



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

Tornado damage viewed from above

Photos by Ben Royer

We thank M.J.M. Electric Cooperative and the line crews they sent to help restore power after the tornado.

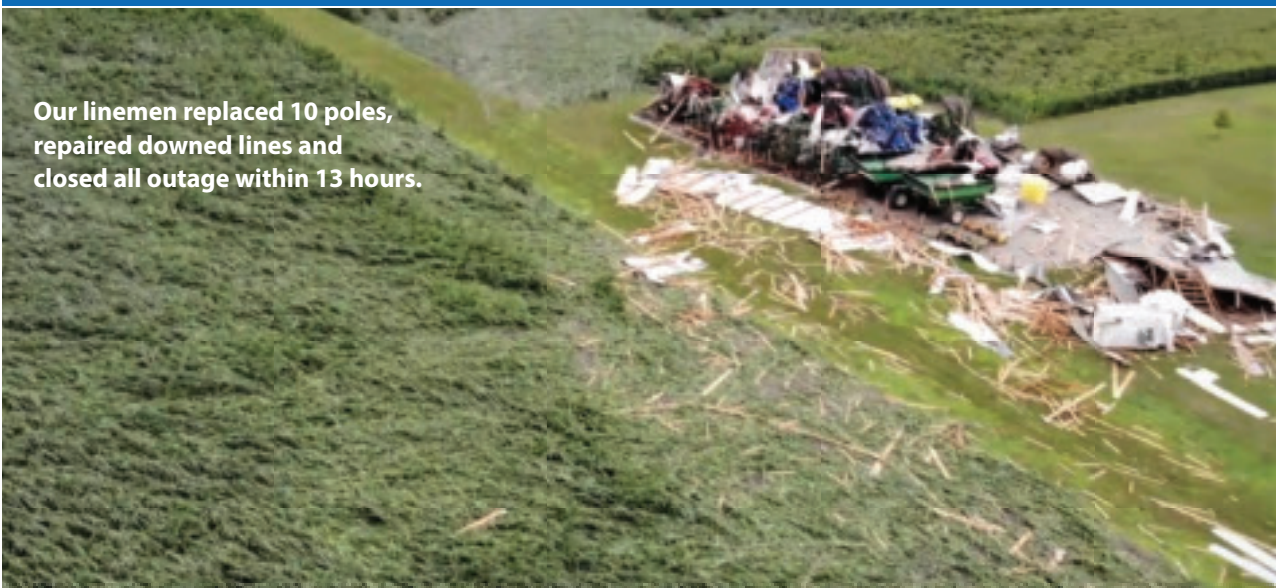


A tornado touched down northwest of Auburn, sending metal remnants hundreds of feet into the fields.



Trail of destruction left behind as camper is overturned and grain bins are launched into our power lines.

Our linemen replaced 10 poles, repaired downed lines and closed all outage within 13 hours.

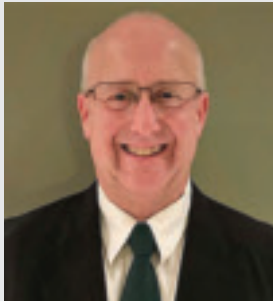
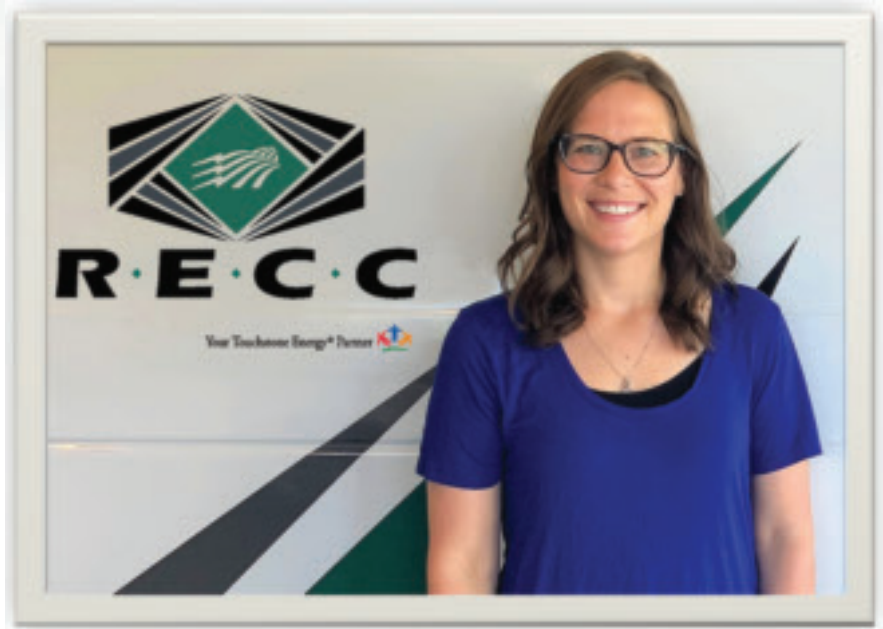


Corn stalks are flattened, and a machine shed is swept away, leaving heavier equipment behind.

Accountant position filled

RECC's newest employee is Megan Cawley. She took over accounting duties on Monday, July 27, 2020. Megan grew up in Chatham and is a 2009 graduate of Glenwood High School. She has a bachelor's in accounting from Illinois State University and a master's in accounting from the University of Illinois Springfield.

Megan was an accountant at Tom Lange Company, Inc. in Springfield for more than four years. She was also a financial and compliance auditor at the office of the Illinois Auditor General in Springfield. Megan lives in Springfield and remains active in her spare time. Some of her recreational sports include volleyball, soccer and bocce ball. Congratulations Megan and welcome to the team!



I want to thank the RECC voting members that encouraged and supported me in the recent board of directors election. I genuinely enjoyed the campaign experience. Our RECC is an excellent utility provider and I learned that first-hand from all of you I visited. Congratulations to Garry Niemeyer on your win. I am sure you will represent District 5 well.

Sincerely, Curt Diemer

Fill the bins with a safe harvest. Happy Halloween from RECC!



Spectacular fall images found in our cooperative area



Girard: East side of Otter Lake



Glenarm: Catholic Cemetery Rd.



Rochester: KOA Road



Auburn: Kennedy Road near Edgewood Golf Club



Glenarm: Catholic Cemetery Rd

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What should I do if my power goes out?



Ask your neighbors if they have power. If so, check your electrical meter to see if numbers appear in the digital display. If this area is blank, call the cooperative to report an outage. These digital numbers are only displayed when the proper voltage is available at your service. If you have power at the meter but not in your home, check the breakers. A tripped breaker or blown fuse is often the cause of a full or partial loss of power.

Find your main breaker panel. It may be in the garage, basement, closet or even mounted on the exterior of your home. Check the breaker or fuses to see if they have blown or tripped. Resetting a breaker or replacing a fuse may restore your electricity.



If that does not work, check the breaker located under your electric meter. Do not touch the meter or use any tools; the breaker should be easily accessible by hand. Never go near a downed power line and don't stand in water while touching electrical equipment!



Open the panel directly below the meter. Reset the main breaker by turning the switch off and on two times. Leave the switch in the on position. Return to the breaker panel inside your home and make sure all breakers are in the "on" position.

If power cannot be restored, report your outage by calling 800-245-7322. The line is staffed 24 hours a day by RECC employees or representatives of our answering service. A lineman will be dispatched to your location as quickly as possible.



Notice: A trip charge will apply if line crews are dispatched and find that a tripped main or meter pole breaker was the only cause of your outage. If the meter pole breaker is bad and needs to be replaced, the member will only be charged for the price of the breaker.