What're You Looking At?

Watch for the 2015 calendar featuring these photos in your Annual Meeting packet to be mailed July 9th.

Follow the EPA Issue It Could Affect Your Bill

Last fall the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new proposed rules limiting the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions of new coal- and natural gas-based power plants. The proposed rule sets stringent limits on CO₂ emissions from coal plants in particular, essentially requiring the use of "carbon capture and sequestration" technology or eliminating coal as a potential fuel source for future plants. In June, EPA will propose regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants. The proposed rule could include requirements for utilities to:

- Shift electricity generation from coal to lower-emitting fossil units such as natural gas.
- Shift from coal or natural gas to non-emitting sources like wind or solar.
- Reduce energy consumption through energy efficiency or demand-side management programs (such as co-op programs to reduce peak demand by controlling water heaters, etc.)

Iowa's electric cooperatives are focused on providing power that is safe, affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible. This regulation could threaten affordability and system reliability for electric co-op member-consumers.

Keep listening for ways you can help us ask legislators to strive for a balanced approach to carbon dioxide emissions.

Checks, continued from page 1

We will be mailing you a two-part, perforated card in your annual meeting packet on July 9th to make it easier for you to do this. One-half of the card will be used to submit at the registration booth to receive your free attendance gift. The other half will be used to give to employees at the dividend booth to obtain your dividend check. If you forget your card, you can show a picture ID to receive your dividend check.

Any checks not picked up will be mailed after the annual meeting. Checks will be sent to the most current address we have on file. The cooperative will not be printing checks for amounts under \$5.00. These amounts will be added to next year's refund.

Access Energy Cooperative also offers discounting of patronage dividends to estates. If you need to contact us about an estate, or any other questions regarding patronage dividends, please call our office or e-mail our finance department at finance@accessenergycoop.com.

Confused About Shopping for Lights?

Bulbs, lumens, and labels—oh my! Remember when the compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb was introduced to consumers a few years ago? It's still here and so are most of the classic pear-shaped incandescent bulbs. But today's lighting choices have expanded and gotten serious makeovers—their packaging labels and lingo included. There is such confusion with LEDs, CFLs, halogens, lumens, CRI, and more, and there is a host of lighting brands. But the good news is, the focus is on making all bulbs more energy efficient and cost effective.

END OF AN ERA

We've basked in the golden glow of Thomas Edison's incandescent bulb since the 1800s, but this January marked the end of its run, when the federal government finalized its mandated phase out of selected general-purpose **light** bulbs. While you still may find 100- and 75-watt bulbs on store shelves, manufacturers in the U.S. stopped producing them. The old 40- and 60-watt bulbs, which represented over half the market, are following suit. What brought about the lighting change? In 2007, the U.S. Department of Energy estimated that home and commercial lighting was consuming more electricity annually—about 300 billion kilowatt-hours of lighting or the equivalent of about 100 power plants—but most of it was wasted. Old-fashioned incandescent bulbs used plenty of energy to produce only 10 percent light, with 90 percent of the energy given off as heat. In comparison, today's more energy-saving incandescent light bulbs use 25 percent less energy to do the job of lighting the same spaces in your home.

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Prime replacements for the traditional incandescent light bulb are the higher-efficiency CFL and LED or light emitting diode bulbs. But be prepared to pay more upfront for some of the bulbs you choose. Lighting experts say that LEDs are the best choice for energy efficiency. They can last for up to two decades, save you 75 percent or more in energy costs, and offer superior color and brightness. However, they can cost an estimated \$10 to \$60 per bulb.

The Energy Department assures consumers that there is a bright side—lower electricity bills over the longer term. These are their estimates: using a traditional incandescent bulb **adds** about \$4.80 per year to the average household electric bill, but a CFL bulb adds just \$1.20 a year and an LED about \$1 per year. That means that a typical household could potentially save about \$50 per year by replacing 15 old incandescent bulbs.

THINGS TO KNOW WHEN SHOPPING

You won't be buying bulbs by watts anymore!

- Lumens are the new watts. It's all about the lumens or the amount of light a light bulb emits. Remember this formula: The higher the lumens, the brighter the light—to replace a 100-watt incandescent bulb, choose a bulb that offers about 1,600 lumens. There are handy charts at www.energystar.gov/ that help you compare the old measure of watts to lumens.
- Three-steps to your new bulbs. STEP 1: Choose the amount of lumens you need based on how bright you want a room; STEP 2: Determine which bulb has the lowest estimated energy cost per year. This will save you the most money; and STEP 3: Choose bulbs based on your needs—how long it will last and light appearance.
- Read the label. Always check the package, making sure that it carries the U.S. Department of Energy's ENERGY STAR® logo. New Lighting Facts labels on boxes will also help consumers understand what they are purchasing—amount of lumens, estimated annual operating cost, and light color.

Sources: Denise Hawkins; U.S. Department of Energy, Natural Resources Defense Council

	Least Efficient			Most Efficient
	Standard Incandescents	New Halogen Incandescents	CFLs	LEDs
Less Bright	40W \$5.34/yr	29W \$3.87/yr	10W \$1.34/yr	5W \$0.67/yr
	60W \$8.02/yr	43W \$5.74/yr	13W \$1.74/yr	10W \$1.34/yr
	75W \$10.02/yr	53W \$7.08/yr	16W \$2.14/yr	15W \$2.00/yr
More Bright	100W \$13.36/yr	72W \$9.62/yr	20W \$2.67/yr	19W \$2.54/yr
	Typical Life 1 year	Typical Life 1-2 years	Typical Life 10 years	Typical Life 15-25+ years

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Do Your Part to Help During Peak Alerts



The hot days of summer place a lot of stress on America's utility network. For many electric utilities, these hottest days create greater "peak loads" than at any other time of the year. These times of greatest demand could potentially lead to limited power supply disruptions; and on rare occasions, an outage or blackout may occur. A utility's peak load affects its electricity cost and this cost is ultimately passed along to its customers.

The greatest peak loads often occur in the late afternoon on summer days, when the air conditioning systems in most buildings are running, and when families first arrive home and start using household appliances. During these times we will announce a peak alert on radio stations in our service area. You can help reduce summer peak loads by adjusting your daily routine in a few small ways:

- ☀ Avoid doing laundry in the afternoon—choose the morning or late evening instead. If you must wash clothes during these times, use cold water instead of hot. If you must dry your clothes during this time, use a clothesline or indoor drying rack. Avoid running your dishwasher during these times, too. These appliances tend to heat up your home, too, so you'll be more comfortable if you don't run them during the day.
- ☀ Close your windows and draw the shades during the day to keep the sun from overheating your home. Better yet, install exterior window shades, sun screens, or awnings to block summer sun before it enters your home.
- ☀ If you have central air conditioning, hire a serviceman to perform periodic service. This should include changing the filters, checking the refrigerant charge, cleaning the coils, and sealing leaky ducts. You can change the filters yourself, too, once you learn where they are located. If you have window air conditioners, remove them periodically and clean their coils with hot soapy water and a stiff brush.

Source: John Krigger, Saturn Resource Management (www.srmi.biz)

Tri-State Summit



Access Energy Cooperative board and management attending the annual Tri State Summit in Hannibal, Missouri, where Governor Terry Brandstad took time to speak with them during lunch. Those shown above are Donald Atwood, Kimberly Brumbaugh, Marvin Newton, Governor Terry Brandstad, Larry White, Joe Heckethorn, and Fred Hickenbottom.

Grain Bin Installation—Plan for Safety

When you begin planning for a new grain bin, please contact your electric cooperative. Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative may have transmission lines crossing your property near your proposed bin. We will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins. The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins as shown in the drawing below. The clearances are required by The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2012 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234f as adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board. We are required by the Iowa Utilities Board to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning the drawing, please contact Access Energy Cooperative at 866-242-4232 or Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative's office at 573-769-2107.

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Portable Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

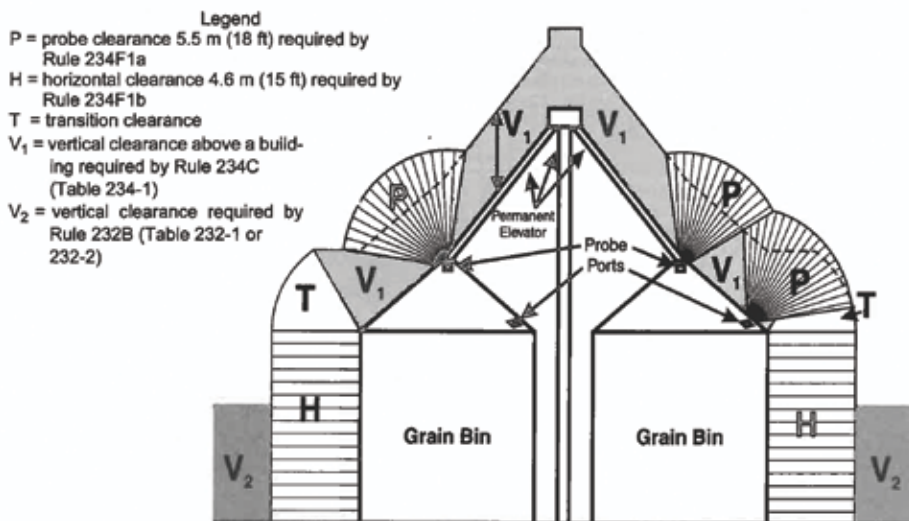


Figure 234-4(a)—Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevators

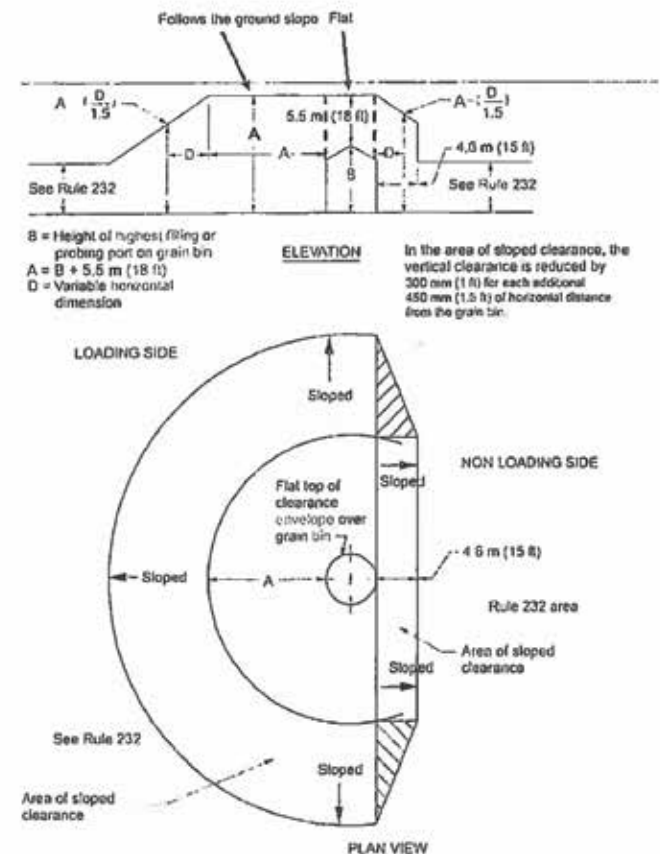
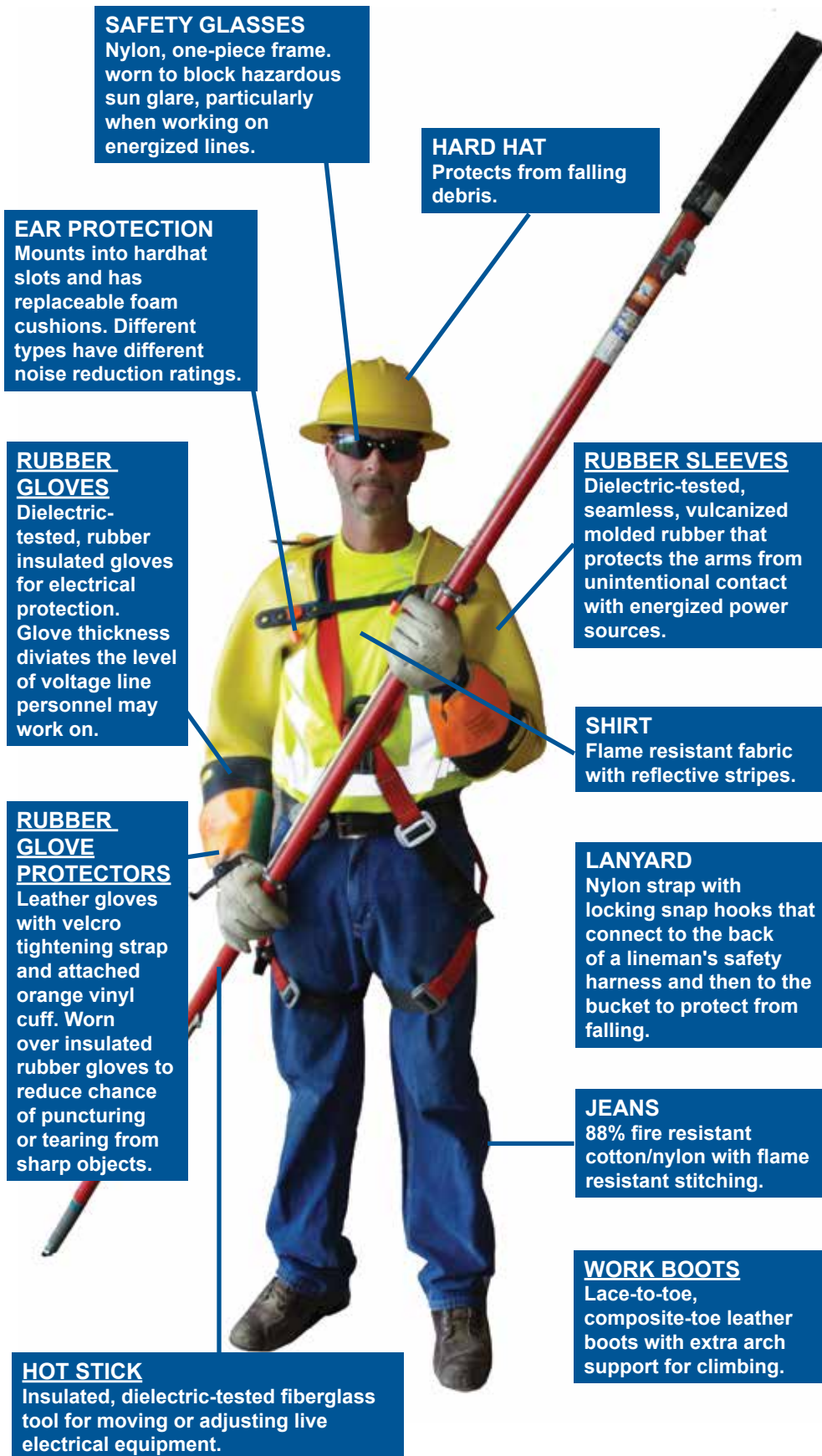


Figure 234-4(b)—Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators

SOURCE: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2012 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234f, page 122

Lineman's Safety Equipment

If you don't look like this, stay away from powerlines. If you need help, call this guy.



Items on Utility Poles Are a Safety Hazard & Illegal

Although seemingly innocent enough, putting signs or other items on utility poles creates serious safety hazards. Staples, nails, and tacks used to hang signs—as well as the signs themselves—pose dangers to Access Energy Cooperative line workers who must climb poles when either restoring power following storms or while performing routine maintenance to ensure system reliability.

Posters or other objects (birdhouses, balloons, flags, basketball nets, and even tree stands) can create dangerous obstacles. The nails, tacks and screws left behind can snag utility workers' boots or puncture safety clothing, making lineworkers vulnerable to slipping or even electrocution.

In addition to being hazardous, tampering with utility poles can be costly. Posting signs or attaching other objects to utility poles is in violation of Access Energy Cooperative's electric tariff, section 19. Individuals are subject to disconnection and possible legal action can be taken.

Access Energy Cooperative encourages members to contact local zoning officers to inquire about where signage can be posted legally.



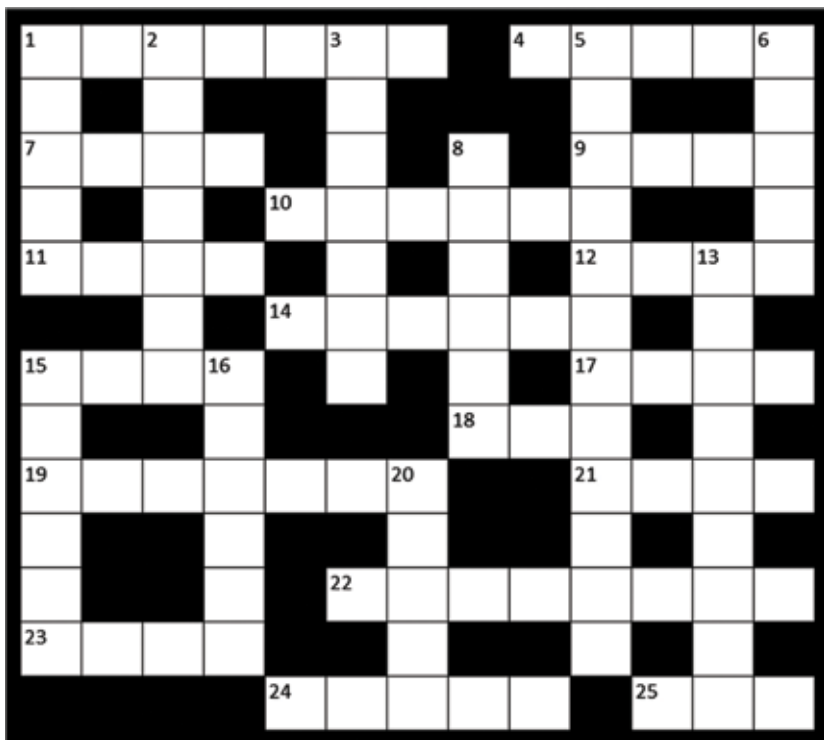
Alan Raymer delivered an electric grill donated by Access Energy Cooperative to the Community Basket raffled off May 18th at the Burlington Bees game.

Win \$25 By Learning About Your Cooperative!

Access Energy Cooperative members can win \$25 by completing the crossword below correctly. Members may clip out their answers and send them by June 30, 2014, to: Access Energy Cooperative, Attn: Crossword Puzzle, P.O. Box 440, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641. Most of the answers are bold and highlighted elsewhere in this issue of the Highline Headlines. If more than one person answers all of the questions correctly by the deadline, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Only one prize will be given for the crossword puzzle.

Name _____

Address _____



Check out the winners of last month's coloring contest on our website at www.accessenergycoop.com.

ACROSS

- 1 Before you turn on an electrical switch, these men have done a lot of work to make it possible
- 4 These general purpose bulbs are being phased out
- 7 Be sure to do this on or before August 5th
- 9 One of the elements our linemen work in to keep your power on
- 10 Your board approved a dividend refund for a large one of these
- 11 You can do this with your ID at the annual meeting to pick up your dividend check
- 12 A traditional light bulb does this with \$4.80 to your energy bill
- 14 Come to this meeting to pick up your dividend check
- 15 Do this to our Facebook page at AccessEnergyCoop
- 17 Our employees do this in your communities
- 18 A drink with jam and bread
- 19 Any dividend checks not picked up here will be mailed soon after
- 21 Arranged neatly and in order
- 22 These are dangerous objects if attached to our poles
- 23 We have tapped into this power since the 1800s
- 24 NE Power may have these crossing your property near a place where you want to install a bin
- 25 Help us do this to legislators for a balanced approach to CO2 emissions

DOWN

- 1 Our linemen put these on the line every day to keep your power on
- 2 CRN is the Cooperative Research
- 3 The human one of these is most powerful
- 5 The cost of this for solar has been decreasing
- 6 Our linemen help these with lighting projects
- 8 The annual meeting of members is in this month—please save the date
- 13 We will be paying a portion of these for 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2013 at the annual meeting
- 15 New proposed rules by the EPA set this on CO2 emissions from power plants
- 16 Block the summer sun before it does this to your home
- 20 Please see our safety rules before you put up this type of bin

Do you know of an event in southeast Iowa you would like to see posted on our website?

Do you have something you would like to sell?

Go to our website www.accessenergycoop.com to submit your event or classified item or send it to mktg@accessenergycoop.com and we can do it for you.

Questions or Comments?

As a member-owner of Access Energy Cooperative, assistance is available to you in resolving questions, comments or complaints about your electric service.

Access Energy Cooperative has trained representatives available to answer your questions and address any concerns you may have. Here is how you can contact our office: Access Energy Cooperative, PO Box 440, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641 or call 319.385.1577 or toll free at 866.242.4232.

If your question is related to our service, rather than rates, and your concern is not resolved, you may request assistance by contacting the Iowa Utilities Board via letter at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, or call 515.281.5979 or toll free 877.565.4450 or E-mail to iubcustomer@iub.state.ia.us.

The featured recipe winner who submitted this recipe will receive a \$10 electric bill credit. Check out our recipe section at www.accessenergycoop.com for a new recipe or to submit your favorite recipe. Or mail us your recipe and we will post it for you.



Summer Salad

From the Kitchen of Anonymus

- 2 (9 oz) packages refrigerated three-cheese tortellini
- 1 pound bacon
- 4 cups chopped broccoli

- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 cup bottled coleslaw dressing

Cook the tortellini according to the package directions, drain, rinse with cold water, and refrigerate until cool, about 30 minutes. Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate. Chop the bacon into 1/2-inch pieces while still a little warm. Place the tortellini, bacon, broccoli, grape tomatoes, and green onions into a salad bowl. Pour the dressing over the ingredients, and toss lightly to coat. Chill in refrigerator before serving.

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