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FIND YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER

Three account numbers are hidden within the newsletter. Notify us if you find your number and we'll credit your account \$5. Confirm your account number on the top of your statement. Account numbers must be yours to claim.

OEC RECIPES

Submit your favorite Slow Cooker Recipes for consideration to be printed in our November Newsletter. Submission deadline is October 20. Printed recipes are worth a \$10 bill credit. **48711**

2024 MEMBER APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who attended our 2nd Annual Member Appreciation Supper on August 27.

Members in attendance received a \$20 bill credit, had the chance to sign up for the Basin Bus Tour giveaway and were also eligible for prizes drawn each half hour. Several children prizes were also given away.

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OEC Member Nominates Shine the Light Winner



Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa sponsored the 4th annual Shine the Light contest which aims to recognize community members who make a difference in our communities.

Osceola Electric Cooperative members, Gary and Karen Trei, nominated Beth Thole for her volunteer work throughout the county, most recently for her work on the Osceola County Ag Pavilion. Out of 75 entries Beth was selected as one of the three winners!

As the contest winner Beth won a \$3,000 donation to her charity. Read the full story in the September issue of *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine.



OEC linemen contributed to the museum by building infrastructure from vintage material to portray what it looked like when electricity was first brought to rural Osceola County residents in the 1940's and 1950's.

The Ag Pavilion Board is looking for pictures from the county's early days. Please contact Beth Thole if you have any to share.



Brothers Deacon and Dal



Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives GM, Leslie Kaufman, presented Shine the Light winner, Beth Thole and nominators Gary and Karen Trei, with a \$3,000 donation to the Osceola County Ag Pavilion.

Operating Statistics for July 2024

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Billed consumers, farm	1,149	1,154
Billed consumers, non-farm and others.....	121	123
Kilowatts sold, farm.....	2,773,553	2,924,011
Kilowatts sold, non-farm and others.....	6,955,470	7,266,093
Average consumption, farm	2,414	2,534
Average consumption, non-farm and others	57,483	59,074
Average statement, farm.....	\$270.74	\$292.95
Average statement, non-farm and others.....	\$4,217.26	\$4,494.69
Total minimum bills	28	21
Outage time per consumer—minutes.....	16	5 1/2
Energy efficiency added per KWH		0.00022
Annual meeting date.....	March 2025	



Congratulations to Danika Schmidt, the winner of the Basin Bus Tour giveaway.



OEC Linemen, Louie and Judd demonstrated the dangers of overhead and underground electrical equipment. The high voltage demonstration used a hot dog to simulate burns that would occur from coming in contact with high voltage lines.

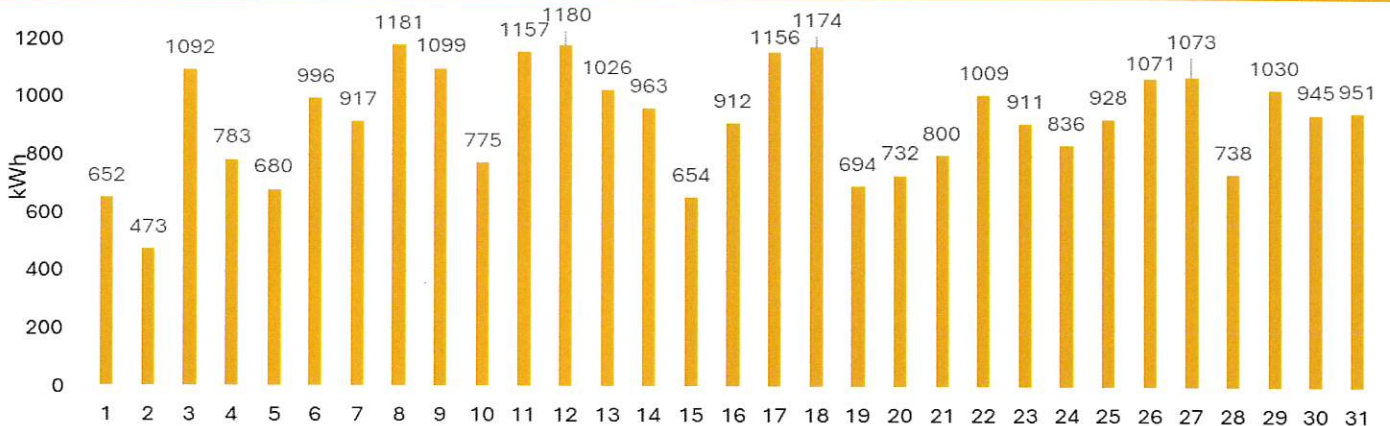


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Directors served burgers, grilled by the Melvin 313 Club, with potato salad and baked beans.

July 2024 Solar Park Production



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Now is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system. During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months.

A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure all system components are working efficiently to keep your home cozy and warm when the temperatures begin to drop.

Powering Lives, Empowering Communities:

The Impact of Iowa's Electric Cooperatives

Chapter 1: Power to the People

Iowa's electric cooperatives are proud to be owned by the members we serve. For more than 85 years, we've been committed to providing power that is safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable.

Electric cooperatives cover more than two-thirds of the state's land mass and maintain enough power lines to wrap around the equator two and a half times – that's close to 62,000 miles! Electric co-ops serve almost 240,000 households, farms and businesses throughout the state, which means we power the lives of approximately 650,000 Iowans throughout all 99 counties.

We serve primarily rural areas of the state **34850** and we're mission driven to improve quality of life for our member-owners. We adhere to seven core principles that guide all cooperatives:

Voluntary and open membership: The co-op is open to any persons who are able and willing to join, accept responsibility as a part of the organization and can use the organization's services.

Democratic member control: Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.

Members' economic participation: Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.

Autonomy and independence: The members of the co-op determine everything it does, which allows the co-op to function independently.

Education, training and information: Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.

Cooperation among cooperatives: Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

Concern for community: While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities.

Your Electric Cooperative needs **YOUR HELP**

Your electric cooperative works hard to provide safe, reliable and convenient electric power for you and your family. We also provide programs to help you use energy efficiently.

To help us plan for the future and determine what programs will benefit you most, your cooperative needs your help.

This fall, we will be conducting a survey of our residential consumers. If you receive a survey, please help us by taking a few minutes to complete it. Your answers are very important, so please respond as best as possible and return it promptly. A postage-paid return envelope is included for your convenience. The survey will also be available to complete online.

