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Holiday Energy Savings Tip:

Make the switch to LED holiday lights. LED's are energy efficient, brighter and cool to the touch.

A monthly publication for members of Heartland Power Cooperative | December 2022

'Tis the Season of Giving, Joy & Reflection

The holiday season is finally here. Some call it the most wonderful season of all. That's because we associate it with family traditions and gathering with friends and loved ones. It's a time of giving and spreading joy.

Giving back reminds me of the many good things we have right here in our community and why it's so important to spread the good as far as we can, especially to the most vulnerable in our local area. I'm also reminded of how wonderful our community is and what a big impact we can have when we work together.

When you are a member of Heartland Power Cooperative, and "round up" your monthly bill, you help us spread the good throughout the year. Through our Operation Round Up program, your donations are helping community-focused programs, food donations and other giving projects to support local schools and young people, feed hungry families, enable families in need to keep the lights on and so much more.

Heartland Power Cooperative also participates in giving back to our future generation through our Annual Scholarship Program and through the Electric Cooperative

Youth Tour, where we take two of our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors. Area High School Juniors and Sophomores are encouraged to apply for this all-expense-paid trip. You will find more information inside this newsletter and on our website.

As a local cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It's why we support our local communities and organizations. We hope you will think of Heartland Power as more than your energy provider, but also as a catalyst for good in our community.

'TIS THE SEASON OF REFLECTION

Another year has come and gone, as 2022 comes to a close, we would like to look back on some of the accomplishments from the past year.

In April we announced a partnership to build a solar field near Osage. It is very close to completion and plans are to energize the system before the end of the year.

Over 600 members attended our Member Appreciation Event in St. Ansgar in August. It was great

to see so many of our members again for a fun evening for the entire family. We are already looking forward to next summer's event in Thompson!

In November, we returned over \$700,000 in Capital Credits to our members! After this most recent distribution, the cooperative has issued nearly \$12 Million in capital credits and \$2.8 million in special refunds to our members since 1998. In this newsletter you will also find a list of uncashed checks from the 2019 distribution. Please review and see if you recognize any of the names printed and have them contact us directly.

We would not be able to reflect on these accomplishments without the member-driven work of our dedicated cooperative employees, our committed directors, and you, our engaged and supportive members.

Thank you and may your holiday season be merry and bright! On behalf of everyone at Heartland Power - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Jon Leerar,
CEO/General Manager

On behalf of our entire team at Heartland Power, we wish you & your loved ones peace, joy & prosperity this holiday season & throughout the coming year.

MONTHLY CO-OP QUIZ

\$25 Bill Credit Winner:

Congratulations Barbara Patterson of Northwood!

Last Month's Answer:

Nearly \$12 million in Capital Credits.

This Month's Question:

How many miles per second does electricity travel?

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 email quiz answers to energy@heartlandpower.com.



JOIN US IN WELCOMING JACKSON RICE

We are pleased to welcome Jackson Rice as the newest employee at Heartland Power Cooperative. Jackson is based out of the Thompson office.

Jackson is from Lake Mills and recently graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon from the Lineman Program. He worked with the Heartland Crews over the summer of 2021 as a 1000 Hour Summer Lineman Apprentice. Welcome to the cooperative Jackson! We are happy to have you as a part of the Heartland Power team!

2022 REBATES DUE DECEMBER 31

If you have purchased and installed energy efficient equipment in 2022, make sure to check if it qualifies for a rebate from Heartland Power!

Rebate forms can be found on our website at www.heartlandpower.com. Please contact us with questions or to receive a physical copy in the mail. Rebate forms, invoices, and any necessary Energy Star labels must be submitted to Heartland Power by Dec. 31, 2022.

Planning to Purchase an Electric or hybrid Vehicle in the near future...we have a rebate for that!

If you own or are currently in the market for an electric vehicle or hybrid that needs to be plugged in, please make sure to contact Heartland Power! There may be special rates and rebates available when installing a Level 2 charger at your home!

HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS THIS COULD BE YOU!

Heartland Power is sponsoring two high school sophomores or juniors in our service area to attend the annual Youth Tour June 17-23, 2023. Youth Tour is a **week-long, all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.** where students can learn more about electric cooperatives, government and American history.

Learn more at www.heartlandpower.com/youthtour



operation ROUND-UP

How your change has changed lives this year.



Karrie Pringnitz,

Director of Finance and Administration

Operation Round-Up funds are generated through a voluntary rounding up of cooperative members' electric bills to the nearest dollar. This change is used to assist worthy causes right here in our area.

For those who opt to participate in the program, the rounding up results in an average donation of \$6 per year. Let us know if you would like to join this worthwhile program. We'd be glad to get you signed up!

Thanks to the generosity of our members, over \$19,000 was given back to our local communities this year. Since the inception of Operation Round-Up in 2003, we have donated over \$392,000.

\$7,000
MEDICAL/ACCIDENTS



\$3,500
LOCAL DAYCARES



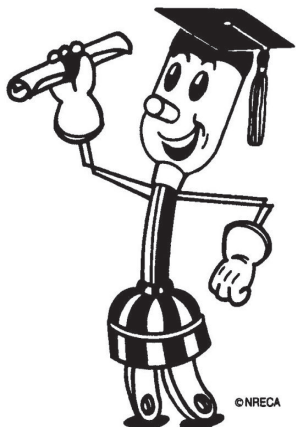
\$1,600
LOCAL FAIR BOARDS/4-H



\$6,000
LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS



\$1,000
OTHER AREA ORGANIZATIONS



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: TEN \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Heartland Power is pleased to provide a \$500 scholarship to TEN high school seniors whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are Heartland Power Cooperative members with their primary residence serviced by the cooperative.

Heartland Power also provides a one-time \$500 scholarship for students enrolled in a

Power Line Program. Parents do not have to be HPC members, but must reside within the HPC service area.

All applications must reach a Heartland Power office no later than February 1, 2023. Applications can be found on our website at www.heartlandpower.com or through your school guidance counselor.



Dave Low
Director of Operations

Safety First...Always!

Whether we are awake or asleep, we depend on electricity. Heartland Power Coop is committed to providing you with safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible power and at the core of this mission is Safety!

Safety is what all of the components must revolve around. It is often easy to take the power and potential dangers of electricity for granted. That's why Heartland Power Coop is dedicated to ongoing safety training, education and accountability for all employees, member-consumers, neighbors and partners. It's a commitment the Board of Directors and employees take very seriously every single day.

While your local co-op can't control certain aspects of electrical safety beyond the meter, we have implemented a number of pre-emptive measures to help reduce accidents as a result of contact with power lines. We strive to build awareness of ways accidents can be avoided, minimizing the risk of you or someone you know suffering an electricity-related accident. We educate our members and community by attending Farm Safety Days with our local schools, educating

members annually with the Grain Bin Clearance Notification, and continuously reminding community members of simple safety measures they can take to keep everyone safe through the Move Over or Slow Down and Call 811 Before Digging campaigns.

Electricity demands our respect. Electricity travels at the speed of light – that's about 186,000 miles per second! At that speed, waiting to react is too late. Electricity is distributed at 120 volts at most outlets. A typical distribution line has 7,200 volts per wire. We continuously devote attention and resources to reducing harm that can come from contact with power lines or electrical sources.

To ensure the co-op's electrical system can withstand the seasonal stresses of Mother Nature, for example, Heartland Power Cooperative has a maintenance plan, line inspection program and line patrol procedure in place in which we inspect our system annually. Through these programs we check each pole to detect and fix any damage or breaks that could pose

threats to the safety of the system. During the inspection, every pole, bolt, insulator, tie wire, ground wire and transformer is evaluated to make sure it meets our strict guidelines for safety.

As part of our line inspection program, we also closely review clearances to make sure objects meet the requirements of a safe distance from the power lines. Clearance hazards can relate to many things such as trees, grain bins, antennas, towers or any other object that could come into contact with a power line. It can also involve moving farm equipment by hand or machine and the siting of new buildings.

On an ongoing basis, our vegetation management process helps to ensure trees, bushes or shrubbery have not grown or been planted in places that make them a potential safety hazard. Please contact our office if you suspect vegetation may be too close to power lines.

WE SELL GENERATORS!



While we do our best to keep the lights on, consider purchasing a standby generator to keep the lights on, even when Mother nature has other plans.

BENEFITS OF INSTALLING A STANDBY GENERATOR

- Instant power generation
- Keeps the important appliances running
- Your plumbing is protected
- Protects your electronics
- Peace of mind knowing you will always have power!



YOU. POWERED.

If a standby generator is the next step in protecting your home or business, give us a call! We sell Briggs & Stratton generators and are glad to help guide you through proper sizing and a safe interconnection with the electrical grid.

Unclaimed Capital Credits

As of December 2022, the following members have not cashed their capital credit retirement check issued in 2019.

Please contact the cooperative if you need it to be reissued.

A G OLSON JR	DAVE GODLEWSKI	IRMA LOCKREM	KIRK WINTER	MICKEY J JUENGER	ROSE BUNN ESTATE
ADAM R PRICE	DAVE RIECK	IVO J FOX	KYLE KAPUSTYNSKI	MIKE JESSE	ROSS BISSEN
AL CALHOUN	DAVID J LOW	IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE	KYLE WYATT	MIKE KIRSCHBAUM	RUSSELL FIEDLER
ALAN L ASWEGAN	DAVID JOHNSON	JACK R SCHMOLL	LARRY A BUNSTON	MIKE PLAYTER	RUSSELL L JOHNSON
ALAN R SPRUNG	DAVID LARSON	JAMES B KISCH	LARRY ANDERSON	MILDRED VALASEK	RUSSELL TROYER
ALBERT VERVAECKE	DEAN A TUCKER	JAMES C BENTTINE	LARRY BUNSTON	MISSY LARSON	RYAN MEYER
ALLEN EVANS	DELORES KNUDTSON	JAMES C KOSTER	LARRY D ANDERSON	NATHAN OULMAN	RYAN UBBEN
ALLIANCE P/L SITE 25-2	DELTON D LANE	JAMES HAGEN	LARRY D FRANZEN	NEAL REETZ	SALSBURY LABORATORIES
ALVIN SCHULTZ	DENNIS FULK	JAMES WAECHTER	LARRY J SPELLINS JR	NEIL WENTHE	SCOTT A ROBERTS
ANDREW WILDER	DENNIS STEIFF	JANE A HENDERSON	LARRY LOKEN	NICK DE GEUS	SCOTT ARNOLD
ANNETTE CAPAUL	DIXIE L YOST	JANICE I KNUDTSON	LARRY LONG	NICOLE O'MALLEY	SCOTT LERAAEEN
ANTHONY WILHELMI	DONALD D JOHNSON	JANNA WALSH	LAUREL YOST	NORMA HAMMOND	SCOTT PARDOE
ANTOINE ACRES INC.	DONNA BENSEND	JARED JONES	LAURIE SCHWARCK	OPAL TENOLD	SCOTT SEVERSON
ANTON C KREBSBACH	DORIS NORDSKOG	JEAN THOMPSON	LAWRENCE FREUND	PAMALA REUTER	SEYMOUR FERLEY
ART SKRAM	DOUGLAS GERDTS	JEFF HYDE	LE ROY BENTTINE	PAT SCHWAMMAN	SHARON CANNY
ARTHUR B HEITZ	DOUGLAS W HINDERS	JEFF JORDAHL	LE ROY S JONES ESTATE	PAUL D KRUEGER JR	SHAWN WILKINS
ARTHUR C BROWN	DUANE NELSON	JEFF KINGLAND	LEON OLSON	PAUL D WINKELS	SHIRLEY MYERS
BERDELL R AHRENS	DUSTIN SWANN	JEFF SMITH	LEONA KLECKNER	PAUL HUISMAN	SOLVAY ANIMAL HEALTH
BERNEICE BRANSTAD	DYLAN KNOPF	JEFFREY A SCHULLER	LESLIE BEEKMAN	PAUL JACOBSON	STEPHEN T BARTLESON
BEVERLY DE WALLE	ED SHINDELAR	JEFFREY D BUBLITZ	LESTER BOUCHER	PAUL KAPUSTYNSKI	STERLING MEYER
BEVERLY KLUSMEIER	EDWARD GRIFFIN	JENA ZIEBELL	LEWIS R ANDERSON	PENNY ENGESETH	STEVE DAVIDSON
BRUCE GERDES	EDWARD K KANE	JERAD DAMJANOVIC	LILLIAN L SMITH	PERRY WEIGLE	STEVEN RICHESON
BURTON PETERSON	EDWARD SANFORD	JERALD WRAGE	LINDA GANNON	PETER TOUSIGNANT	TERRY DRYER
C A BLOCK	ELMER BUCHHOLZ JR	JERRY FLICK	LINDA TUCKER	PHILLIP RASMUSSEN	THE JO STOP
CARLTON RAUK	ELRY A WOLFF	JERRY KLINE	LOIS N MEYER	PHYLLIS BOGGESS	THOMAS E WHITE
CHAD BECHTEL	EMIL F MUELLER	JESS BYRNES	LON TWEETEN	PHYLLIS F DUNLAVEY	THOMAS RANDALL
CHAD D DIERKS	ERIC DRALLE	JOANNE GOODNIGHT	LYNEEN MC LAUGHLIN	PHYLLIS SCHALLOCK	TIM HALVORSEN
CHAD ROCHLEAU	ERIC SCHEFF	JOANNE TUCKER	LYNN P JENISON	PINNACLE TOWER INC	TIMOTHY E MURRAY
CHARLENE GANGSEI	ESTHER P KLAPPERICK	JOBE GOODALE	MARGARET BEEKMAN	PRO AG SOLUTIONS LLC	TODD MOORE
CHAZ D KRUEGER	EUGENE LUND EST	JOE ROSENBERG	MARK A SCHMIDT	R.D.SMITH ENTERPRISES LLC	TODD STANDSBURY
CHRISTOPH FAILS	FLOYD PETERSBURG	JOHN BRUDVIG	MARK HAYNER	RANDY BERRY	TONI NEHLS
CHRISTOPHER PARCHER	FRED NIEMOTH	JOHN HAVLIK	MARK HOLT	RANDY HAKL	TONNES THORLAND
CLARINE E MOE	GARY ARICKX	JOHN SETER	MARK KOEBRICK	RANDY J COOKE	TONY RANES
CLAYTON CLAUSEN	GARY KOBRIGER	JORDAN KRULL	MARK KOENIGS	REUBEN M FOX	TRAVIS CHARLSON
CLIFF RIEDINGER	GARY L COMISKY	JOSEPH CAPAUL	MARK L MILTON	RICHARD LARSON	TRAVIS JOHN
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COREY LANE	GRANT SHEFFIELD	JULIE JENSEN	MARRICE NEWKIRK	ROBERT HARRINGA	TROY R TEMPLE
COREY WESSELS	GREENE LIMESTONE CO	JULIUS P SEVERSON	MARSHA SNYDER	ROBERT J SEVERSON	TYLER COOK
CORNER VIEW CROP & LIVESTOCK LLC	GREG HANSEN	JUSTIN LYNCH	MARTHA KINGLAND	ROBERT M MILLER	TYLER TERHUNE
CRAIG WHALEN	GREG STEINBERG	JUSTIN TEGLAND	MARTIN EVANS	ROBERT STORBY	UNION PRES. CHURCH
CURT FARLINGER	GREGORY C WARD	K C KNAPP	MARVIN WINKELS	ROBIN ADAMS	VAN DAVIS
D & C WELDING	HAPPY PORK INC	KAREN L DAVIDSON	MARY A FISHER	ROGER D TRIPP	VERA NORTHUP
DALE E FELDT	HARLAN D KUNTZ	KAREN SANDERSON	MARY AYERS	ROGER HALVERSON	VERLE NICKERSON
DALE E FELDT JR	HARLAN THORVILSON	KARL KIRCHGATTER	MARY RYERSON	ROGER J DOWNING	W J FOX
DAN GRIFFIN	HAZEL MONSON	KEITH CURRY	MATT TINDALL	ROGER JUVELAND	WAYNE M REICKS
DAN SCHWARCK	HELEN GORANSON	KENNETH E PETERSON	MATT WERNER	RONALD C DAVIDSON	WILLIAM UNDERBAKKE
DARL E SCHILLING	HERBERT DOWSE	KERMIT ASKLAND	MATTHEW A PICT	RONALD CHARLSON	WILLIAM WEEKS
DARLENE A BROWNLOW	HIROTA FARMS LLC	KERMIT GRUNHOVD	MICHAEL AANONSON	RONALD DIRKS	WINDEN FARM ACCOUNT
DARLENE M TROUSDALE	INEZ CHRISTIANSON	KEVIN KIMM	MICHAEL GREEN	RONALD E SONBERG	ZAC JOHNSON
DARREN TRETTIN	IN-STATE PORK	KIM REYES	MICHAEL T OWEN	RONALD G VANCE	ZACH RAULIE
	IRIS J ANDERSON	KIMBERLYTHEDE-TURNMEYER	MICKEY BERG	RONALD OKLAND	ZACHARY M WISSBAUM

Upcoming Director Elections

Consider Running for the Board of Directors

Heartland Power Cooperative's annual meeting will take place on March 28, 2023. One of the items of business will be the election of directors. ***Are you or is someone you know interested in serving on the Heartland Power Board of Directors?***

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 nominating committee members or contact our office.

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 two members of the Board of Directors.

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

Shirley Kukhan | Charles City
641.228.4998 (call only)

Bob Wright | Charles City
641.228.8263

Brian Abele | Leland
641.590.0655

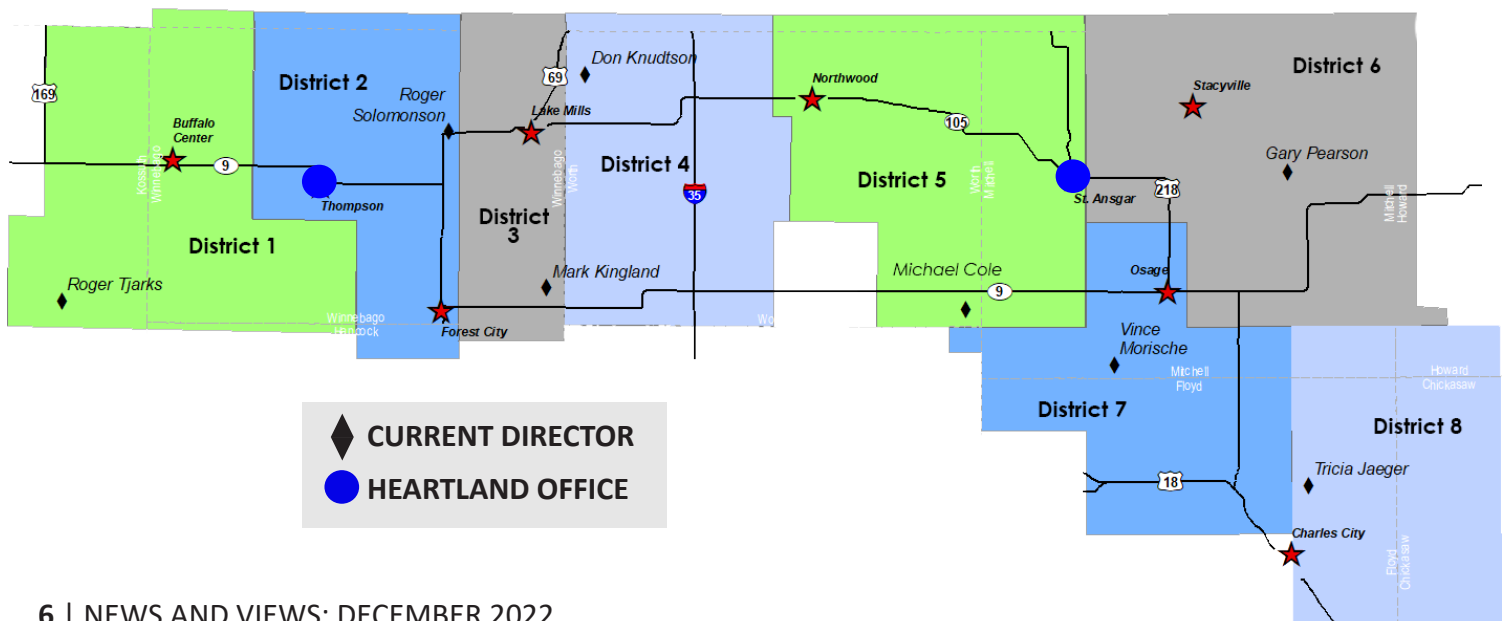
Jim Thorson | Leland
641.903.9093

Geoffrey Anderson | Leland
641.590.2120

Districts up for Election in 2023

District 2
District 8

Roger Solomonson
Tricia Jaeger



Co-op Kitchen

reader recipes



Members with their recipe published in the newsletter will receive a \$5 bill credit. For the March Recipes send in your Favorite Soup recipes! These can be mailed to our office or emailed at energy@heartlandpower.com by February 20th.

Broccoli “n” Cheddar Stuffed Potatoes

Submitted by Laura Schmitz, Ionia

- 6 (4-5 oz.) Yukon Gold Potatoes
- 1/2 C. Ranch Salad Dressing
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 - 10 oz. pkg. frozen broccoli florets - *thaw, drain*
- 3/4 C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese (3oz.)

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Pierce potatoes with fork; place on baking sheet. Bake until tender, 1 hr. When cool enough to handle, cut each potato in half; scoop out potato flesh into bowl, leaving 1/4” inch thick shells. In bowl, mash potato with dressing and pepper. Dividing evenly, spoon mixture into shells; place on baking sheet. Top with broccoli and cheese. Bake until broccoli is tender and potatoes are heated through. 10-12 minutes.

DISCONNECTED SERVICE/ IDLE SERVICE POLICY

Services may be temporarily disconnected at a member’s request, however if the member requests the service be reconnected within the next 15 months, they will be charged the minimum bill service charge for the months the service was disconnected and a \$60 reconnect fee. Services that are not connected at the end of the calendar year will

be notified as they must pay a \$48 fee to have Heartland Power maintain the service in a state of readiness for the next calendar year. If the service is reconnected during the year, the member will receive a \$4 credit on their bill for each month that service is active for the year.

If the member elects not to pay

the idle service charge, Heartland Power may remove the service at any time. Once the service line has been removed, removal costs and construction costs to rebuild the service line may be charged to the member to reinstall the service. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Gift of Power

The warmest gift you can give.

To: _____ From: _____

Address: _____ Amount: _____



A special message will be printed on the bottom of the recipient’s next electric bill stating they have received a gift and who it is from. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 641.584.2251 or stop by our office. After completing, clip and return form and check to: Heartland Power Cooperative, PO Box 70, St. Ansgar, IA 50472



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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-Th
Office: 641.584.2251
Toll Free: 800.349.2832

Thompson 216 Jackson St. | P.O. Box 65
Thompson, IA 50478

St. Ansgar 110 Industrial Park Dr. | P.O. Box 70
St. Ansgar, IA 50472

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St. Ansgar: 641.713.4646
System Wide: 888.417.3007

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HOLIDAY & OFFICE HOURS

Heartland Power Cooperative offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th, and on Monday, January 2nd, in observance of the Christmas and New Years Holidays. *As a reminder our offices are CLOSED Fridays.* Regular office hours are Monday - Thursday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.



Give the gift of renewable energy!
Ask us about community solar subscriptions.



*Gift new electronics, gadgets or appliances?
Look for the ENERGY STAR® logo.*

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

from all of us at



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