

FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Open Lines

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

HAPPY

4th of July

The Farmers Electric Cooperative office will be closed Friday, July 3

WANT TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY? CONSIDER A BOARD SEAT

Running for a cooperative board position is more than volunteering for a leadership role—it's an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the community. Those who serve help ensure the cooperative remains focused on its mission of providing reliable, affordable energy for future generations.

members who reside in the district for which they are running. One director from each district will seek re-election this year. They are:

- West District: Kevin Tanner**
- Central District: Kris Petter**
- East District: Janelle Peiffer**

Serving on the Farmers Electric Board of Directors an excellent way to become involved in important decisions that affect your neighbors, businesses, and the overall quality of life in our area.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

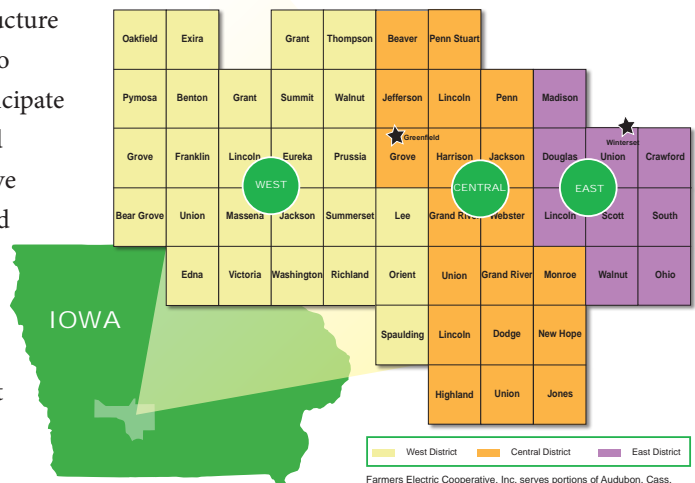
West:
Roger Jensen, (641) 745-5957
Keagan Hosfelt, (712) 779-0574

Central:
Dave Doud, (515) 238-4207
Clark Dolch, (712) 621-8421

East:
Vicki See, (515) 326-5410
Spencer Morehouse, (515) 313-1436

Board members are responsible for setting policies, approving budgets, overseeing financial performance, and helping guide long-term planning for the cooperative. They work closely with management to ensure the cooperative operates efficiently, maintains safe and dependable service, and invests wisely in infrastructure and technology. Directors also attend regular meetings, participate in training opportunities, and communicate with cooperative members to better understand community priorities.

A nominating committee of co-op members seeks individuals from their district to be placed on the ballot. Nominees must be co-op



SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

Coupon good at any of these vendors:

Adair Co. Fair Board Stands
Adair Co. Fair | July 8-12

Ashley's Kitchen & Katering
Audubon Co. Fair | July 14-19

4-H Food Stand, Madison Co.
Pork Producers or Madison Co.
Cattleman Stand
Madison Co. Fair | July 15-19

Cass Co. Fair Foodstand,
ChuckWagon or the Food Trailer
Cass Co. Fair | July 23-28



*Coupon not redeemable for cash. No cash back.

CLIP & SAVE
\$5



Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. serves portions of Audubon, Cass, Adair, Union, Guthrie and Madison counties.

SHOW YOU CARE WITH RE CARE

Even though summer is on the way and will bring warmer temperatures, many Farmers Electric members are struggling to catch up on winter heating bills.

As an electric cooperative, Farmers Electric is invested in helping our communities thrive, and that means supporting our low-income members, too.

RECare is a nationwide program exclusive to rural electric cooperatives that encourages fellow members to make a one-time or monthly donation

that can help alleviate the stress for other members struggling to pay their winter heating bills. Funds may also be used to weatherize the recipient's home to make electricity use more efficient in both winter and summer temperatures.

And don't worry; your donation is directed to a local community action agency for distribution to low-income families in your community.

You can feel good that the dollars you donate are helping your friends and neighbors. It's an easy way to show you care!

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Protect your accounts by enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever possible. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second step – like a code sent to your phone or an authentication app – beyond just your password.

Even if a scammer steals your login information through phishing or data breaches, MFA can stop them from accessing your account.

Choose app-based authentication over text messages when available, as it's more secure. Taking a few minutes to turn on MFA for email, banking and additional online accounts can significantly reduce your risk of identity theft and financial loss.



Member Authorization Form

- Yes! I want to help my fellow Farmers Electric Co-op members through the RECare program.
 - Enclosed is a check with a one-time donation.
 - I would like to make a monthly donation of \$_____. I understand this amount will be added to my electric bill each month.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Account # _____

Cut out the completed form and mail to: RECare, c/o Farmers Electric Cooperative, 2389 Hwy. 92, Greenfield, IA 50849; or visit www.farmersrec.com to fill out an online form.

NOMINATE A LOCAL VOLUNTEER AND THEY COULD WIN \$3,000 FOR THEIR FAVORITE CHARITY!

Contest entries accepted at IowaShineTheLight.com during the month of June



SAVE THE DATE



Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc.
ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026

Adair County Fairgrounds



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LET THE PROS HANDLE TRIMMING TREES AROUND POWER LINES

Can anyone trim trees near power lines? The answer is no. Specialized tree trimmers, certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in utility clearance, are the only persons legally allowed to trim within 10 feet of power lines.

Qualified line-clearance trimmers must be specially trained in how to safely work in proximity to energized lines. They must understand how an electrical grid functions, the effects of tree growth patterns and tree damage and how to implement directional pruning, as required by the American National Standard for Arboricultural Operations' safety standards.

Farmers Electric is committed to managing vegetation around our lines as a means to reduce outages from limbs making contact with energized power lines. Now that we're in the growing season, you may see our crews out addressing some unruly vegetation. Remember to give them plenty of room to work by slowing down and moving over when you see one of our trucks with its lights flashing. In addition to trimming, we also spray for weeds and undergrowth in the ditches that infringe on the utility's right-of-way.

If you have noticed a tree growing into, or getting close to, one of our power lines, please reach out to our office with the location and we will dispatch a crew to address it as soon as possible.

Did you know June 21-27 is National Lightning Safety Awareness Week?

Lightning Safety Word Search

Lightning can happen fast and be very dangerous but staying safe is easy when you know what to do! Read the following safety tips, then find and circle the **bolded** words in the puzzle below.



When thunder roars, go **indoors**! If you can hear thunder, **lightning** is close enough to be dangerous.

Stay away from all **water** sources. Don't swim, use hoses or play near standing water when a **storm** is present.

Avoid tall things and open spaces. Stay away from **tall trees**, poles and open fields where lightning tends to **strike**.

Wait 30 minutes after the last sound of **thunder**. Even if the rain stops, **wait** at least 30 minutes before going back outside.



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PROTEIN PASTA SALAD

- 1 lb. protein pasta (macaroni, rotini, penne or farfalle shapes work best)
- 1 c. plain Greek yogurt
- 1 oz. packet ranch seasoning
- 1 shredded, cooked rotisserie chicken
- 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 c. diced cucumber
- 1 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 c. grapes, halved (optional)
- Crackers, for serving (optional)

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and cook the protein pasta according to package directions until tender. Drain pasta and rinse briefly under cool water to cool slightly. Pour pasta back into the pot, then add the Greek yogurt and ranch seasoning packet. Stir until everything is evenly coated. Add chicken, cheese, cucumbers and tomatoes to the pot. Stir until evenly combined. Divide the pasta salad evenly into four bowls or meal-prep containers. Add grapes to the containers if desired. If using crackers, such as Ritz® or Town House®, store them separately and add them just before eating so they stay crunchy.

EGG SALAD PASTA

- 1 lb. pasta (rotini, macaroni, or shells work best), cooked according to package instructions
- To taste: salt, pepper, paprika
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1/2 c. plain Greek yogurt
- 1/3 c. relish
- 6 stalks celery, chopped
- 1/4 c. fresh dill, finely chopped
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, finely chopped

Add cooked pasta to a large bowl. Season with salt, pepper, and paprika and stir to coat evenly. Add ranch seasoning for extra flavor. Mix the pasta to evenly coat with seasonings. Add mayonnaise, yogurt, and relish and stir until well coated. Stir in celery, dill, and eggs. Mix everything together until fully combined, then serve chilled.



Win a chance to have \$5 taken off your next utility bill!

Submit your best grilling recipe by June 15 for the July issue.



CALL FOR RECIPES

Each month, Farmers Electric invites readers and members to submit their favorite recipe for publication in this newsletter and a chance to get \$5 off their next electric bill.

To enter, mail your recipe with your bill to: Farmers Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 330, Greenfield, IA 50849; or email it to: HWeston@farmersrec.com.

JULY: Grilling Month

AUGUST: Vegetables

ABOUT US



Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative, governed by an elected Board of Directors. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The mission of Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., is to deliver safe, reliable, affordable electricity and other services to improve the quality of life within our communities.

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