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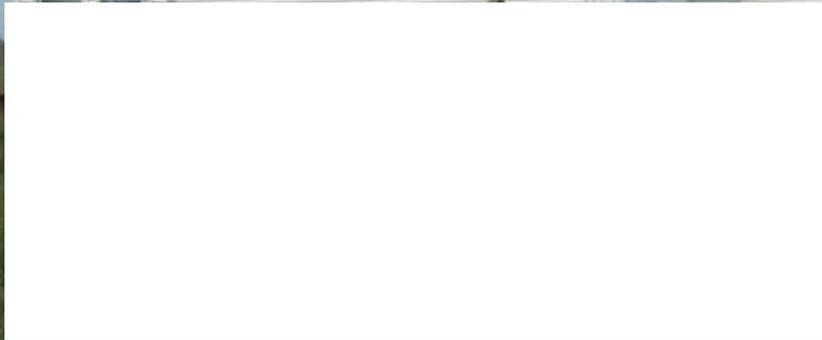
Win our Energy-Saving Gift Card and winterize your home before the snow flies! ▶ See page 5

October is National Co-op Month!

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Do you know the pros and cons of heat pump water heaters?

Balance technology and common sense for maximum energy savings





People around the world aren't just talking about energy efficiency, they're actually making it happen. There's a way to measure it, called *energy intensity*, which is calculated by comparing a country's energy consumption to its gross domestic product. In other words, energy intensity measures how much energy it takes to produce a dollar of economic activity.

During the past 25 years, energy intensity worldwide has dropped by one-third, says the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA). The agency predicts worldwide energy efficiency will continue to improve.



Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Our mission is to serve our members and community by safely providing reliable and environmentally responsible power and other services efficiently and at a competitive price to benefit members and improve the quality of life in the areas that we serve.

Office: 22458 Highway 2, P.O. Box 70,
Bloomfield, IA 52537-0070

Phone: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027

Phone Payments: 800-927-5341

Report Outages: 800-607-2027

Call Before You Dig – Iowa One Call: 800-292-8989

Website: www.sie.coop

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

Management

Greg Proctor, COO

Jo Altheide, CFO/Key Accounts Manager

Lori McAllister, CCO/Member Services Manager

Lindsay Smith, Office Manager

Ross Hunter, Systems Analyst

Board of Directors

Darrell Downing, President

Travis Harris

Paul Wells, Vice President

Beth Sullivan

Joy Evans, Secretary

Earl Trachsel

Dave Yahnke, Treasurer

Ben Koellner

Fred Zeitler

What to Do in Case of Trouble

- ▶ Check for blown fuses or tripped breakers.
- ▶ Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and whether they have reported the outage. If not, call Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc., and report the problem 24 hours a day: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027.

Service Charges

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| ACH (Electronic Payment)..... | No Charge |
| Bill Collection | \$50 |
| Meter Tampering | \$150 |
| Overtime Service Call..... | \$150 |
| Disconnect..... | \$50 |
| Posting | \$50 |
| Returned Check | \$30 |
| Reconnect..... | \$75 |
| Trip Charge | \$50 |

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Save the Date!

It's almost time for SIEC's 5th Annual Christmas Co-op Connections Expo!



When: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016

Where: SIEC Office
22458 Highway 2
Bloomfield

Time: 4:30-8:00 p.m.

You always love it, so we're doing it again!

This event is open to the public for an evening of shopping, food, fun and prizes. We'll have items of interest for men, women and children.

Each purchase made during the event will earn shoppers a free raffle ticket to go in a drawing for the co-op's Grand Prizes: three \$100 gift certificates to use at a participating Co-op Connections vendor of each winner's choice. In addition, you may earn a trip to our Christmas Lighting Table. If you make three purchases, bring your receipts to the prize table and you'll be able to select a Christmas lighting gift that retails from \$9 to \$18. If you make 6 purchases, you can choose a gift that retails from \$20 to \$30. We have a limited number of gifts available, so only

one gift will be available per eligible shopper, while they last.

So far, we have 60 vendors planning to join us, but there's still room for a few more! If you're interested in being a vendor at this event, please contact Janis Wetterich at 641-664-2277 as soon as possible.

SIEC is giving back to the community

During the Expo, SIEC will be taking contributions for our local Angel Tree, so look for the donation box at our booth. With the help of many volunteers and people like you, the Angel Tree supports the I Care program to provide clothing and toys to children for Christmas – as well as boxes of food for adult families in need.

The Angel Tree will be set up in our local grocery store, where you can select angels from the tree that list the age and clothing size of a boy or girl – plus a toy that they'd like. Many individuals, families and organizations will donate money and/or their time to help with purchasing the items to fulfill these needs. ⚡

In the News

Who are these guys?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and SIEC's linemen are proudly wearing their pink hard hats to support the American Cancer Society. SIEC's Community Fund also will make a donation to the organization, and we'd like to challenge everyone in our electric co-op family to do the same! ⚡



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Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc., hosted its 77th Anniversary Annual Meeting at the cooperative's headquarters in Bloomfield on Sept. 8. The co-op treated attending members to a meal served by Bailey's BBQ Barn, ice cream from Davis County Fair Board and music played by Bridge City Country.

Prior to the meeting, kids could meet a lineman and take a ride 50 feet into the air in a lineman's bucket! Kids also enjoyed jumping in the bounce house.

This year's registration gift was a 15-foot Pro-Glo extension cord. Members had the opportunity to have their blood pressures checked by Davis County Public Health and visit our energy efficiency trailer for a look at the latest energy-saving ideas.

During the meeting, Sara Lawson gave a presentation on her Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. Then ballots were counted for the cooperative's Board of Directors election; Darrell Downing, Beth Sullivan and Paul Wells were elected to 3-year terms. Finally, many prizes were given away throughout the evening too, with



Full house for the meal and meeting

lucky SIEC member Glen Handy of Bloomfield taking home the Grand Prize: an ARIENS 34-inch, zero-turn riding lawn mower donated by Tom's Tree Service. ⚡



Energy efficiency trailer



Bounce house



Welcome to the Annual Meeting!



Bucket rides for the kids



SIEC's 2016 Youth Tour winner, Sara Lawson

Editor's Choice Contest

Win \$100 in products to winterize your home!

Here's a little incentive to finish the energy-saving outdoor projects you've been putting off: a \$100 *Living with Energy in Iowa* Energy-Saving Gift Card you can use to buy things such as caulking, weather stripping or even an airtight dryer vent from your favorite local hardware or building supply store. To enter this month's contest, go to the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website at www.livingwithenergyiowa.com and submit the entry form by Oct. 31, 2016. ⚡



Director Dave Hopkins resigns; Dave Yahnke will fill spot until next board election



Dave Hopkins

Following the Annual Meeting on Sept. 8, director Dave Hopkins submitted his resignation from the SIEC Board of Directors. The Board, as specified in the Bylaws, is charged with the responsibility of appointing a director to fill the vacancy

created by Dave's resignation. The director thus appointed would serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Members, which in this case coincides with when Dave Hopkins' term would have expired (September 2017).

Following discussions, the Board elected to appoint Dave Yahnke, an experienced former director who received the highest vote count among the candidates that weren't elected in the last election, to fill the vacancy.

We'd like to thank Dave Hopkins for his service to Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc., and its members. ⚡

Things we see every day often fade from view

*Failure to notice power lines can be a **deadly oversight.***

You could be killed or injured if your equipment makes contact with overhead lines.

Teach everyone to look up when working around power lines.

Look up and live.

Safe Electricity.org

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Co-op VIPs

And the winners are ...



Congratulations to our Paperless Bill Drawing winners – Tim Sargent (*top*) of Bloomfield, who took home a 32-inch TCL Roku Smart TV, and Kenneth Peterson of Bloomfield, who received a \$100 electric bill credit.

Thank you to all our members who have signed up for paperless billing and are using our e-business site online!



Another recent winner was Becky Shively (*bottom*), who shared her favorite grill recipe on a Facebook post sponsored by our Member's 1st page and won a Brookstone Digital Chef's Fork. ⚡