



Rural HIGHLIGHTS

Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative



RECC's 84th Annual Meeting

Members were encouraged to bring lawn chairs to the meeting and some were more creative than others.



Nearly 500 hot meals were served to members and guests at the event.



Journeyman Lineman Sean Koen registers members as they arrive, while others find an available picnic table.



Nearly 250 members registered in person or by proxy for RECC's first drive-in annual meeting.



Lineman Dalton Brown keeps the food line moving as Line Foreman Travis Boylen greets the new arrivals.



Directors Andy Goleman, Cassie Eigenmann and Lou Weitekamp were re-elected to new, three-year terms.



Employees gather to review their assignments and get prepared for drive-in registration.



Manager of Operations and Maintenance Tim Hemberger registers members in one of the four lanes.



Member Services Liaison Sandy Lex and Engineering Technician Chris Bridges provide additional information.



Lineman Matt Evans and Journeyman Lineman Shane Norris deliver hot meals as members drive by.



Annual Meeting

Vice Chairman Chris Wilcox speaks as the Board and President/CEO Stuva conduct the official business meeting.

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Farm Progress Show August 31 - September 2

The Farm Progress Show is back in Illinois this year and we want to see you there! The nation's largest outdoor farm event will be held at Progress City in Decatur, IL.

Look for the Illinois Touchstone Energy® Cooperative's exhibit. Representatives from RECC and other Illinois electric cooperatives will be on hand to share information about cooperatives, safety, energy efficiency, and much more. Present or show your Co-op Connections card and win a special gift.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Affordable electricity powers quality of life

Most of us use electricity, either directly or indirectly, at almost all times. Because electricity is so abundant and available with the simple flip of a switch, it is easy to take it for granted.

According to the Energy Information Agency (EIA), the typical U.S. household uses more air conditioning, appliances and consumer electronics than ever before. The average home also contains 10 or more internet-connected devices. Considering everything that is powered by electricity, it's no wonder we occasionally might wince at our monthly bill. But keep in mind, it's no longer just the "light bill."

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Electricity powers our quality of life. From the infrastructure of your home (appliances, water heater and HVAC system) to charging your smartphones, computers, TV and Wi-Fi router, your energy bill covers so much more than lighting.

Today, there is more demand for electricity than ever before. At home, in schools and business, and in commercial sectors such as transportation, the need for electricity is increasing. Typically, when demand goes up, so too does the price, as is the case with most goods or services, like cable or even your favorite specialty

coffee. However, that's not true with electricity. Let's take a look at how the value of electricity compares to other common expenses.

Over the last five years, the cost of rent increased 3.4 percent; medical care increased 2.8 percent; and education increased 2.2 percent. But the cost of electricity only increased 1 percent. Considering all the ways we depend on electricity; it still remains a great value.

So, the next time you're enjoying your favorite podcast, TV series or movie, consider the value of electricity and how it enhances your quality of life. We care about you, the members we serve, and understand that electricity is more than a commodity; it's a necessity. That's why RECC will continue working hard to power your life, reliably and affordably.

Electricity powers transportation

RECC recently purchased a 2021 Volkswagen ID.4. The electric SUV will be available for those who would like to see an EV up close or take it for a quick test drive. With our temporary loaner program, qualifying members will have an opportunity to take the SUV home for the night and see how it fits into their daily routine. See the September newsletter for more details.

