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New Facility Sees Progress in Thompson

After a season of wet weather conditions, progress continues on the new facility in Thompson.

Pictured is an aerial view of our current pole yard - the future site of our new cooperative shop and office.

See below for more updates and information on this project!



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Jon Leerar CEO/General Manager

Another summer has come and gone, and as the seasons change, I'd like to share a brief summer recap and update on our new HPC facility in Thompson.

First, thank you to all who attended the member appreciation event in St. Ansgar! We were grateful to see such a great turnout. Our cooperative community, and your support, are why we do what we do every day.

As you may recall from our June newsletter, the HPC Board of Directors approved the

construction of a new facility for our cooperative shop and office in Thompson. Our current facilities have served us well for over 70 years, but no longer meet the needs of today's larger equipment and materials. After reviewing options, the Board determined that the most practical and economic solution was to build a new facility at our pole yard along Highway 9.

We look forward this new space, which will enhance our ability to serve you well and better suit the needs of the cooperative into the future. Despite delays from this summer's wet weather, construction is moving forward, and we anticipate completion by early spring. We'll continue to share progress updates along the way.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We're honored to serve as your trusted local energy provider. Wishing you a safe and successful harvest season!



ATTN: YOUTH

Scholarships, AirPods, and a \$1,000 Prize

Guided by our cooperative commitment to community, Heartland Power Cooperative has a long history of supporting students in the communities we serve through scholarships and leadership opportunities. We've also been sending deserving high school students to our nation's capital every summer for years as part of the national Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program.

lowa's electric cooperatives are pleased to once again offer a virtual opportunity for rural students to learn more about advocacy, electric cooperative career opportunities and the cooperative business model with a three-part webinar series in October.

The Iowa Youth Leadership Academy is open to any high school student in our service area and they are invited to register at www.lowaYouthTour.com.

Once students register online for the Iowa Youth Leadership Academy, they can attend the webinars from their own computer or mobile device. Each Zoom session will last around 45-60 minutes and focus on a specific topic:

- Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:00 p.m. Co-op Business Model
- Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m. Rural Iowa Advocacy
- Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m. Leadership

At the end of each live session, one lucky attendee will be selected at random to win a pair of Apple AirPods. Students who attend all three sessions will be entered into a random drawing for a \$1,000 college scholarship. All students who register online by September 25 will receive a special box of co-op goodies in the mail.

During the Zoom sessions, students will be inspired by our lineup of speakers and presenters. Participants will learn how to advocate for issues that are important to them and build leadership skills from a motivational speaker. Attendees will also hear about lowa Youth Tour. Students with an interest in government and public service are encouraged to apply for this weeklong trip to Washington, DC. The 2026 Youth Tour is slated for June 14-20 next summer.



Youth Leadership Academy

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Shine The Light Nominees

Brightening our Local Communities Every Day

This June, Iowa's electric cooperatives once again invited members and employees to nominate volunteers who are making a positive difference in their communities through the Shine the Light contest. Three nominees from across the state were selected as winners, each receiving a \$3,000 donation for their chosen charity or community organization.

Although nominees from Heartland Power Cooperative were not selected as statewide winners this year, we are inspired by their efforts and want to celebrate their dedication to community. Heartland Power Cooperative is proud to highlight the seven nominees listed below and will be presenting each with a \$100 donation to their charity or community organization. Thank you for making a difference!



Karrie Pringnitz Director of Finance & Admin.

Lisa Patterson | Good Samaritan Society - St. Ansgar

Lisa is always one of the first to step up and lend a hand. She has helped with everything from planting flowers and trimming bushes to leaf cleanup and restoring the community gazebo. She also plays a big role in volunteer efforts like the children's garden, chamber events, and Main Street beautification. Wherever there's a need, Lisa is there making a difference for both our facility and our community.

Jeremy Baughn | Operation Second Chance - Iowa Chapter

Jeremy Baughn, a retired U.S. Army Green Beret from the 7th Special Forces Group, has dedicated himself to giving back, both to his local community and to severely disabled veterans nationwide. As coordinator of the lowa Chapter of Operation Second Chance, he hosts annual hunting retreats that provide outdoor experiences and community. By opening his home to participants, Jeremy creates a welcoming space where lifelong friendships form and veterans find new ways to cope with the scars of war. He is now planning an ADA-accessible bunkhouse to better serve veterans with mobility challenges, continuing to make a lasting impact on all who know him.

Ed, Theresa, Tina and Molly May | Brat Trot

What began as a 4-H project to raise funds for a new library has grown into 28 years of giving back over \$100,000 to the Stacyville community! Tina May started the 4.2-mile Brat Trot fun run/walk/trot, and after she graduated, her family continued the tradition, organizing the event each year with sponsors, volunteers, and community spirit. Participants of all ages come together, with 100% of proceeds staying in town to benefit the library, daycare, fire department, summer recreation programs, scholarships, and more. The Brat Trot is a shining example of hometown pride, and the May Family's dedication continues to make Stacyville a place where people love to live, play, and give back.

Gayle Nelson-Kiehm | St. Ansgar Recreational Trail (START)

For the past seven years, Gayle has served as chairperson of the St. Ansgar Recreational Trail (START) committee, dedicating her time to organizing meetings, fundraisers, and the annual 2x4 Bike Ride through two states and four counties. Through her leadership and determination, the committee secured funding to complete the latest trail expansion, enhancing the community and bringing residents together. Gayle continues to focus on improvements, including installing solar lights and maintaining the trail to ensure it remains safe and enjoyable for all. Her commitment has made a lasting impact on the recreational opportunities and quality of life in St. Ansgar.

Jerry Fisk | Mitchell County Historical Society

Jerry Fisk has been a dedicated volunteer at the Mitchell County Historical Society Museum for so long, it's hard to say exactly when he started - he has just "always been there." A descendant of Josiah Bartlett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Jerry embodies a legacy of selfless service. He has photographed and cataloged museum artifacts, helped plan the new museum, and even coordinated with the state archeological society to ensure proper display of Native American items. Always ready to lend a hand, Jerry combines his love of history with humor and commitment, making a lasting impact on the museum and the Mitchell County community.

Randi Johnson | Mitchell County Mountain Goats Bicycle Club

Randi has been a driving force behind the Mitchell County Mountain Goats, dedicating countless hours to building and maintaining trails and safety features. He uses his own equipment, maintains the winter grooming machine, and ensures trails are ready for all seasons. Randi is now planning to donate a bridge to make the Harry Cook Walking/Bike Trail safely accessible during floods. His dedication to trails, conservation, and the community makes him an invaluable asset to Mitchell County.





Dave Low *Director of Operations*

Together, these projects will generate clean electricity to power homes right here in our local area.



Heartland Power Cooperative is excited to share the upcoming interconnection of two new solar projects - the Little Cedar Solar Project and the Douglas Solar Project - onto our local electric grid.

Developed in partnership with OneEnergy Renewables, these two 2.5-megawatt solar arrays are located in Mitchell County's Liberty and Jenkins Townships. Together, these projects will generate clean electricity to power homes right here in our local area.

While the projects are owned and operated by OneEnergy Renewables, Heartland Power is proud to have supported this collaboration, which strengthens both our energy mix and our local communities. Beyond producing renewable energy, these sites also benefit the environment in other ways. The ground beneath the panels has been seeded with a perennial pollinator mix, which helps improve water infiltration, supports soil health, and creates a welcoming habitat for pollinators.

These projects reflect our cooperative commitment to reliability, sustainability, and innovation, ensuring value for our members today and for generations to come.

The Douglas Solar Project is anticipated to come online in September, with the Little Cedar Solar Project expected to follow in October.

Solar Project Snapshots



Douglas Solar Project

Township: Jenkins (Mitchell County, IA)

Location: SE of the intersection of IA-9 and Walnut Ave.

Size: 2.5 Megawatts **Acreage:** 14 acres



Little Cedar Solar Project

Township: Little Cedar (Mitchell County, IA)

Location: West of Primrose Ave. and South of A31/430th St.

Size: 2.5 Megawatts **Acreage:** 13 acres



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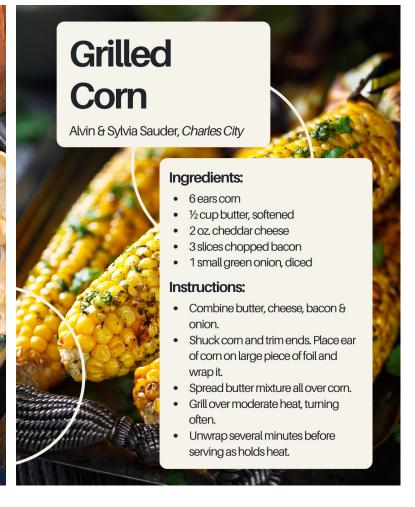
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Co-op Kitchen

Enjoy these member-submitted sweet corn recipes!





Want to see your recipe featured?

Members with their recipe published in the newsletter will receive a \$5 bill credit. For December's recipes send in a cozy winter comfort food! These can be mailed to our office or emailed to us at energy@heartlandpower.com by November 20th.

Capital Credits Continue to Deliver Value

Member Value in Action: \$552,000 in Capital Credits Retired in 2025

At the June board meeting the board approved the retirement of \$552,000 in capital credits. Since 1998, we have retired \$13.8M in capital credits and returned \$2.8M in rate refunds. With the 2025 retirement, Heartland Power continues to maintain a 12-year rotation of capital credits.

Unclaimed Capital Credits:

As of August 21, 2025, the following members have not cashed their capital credit retirement check(s) from January 27, 2022 and November 18, 2022. Please contact the cooperative if you need either to be reissued.

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THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

What information did you find interesting in this newsletter?

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.

Stay Safe This Harvest Season

Harvest time means long days and hard work, but it's important not to rush the job, especially when working around farm and electrical equipment. Cutting corners to save time can lead to dangerous situations.

Your safety is worth more than a few saved minutes. Whether you're working on the farm or simply driving through rural areas, we encourage everyone to take a moment to review these important safety reminders to help make this a safe and productive harvest season.



Stay Aware: Look Up and Look Out for Power Lines

Power lines pose a serious risk when working with tall or extended farm equipment. Keep these tips in mind:

- Use a spotter to help keep a safe distance from overhead lines.
- If you accidentally make contact with a power line or electrical equipment, stay in your vehicle and do not get out. Call 911 immediately and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.
- If you're forced to exit due to fire or another emergency, jump clear without touching the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Keep both feet together and hop away to safety.
- Take some time to survey new-to-you fields and equipment and notify any seasonal help of potential hazards as you enter each field.

A Note to Farmers

Planning to upgrade or modify your grain drying system before fall? Let us know! It's essential to ensure your transformer and electrical system are properly sized and prepared to handle the increased load safely and efficiently.

We're here to help ensure everything is properly prepared so you can focus on a safe and successful harvest.