

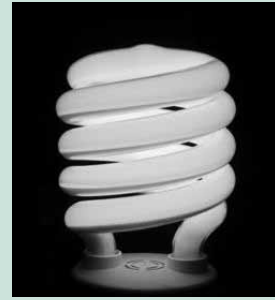
## FOR SALE

### Used Winco PTO Generator

- Mounted on 2-wheel cart
- 52 Amps
- 15,000 V.A.
- \$500 Or best offer



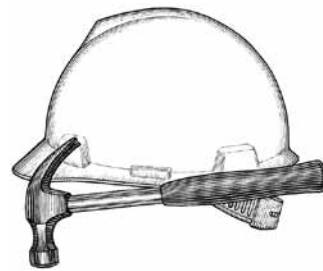
Call 800-766-2099, ask for Darwin  
Can be seen at North West REC  
District Office in Le Mars



We have CFL bulbs remaining after our district meetings. We invite our members to stop at one of our offices, and we will give you **two FREE bulbs** until the supply is gone.

## OFFICES CLOSED

*Our offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 5, 2011. Please call 1-800-766-2099 in case of an outage or emergency. Have a safe holiday weekend!*



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# NEWS Lines

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## LOCAL TEENS SELECTED FOR TRIP TO NATION'S CAPITAL

Art Klarenbeek of Hull and Jocelyn Doorenbos of Boyden recently participated in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C. sponsored by North West REC. They spent six days in Washington, D.C., with 33 peers from Iowa.

Each year in June, an action-filled week provides high school students opportunities to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, community service and today's pressing issues in the energy industry. Students met Sens. Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin as well as Reps. Bruce Braley, Leonard Boswell, Dave Loebsack, Tom Latham and Steve King. They also saw historic sites and met over 1,500 students from across the country who participated in their state's Youth Tour program.

Something new this year was the opportunity to go on an early-morning, three-mile run with Senator Grassley. Fifteen Youth Tour students, including Art Klarenbeek, joined the senator for a different view of Washington, D.C. and say it was definitely an opportunity of a lifetime.

The Iowa Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour has been a joint effort of local electric co-ops, such as North West REC, the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives (IAEC), and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

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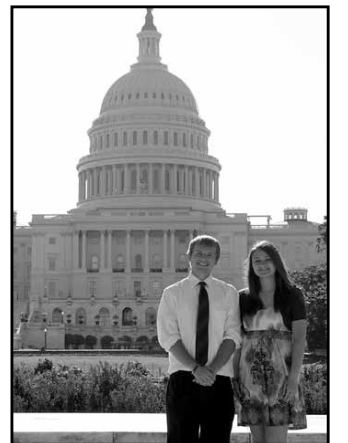
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In addition to taking in the sights of the nation's capital, all the state groups convened for National Youth Day, sponsored by NRECA, to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers. This year's Youth Day agenda included Mike Schlappi, a four-time Paralympic Medallist and two-time world Wheelchair Basketball Champion. Schlappi shares his inspiring message for every American, young or old: "Just because you can't stand up, doesn't mean you can't stand out."

Watch future newsletters to see how you can participate in the Youth Tour next year. For more information about the Iowa Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour, please visit <http://www.youthtour.coop>.



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# OPERATION ROUND UP REPORT

Contributions made by North West REC's Operation Round Up Trust in the second quarter of 2011 totaled \$3,200. This brings the total contributions made through Operation Round Up since its inception in June of 1999 to \$247,945.11.

- \$2,650 . . . . . Medical Emergencies – assist families with unusual expenses resulting from serious health problems and accident related injuries or death
- \$300 . . . . . Assist family with losses from home fire
- \$100. . . . . Floyd Valley Hospital Foundation “Helping Children” Fundraiser (Le Mars)
- \$100. . . . . Eco-Tourism Iowa Project for Moorehead Park (Ida Grove)
- \$ 50. . . . . Fourth Annual Toe-Tappin’ Country & Gospel Music Fest (Remsen) – Prison Ministry Fundraiser

Operation Round Up funds are generated through a voluntary rounding up of cooperative members’ electric bills to the next nearest dollar, and dollars are used to assist worthy causes and organizations right in your local county area.

If you are currently not participating in Operation Round Up and would like to become a part of this worthwhile program, please call our office for information. To receive an application for assistance, please call the office at 707-4935 or 800-766-2099.



## APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Participate in our appliance recycling program and turn your old refrigerator, freezer or window air conditioner in for a \$25 rebate per appliance. Just call the cooperative at 707-4935 or 800-766-2099 to arrange for easy pickup. Appliances must be in working condition to qualify for the recycling program.



# BASIN LOAD FORECAST APPROVED FOR 2011-2025

The directors of Basin Electric Cooperative approved the 2011 load forecast at the June meeting.

Basin Electric provides 80 percent of the power to Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative, the wholesale power provider for North West REC.

The forecast is a planning tool used to define the cooperative’s generation and transmission needs for the membership.

The 2011 load forecast shows a tremendous amount of growth over the entire Basin Electric membership territory. Growth primarily is in the oil sector, however all other members also are growing. The megawatt growth for the forecasted period of 2011-2025 is approximately 1,850 megawatts.



The 2011 forecast is similar to the 2009 load forecast, though growth patterns in the energy sector have shifted from coal-bed methane in Wyoming to oil development in eastern Montana and western North Dakota.

Basin Electric’s load forecast is completed every two years as required by the Rural Utilities Service.

## Co-Op Connections Card Update

As we reported in last month’s newsletter, North West REC is excited about offering the Co-op Connections Card to our members.

The delivery of the cards is still on schedule for around Labor Day, and we hope to get them mailed to our members soon after.

This card will connect you with discounts on everything from hotel stays to prescription drugs. While the program is not insurance, the discount can mean savings of 10 to 60 percent on prescription drugs.

As a Touchstone Energy co-op, North West REC strives to serve our members according to four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. Our Co-op Connections Card is one of the ways we live up to those values.



## AN EASIER WAY TO PAY and Receive \$5 Credit for Participating

Save time and money with the **automatic bank draft** and **e-bill payment plan** by having your monthly electric bill deducted from your bank account and receiving your bill electronically. You would no longer receive printed billing statements in the mail.

If you sign up for both of these services, you will receive a **one-time \$5 credit** on your next bill.

### Why sign up for the automatic bank draft and e-bill payment plan?

- No more writing a check to North West REC for your electric bill
- Your electric bill will be paid on the due date – no worrying about getting your check to our office on time
- Accurate record keeping from your financial institution showing the direct payment you make to North West REC on your bank statement
- Access to your electric information at all times online – view your billing and payment history with bill details (you will need to go to our website <http://www.nwrec.coop> to register your e-mail address and password for the e-bill)

### What if I am already participating in the automatic bank draft payment plan?

- You will need to sign up for e-bill to receive the one-time \$5 credit
- Check the box on the coupon to sign up for e-bill, along with your signature and date

Your financial institution automatically transfers the amount of your monthly electric bill from your account to North West REC each month. The amount transferred will also appear on your monthly bank statement. The amount due will be transferred out of your account on the 8th of each month for payment of your electric bill. You will receive an e-mail notice on the 20th of each month that your monthly electric bill is now ready to be viewed. This will indicate the amount to be withdrawn from your account. Please call 1-800-766-2099 if any questions.

### AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR BANK DRAFT AND E-BILL Please include a voided check when sending in this form.

I authorize North West REC to initiate withdrawals and, if necessary, debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to my account at the financial institution named below for payment of my monthly electric bills.

I understand that three or more payments in a 12-month period resulting in overdraft of my account may result in termination of the Direct Payment plan. This authorization will remain in effect until North West REC has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford North West REC and my financial institution a reasonable time to act on it.

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Routing No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Checking ( ) Savings (select one)  
 Payments to Begin: \_\_\_\_\_ and to be made on the 8th day of each month.  
 Account Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Electric Acct. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- YES, sign me up for the automatic payment plan only!  
 YES, sign me up for the automatic payment plan and e-bill!  
 YES, I am already a bank draft customer and want to sign up for e-bill!

Remember to go to our website <http://www.nwrec.coop> to register your e-mail address and password for e-bill!

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

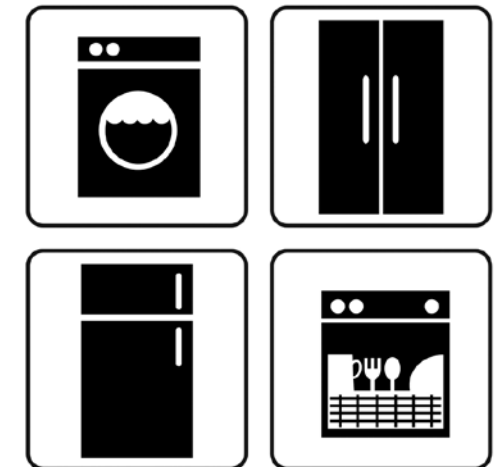
## ENERGY STAR APPLIANCE REBATES

Putting new appliances in your home can pay off in many ways.

The new appliances generally have more capabilities than the older models they replace, but you'll also find that new Energy Star®-rated appliances use less electricity than your old appliances.

In addition, North West REC will pay you a rebate when you replace your old appliances with Energy Star models. The rebates are \$50 for clothes washers and \$25 each for refrigerators, freezers and dishwashers. The maximum rebate per cooperative member-account is \$250.

So look for the Energy Star label when you are appliance shopping and remember to request your rebate. Forms are available on the cooperative website ([www.nwrec.coop](http://www.nwrec.coop)) or call your cooperative office at 712-707-4935 or 800-766-2099 for information.



## FTC POSTPONES LIGHTING FACTS LABELS TO JANUARY

New labels that let consumers know all about the light bulbs they're buying will start appearing in January.

The Federal Trade Commission had said it would require the labels to start appearing on light bulb packages in July, but postponed it to give manufacturers more time to comply.

The labels will help consumers choose among traditional incandescent bulbs and more efficient compact fluorescent (CFL) and light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs.

The new labels will appear on the back of each package of light bulbs and will reveal information about the bulb's brightness – measured in "lumens," how much it will cost to operate the bulb, and whether it contains mercury.

At the same time, the federal government will start to phase out incandescent light bulbs in an effort to encourage consumers to use more energy-efficient lighting.



# 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Matthew Foreman, Lindsey Hunt, Jenna Riediger and Dana Korner have been selected as the \$1,000 scholarship recipients representing North West REC as dependents of consumers. Adri Sietstra, Nathan Heemstra, Coreen Robinson and Shelby Neubauer have been selected as the \$750 scholarship winners. Jennifer Hansen, Derek Hofland, Emma Krier and Michaela Else have been selected as the \$500 scholarship winners. These scholarships are funded by North West REC and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a consumer-owned and controlled regional cooperative based in Bismarck, N.D., responsible for supplying wholesale electric power to eight Midwestern states.

The scholarship program is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievements of students in the region. It is also an investment in the economic future of rural areas.

## DISTRICT 1 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Matthew Foreman** is the son of Greg and Tracy Foreman of rural Rock Valley and graduated from Rock Valley Community School. In the fall he will be attending Iowa State University in Ames where he will major in engineering.

**Adri Sietstra** is the daughter of Dale and Lila Sietstra of rural Sheldon and graduated from Boyden-Hull High School. In the fall she will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls where she will major in communication.



**Jennifer Hansen** is the daughter of Dale and Cindy Hansen of rural Alton and graduated from Spalding Catholic High School. In the fall she will be attending Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska where she will major in nursing.



## DISTRICT 2 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Lindsey Hunt** is the daughter of Joe and Tami Hunt of rural Granville and graduated from Spalding Catholic High School. In the fall she will be attending Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon where she will major in nursing.



**Nathan Heemstra** is the son of Dennis and Lori Heemstra of rural Primghar and graduated from South O'Brien High School. In the fall he will be attending Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois where he will major in communication.



**Derek Hofland** is the son of David and Julie Hofland of rural Hartley and graduated from Western Christian High School. In the fall he will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls where he will major in bioinformatics or a genetics related field.

## DISTRICT 3 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Jenna Riediger** is the daughter of Randy and Cindy Riediger of rural Hinton and graduated from Hinton Community High School. In the fall she will be attending the University of Iowa in Iowa City where she will major in prelaw.



**Coreen Robinson** is the daughter of Joe and Deb Robinson of rural Akron and graduated from Akron-Westfield High School. In the fall she will be attending Iowa State University in Ames where she will major in mass communications/journalism.



**Emma Krier** is the daughter of Ron and Rose Krier of rural Remsen and graduated from Remsen St. Mary's High School. In the fall she will be attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska where she will major in dental hygiene.



## DISTRICT 4 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Dana Korner** is the daughter of Scott and Kelly Korner of rural Schleswig and graduated from Denison High School. In the fall she will be attending the University of Iowa in Iowa City where she will major in business.



**Shelby Neubauer** is the daughter of Kevin and Tammy Neubauer of rural Ida Grove and graduated from OABCIG High School. In the fall she will be attending Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs where she will major in surgical technology.



**Michaela Else** is the daughter of Grant and Shelly Else of rural Holstein and graduated from Ridgeview High School. In the fall she will be attending Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska where she will major in biology (pre-physical therapy).

