



Scholarship applications are due February 1st. Learn more at www.heartlandpower.com/scholarships

Pictured: Several of our 2018 scholarship recipients gather for a photo at our annual meeting.

Board Announces Special Refund For Early 2019



Jon Leerar,
CEO/General Manager

When the Heartland Power Cooperative (HPC) Board of Directors met in December for their scheduled monthly board meeting on Friday, December 21st, they voted to approve a special refund of \$400,000 of the 2018 operating margins.

HPC had higher than budgeted revenue in 2018 due to increased sales from colder temps in the spring and warmer temps in the summer.

These fluctuations in temperature, along with tightly managed operating costs allowed for this special refund.

The refunds will be calculated based on the percentage of revenue paid by each member in 2018. Refund amounts of \$20 or less will be shown as a credit on your next electric bill. Refunds over \$20 on accounts in good standing will be sent out as a check in late January.

I hope you recognize the benefits of being a member/owner of the cooperative. The Heartland Board of Directors was happy to demonstrate the cooperative principle of sharing in economic success with this special refund.

When you think of your electric cooperative, we hope you remember the partnership and commitment we have to you. Happy New Year from all of us at Heartland Power.

Consider Running For The Board of Directors

One of your responsibilities as a cooperative member is electing the Heartland Power Cooperative Board of Directors. This March, our members will once again have the opportunity to cast their vote for three members of the Board of Directors.

If you or someone you know is interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact one of the following nominating committee members:

Bruce Johnson, Osage
641-220-4246

Jim Urbatsch, Osage
641-732-4271

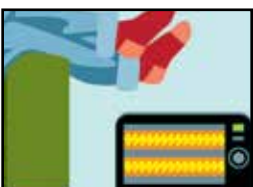
Eric Johnson, Joice
641-590-3362

Randy Holstad, Lake Mills
641-590-1781

Jim Trainer, Northwood
641-324-1554

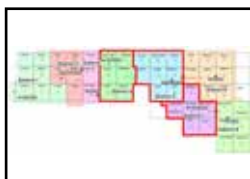
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Heartland Power has a couple great opportunities for area youth - get those applications in soon!

MONTHLY CO-OP QUIZ

\$25 Bill Credit Winner

Congratulations Linda Peterson of Glenville!

Last Month's Answer

Scholarship applications are due February 1, 2019.

This Month's Question

Is your district up for a director election this year?

Quiz Guidelines

Each member who sends in the correct answer by the 20th of the month will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit.

Mail or energy quiz answers to energy@heartlandpower.com.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

ReCare provides community action agencies with funds to help low-income families pay their winter heating bills and energy assistance, as well as help our member-consumers with weatherization activities.

Through the ReCare Plan, you may make a one-time contribution or a monthly pledge that will automatically be added to your monthly electric bill. If you would like to help, simply fill out the consumer authorization form and return it with your next bill payment.

ReCare Consumer Authorization Form

I want to be a part of members helping members and contribute to ReCare!

Monthly Pledge: _____ \$1 _____ \$2 _____ \$5 Other _____

(I understand this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.)

One-time contribution \$ _____

(Checks should be made out to ReCare, %Heartland Power Cooperative)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Billing Number: _____

Please Return To: Heartland Power
PO Box 65
Thompson, IA 50478

Heartland Power
PO Box 70
St. Ansgar, IA 50472

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN A SPACE HEATER?

Calculate the cost before plugging one in.

Wattage

X

Hours
used per
month

X

Co-op's
kWh
rate/1000

=

Monthly
cost

Most space heaters are 1500 watts. If you're operating a space heater eight hours a day at the rate of 9.6 cents/kWh, it would cost \$34.56 per month.

Upcoming Director Election

To be considered for election to the Board of Directors, an individual must be a member of Heartland Power Cooperative and listed on the membership card. If only one individual is listed on the membership card, a joint membership may be obtained. In addition to being a member, the individual must reside and receive electric service from the cooperative at a location within the district in which they are seeking election.

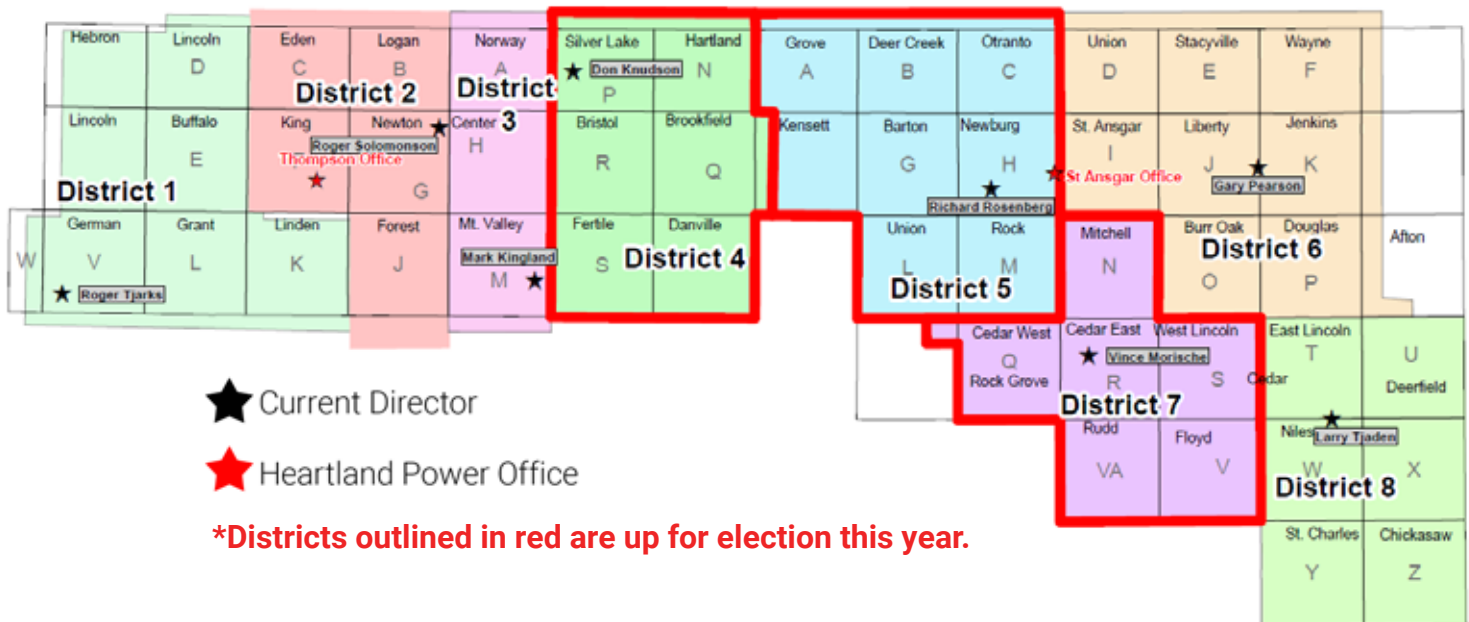
Monthly board meetings usually take place during the day rotating between the offices in St. Ansgar and Thompson. Other board meetings and trainings take place on average of one day per month.

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors are selected by a nominating committee

comprised of members who adequately represent the districts up for election. Appointed members of this year's Nominating Committee are listed to the right.

If you are interested, or would like to submit the name of a member who is interested in being considered as a candidate, please contact or send information to one of the committee members or contact our office.

We encourage you to participate in your cooperative! Even if you are not interested in being considered for election to the Board of Directors, you can still participate by voting and attending your annual meeting Tuesday, March 26th.



If you or someone you know is interested in being considered as a candidate, please contact our office or one of the nominating committee members listed on page 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEBRUARY 1

Heartland Power is pleased to again provide a \$500 scholarship to a high school student from each community school district in our service area. All entries must reach a Heartland Power office no later than February 1, 2019. Applications can be found on our website www.heartlandpower.com or through your school guidance counselor.

APPLY FOR YOUTH TOUR

We invite high school sophomores and juniors in our service area to apply for Youth Tour 2019! Youth Tour is a week-long, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.. Eligible students must have parents/guardians who are Heartland Power members. Learn more at www.heartlandpower.com/youthtour.



Providing members with safe, reliable, affordable electricity and enhancing the quality of life for members and their local communities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. M-F
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Thompson, IA 50478
641.584.2251
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St. Ansgar, IA 50472
641.713.4965
Outage Reporting Thompson 641.584.2200
St. Ansgar 641.713.4646
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Facebook facebook.com/heartlandpower

CEO/GENERAL MANAGER Jon Leerar

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Thank you for your partnership in our tree trimming program! Tree trimming is truly our best defense against storms and power outages.

The Trading Place

Any Heartland Power member or employee may submit ads free of charge. The members' name, account number and phone number are required for all ads. Ads will be printed for one month only. We will only accept two ads per member per month. No ads will be taken over the phone. Heartland Power reserves the right to reject ads.

Please mail your ad to our office or email energy@heartlandpower.com. Deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication.

For Sale: Boston Terrier - Jack Russel puppies. De-wormed and vaccinated. Family raised. Ready to go 1-7-19. \$200.00. 641-982-4200.

For Sale: 2 Balhen Bins. 8,000 Bushels more or less. 1 has drying floor and stirrators. Taking offers. 641-425-2270.

For Sale: 1997 Ford Ecoline 15 passenger Club Wagon. 195K miles. V10 Eng., hitch, running boards. Red. Ph 641-581-4500. See in Forest City. \$1,000 OBO.

CUT THE CLUTTER
Get organized when it comes to your electric bill. We have several ways to make managing your electric account easier including auto pay through a bank account!

GET ORGANIZED
www.heartlandpower.com/billing

Downed and Dangerous

Always assume a downed power line is energized and dangerous! If you see one:

- Notify local authorities.
- Stay at least 35 ft. away.
- Never drive over a downed line, or through water touching one.
- Never try to move a downed line.

Interested in solar?

Ask us about the many renewable energy options available through the cooperative.



Heartland Power Community Solar
HASSLE-FREE | LOW COST | NO MAINTENANCE
www.heartlandpower.com/communitysolar

Iowa Choice Renewables
FOR ON-SITE INSTALLATIONS | ENERGY EXPERTS
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