

President's Report



William R. Dodds
President/CEO



\$4,300 donated to local organizations through Spoon River Electric's Operation Round-Up

The Spoon River Electric Operation Round-Up Committee recently donated \$4,300 to seven deserving organization throughout the Spoon River territory. The organizations that received funding include Astoria School House Project, Canton YMCA Kosho Ryu Karate, 2020 Dickson Mounds Tot Time, Canton High School Little Giants' Care Closet and Food Pantry, Cuba FFA, Schuyler County Community Center, and the Spoon River Pregnancy Center.

The Operation Round-Up Committee had the privilege of meeting with all the organizations throughout the first quarter of 2020.

These donations are made possible by the generous members of Spoon River Electric who voluntarily make the decision each month to “round up” their electric bill to the next dollar and donate this “extra change” directly to the Operation Round-Up Program. All the funds collected are donated back into our communities as charitable grants. The average donation a member makes annually ranges from \$6 to \$12.

For more information about the Operation Round-Up Program visit our website: srecoop.org under the Operation Round-Up tab or call Taryn at 309-647-2700.



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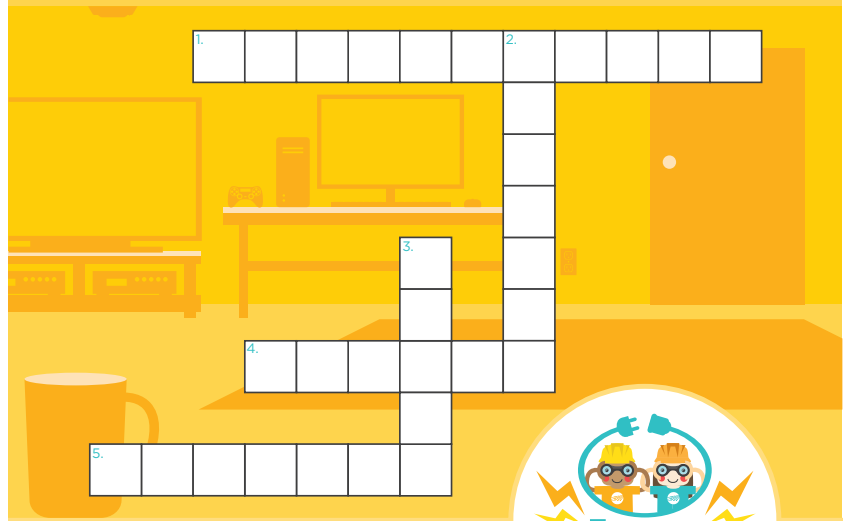
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Spoon River Electric Cooperative – By the Numbers

Miles of line energized: 1,272
Number of members served: 5,022
Number of power poles
in territory: 29,361

ELECTRICAL SAFETY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



May is Electrical Safety Month!

Read the safety tips below to complete the crossword puzzle.

- ACROSS:** Keep all liquids away from _____, like TVs, computers and gaming consoles.
- DOWN:** Never overload electrical _____. This creates a greater risk of fire.
- DOWN:** Never use electrical _____ that feel warm to the touch or are damaged in any way.
- ACROSS:** Smoke _____ should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- ACROSS:** Don't run electrical cords under rugs. This creates potential fire _____.

1. electronics 2. outlets 3. cords 4. alarms 5. hazards **ANSWER KEY**

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



Respect the orange signs

Move over and slowdown in work zones

For many, there aren't enough hours in the day. Because of that, many people use drive time to be productive. They might call their boss, text their best friend or apply mascara.

Multitasking can be an effective use of time, but not while driving.

In 2017, 799 people died in work zone accidents, according to the U.S. DOT's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

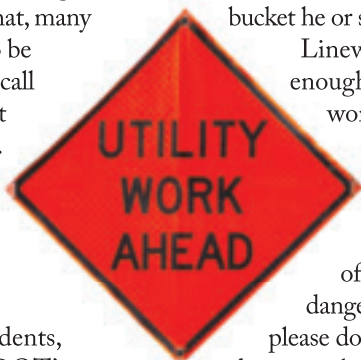
Although this reflects incidents that took place in road construction zones, know that accidents, injuries and deaths can happen in any roadside work zone, including utility work zones.

That is why we ask you to help keep our crews safe by slowing down and following any other instructions — including moving over to give them space — anytime you see orange warning signs and cones that lead up to a work zone.

Cars or trucks that speed through a work zone not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or not moving over can also put an elevated

lineworker in danger by causing the bucket he or she is in to move or sway.

Lineworkers already have enough to contend with by working high up on power lines while out in the elements. Their profession consistently places on the Bureau of Labor Statistics most dangerous jobs. Do your part; please don't add noncompliant drivers to the mix.



Other 2017 statistics released by the U.S. DOT's FHWA include:

- 203 fatal crashes where speeding was a factor
- 222 fatal work zone crashes involving large trucks or buses
- 132 worker fatalities in road construction sites

For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

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**Source: Federal Highway Administration*

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

<p>1. NOTIFY</p> <p>Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.</p> 	<p>2. WAIT</p> <p>Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.</p> 	<p>3. CONFIRM</p> <p>Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.</p> 	<p>4. RESPECT</p> <p>Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.</p> 	<p>5. DIG CAREFULLY</p> <p>If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.</p> 
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ATTENTION 2019-2020 SENIORS!

Spoon River Electric Cooperative Is Awarding Three \$1,000 Scholarships to High School Seniors

High school students who are seniors during the 2019–2020 school year and are the son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric member are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 Scholastic Scholarship, a \$1,000 Honorary Scholarship, and the \$1,000 Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded at this year's Annual Meeting on June 4, 2020.

Please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the Cooperative to participate. Applications must be turned in by **May 15, 2020** to be considered. Please see official rules and descriptions of scholarships below.

OFFICIAL RULES

- **Applying students and their parent/legal guardian must be present at the Annual Meeting June 4, 2020 to win.**
- Students must be a son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric Cooperative Member.
- Students must be a high school senior during the 2019–2020 school year and begin college undergraduate studies in the 2020–2021 school year. Students must plan on attending a two-year or four-year accredited college or university, including vocational/technical schools.
- Scholarship winners must be full-time students (at least 12 hours) during the 2020–2021 academic year.
- Scholarships are for one year and are non-renewable.
- Past Spoon River Electric Cooperative scholarship winners are not eligible to receive another one.

SCHOLASTIC AND SCOTT PARRISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Scholastic and Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarships will be awarded based on an application detailing GPA, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, and a biographical statement.
- Semi-finalists will be notified by mail with a time and place for a personal interview.
- Those not chosen as semi-finalists for the Scholastic and Parrish Scholarships will be automatically placed in the Honorary Scholarship drawing.

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

- The Honorary Scholarship will be awarded by a drawing as students are recognized at the Annual Meeting.
- All applicants are eligible for the Honorary Scholarship drawing except the Scholastic and Parrish Scholarship winners.



Scholarship Participation Request

Name of Student _____
Address of Student _____
Name of Parent/Guardian _____
Telephone Number _____

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