



# Osceola Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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## Take the Quiz

Read through the newsletter and submit the quiz on the back for a chance to win a \$10 bill credit. You can also email your answers to [info@osceolaelectric.com](mailto:info@osceolaelectric.com)

## OEC Recipes

Submit your favorite Salsa Recipe for consideration to be printed in our August Newsletter. Submission deadline is July 20. Printed Recipes are worth \$10 bill credit.

In observance of Independence Day Osceola Electric will be closed July 3, 2026



## Scholarship Recipients

At Osceola Electric Cooperative, our commitment to community goes beyond providing reliable electricity, it means investing in the future of our members and their families.

In partnership with our power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and L & O Power Cooperative, we're proud to support youth in their pursuit of higher education.

This year OEC provided 3 Scholarships to students of our members enrolled or planning to enroll in a full time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited 2-year or 4- year college, university or vocational school.

With great honor we announce the 2026 Scholarship winners. These students represent the values that drive our cooperative: hard work, leadership, and dedication to service. We're happy to support them as they take the next step toward bright and promising futures.

Thank you to all the student applicants and our scholarship judges!



**Jaxon Pedley**  
Sibley-Ocheyedan High School



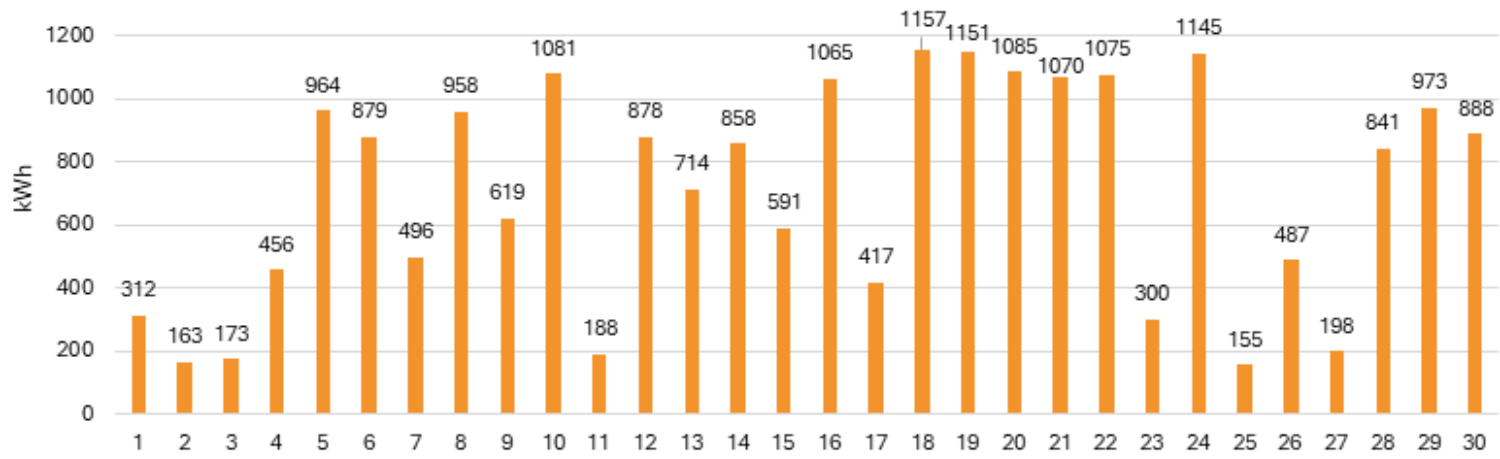
**Lindsey Haken**  
George-Little Rock High School



**Kyra Visser**  
Northwestern College

Congratulations to the entire graduating class of 2026!

# April Solar Park Production



Osceola Electric Cooperative includes three billing components on the electric statements.

The FACILITY CHARGE covers the fixed costs associated with providing electricity to your location such as meters, transformers, and electric lines.

The ENERGY CHARGE is based on the total amount of electricity consumed over a certain period and is measured in kWh.

Finally, there is a DEMAND CHARGE. To more closely align with how Osceola Electric is charged by our power suppliers, OEC started billing DEMAND on all bills starting in 2024.

Account #	Statement Date	Notes	Amount Due	Due Date
11021	May 10, 2026	PAID BY BANK	376.68	May 30, 2026

Usage History	Description	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Multiplier	Usage/ Days	Charges
	ELECTRIC Meter #29344121	03/31/26	04/30/26	30		40.25
	Facility Charge	667	824	20	3140	311.83
	Energy Charge		0.425	20	8,500	35.28
	Demand Charge					-10.68
	PWR COST ADJ - 0.003400					-10.68
	Total For:		1102 EGRET DRIVE			376.68

DEMAND is measured in kilowatts or kW and represents the rate at which electricity is being used. In other words, it's the amount of power required in an instant to satisfy the needs of all your connected appliances, lighting, heating, and anything else in your home requiring electricity at the exact same time.

Demand is measured in kilowatts or kW and represents the RATE at which electricity is being used.

# How Demand Can Impact Your Electric Bill

## The Johnsons



Energy: 2,240kWh  
Demand: 8.5kW

The Johnsons start their day like many other families...by stacking electric use. The shower is running at the same time the coffee is brewing, the dishwasher is cycling, and a bagel is toasting. Stacking electric use results in high demand on the system.

The Johnsons will pay more on their monthly electric bill than the Smiths because they placed more demand on the system at one time.

- + 1.0 kW
- + 1.2 kW
- + 4.5 kW
- + 1.8 kW

## The Smiths



Energy: 2,240kWh  
Demand: 4.5kW

The Smiths spread their electric use by showering the night before, programming the dishwasher for midnight, brewing coffee in the morning, and then waiting to toast the bagel. This family has a lower electrical demand because they spread their electric use.

- 4.5 kW
- 1.8 kW
- 1.0 kW
- 1.2 kW

Because the Johnsons stack their electric use - their demand costs will be higher than the Smiths who spread their electric use.

## Who Pays More? The Johnsons.

Same Amount of Total ENERGY Use (2,240 kWh) = Same Energy Charge  
More DEMAND placed on the system at one time (8.5 kW vs. 4.5 kW) = Higher Demand Charge  
The Johnsons had higher demand costs because they stacked their electric use.

When demand is high on the system, Osceola Electric and/or our power suppliers have to make more electricity and build bigger electric lines to meet everyone's needs. More power and bigger equipment equals higher costs.

**SPREAD  
DON'T STACK**

There are many ways to lower your demand without making huge lifestyle changes but the most impactful thing you can do is SPREAD DON'T STACK.



# Nominate a Local Volunteer by June 30

3 volunteers will each receive \$3,000 for their local charity!

There are so many incredible volunteers throughout Osceola County who deserve to be recognized, and it's a privilege to shine the light on their service.

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, this is the sixth year of the Shine the Light contest, which celebrates the people who make our communities better. Three winners will be announced in September and each will receive a \$3,000 donation for their charity or nonprofit. The winners will also be featured in the September issue of *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine and on social media.

### How to Nominate

Member-consumers and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives are eligible to nominate local volunteers. If you receive electricity from Osceola Electric Cooperative, you're a co-op member-

consumer and we encourage you to nominate someone who is making a positive impact in the community. The volunteer being nominated does not need to be a co-op member-consumer. Minors may be nominated with consent from their parents or legal guardians. Nominees from previous years can be nominated again for another chance to win.

Go to [www.IowaShineTheLight.com](http://www.IowaShineTheLight.com) by June 30 to make a nomination and to review the contest rules. Nominators will need to provide basic contact information and answer this question in 500 words or less: *How has your nominee made a difference in the community and how might their local charity/nonprofit use the \$3,000 donation?*

Help us shine the light on our community volunteers; nominate a deserving neighbor, friend or relative by June 30!

Do you know someone in our community who deserves to be recognized for making a difference? Nominate them for the Shine the Light contest by June 30 and they could win \$3,000 for their local charity or nonprofit.

We're excited to participate in this statewide effort to celebrate our cooperative commitment to community.

## Virtual Reality for Safety

Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Safety Coordinator, Brett Hansen, led the line crew in a safety demonstration using virtual reality.

The simulator mimicked operating a bucket truck while performing overhead line work.

The realistic scenario allowed the crew to practice skills, reinforce safety, and prepare for real-world situations, all in a controlled environment.

Investing in training helps keep our line crew safe and ready to serve our members.



### OEC Quiz

Send in your completed quiz for your chance to win! OEC will draw 3 members to receive \$10 credit towards their electric bill. Congratulations to last month's winners: Doug Hensch, Anita Schiphoff, and Mike Hilbrands.

- Members can visit [www.IowaShineTheLight.com](http://www.IowaShineTheLight.com) and nominate a \_\_\_\_\_ by June 30.
- OEC gave out \_\_\_\_\_ scholarships to students of members.
- Demand is measured in \_\_\_\_\_ and represents the rate at which electricity is used.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Operating Statistics

April	2025	2026
Billed consumers, farm	1,153	1,154
Billed consumers, non-farm	125	128
Kilowatts sold, farm	2,253,505	2,224,025
Kilowatts sold, non-farm	5,522,015	5,948,876
Average consumption, farm	1,954	1,927
Average consumption, non-farm	44,176	46,476
Average statement, farm	246.92	268.73
Average statement, non-farm	3,432.71	4,173.52
Total minimum bills	21	16
Outage time per consumer - minutes	1/2	1/7
Annual Meeting	March 2027	