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**FLINT HILLS RURAL
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FROM THE MANAGER

Power On: October is National Co-op Month



Chuck Goeckel

As an electric cooperative, our top priority is always to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to you, the consumer-members we serve. Because we are a co-op,

our mission is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of our local community — and this mission has never been more critical than in recent months. One of the seven principles that guides all co-ops is “concern for community.” To me, this principle is the essential DNA of Flint Hills RECA and it sets us apart from other electric utilities.

October is National Co-op Month, and electric cooperatives across the country are highlighting the many ways we “Power On.” Keeping this theme in mind, I recognize the essential role we play in serving a special community like ours.

Who would have fathomed in March, that the COVID-19 virus would amount to a test of our community and our nation? The changing circumstances due to the pandemic have created both challenges and opportunities. Over the past several months, we’ve all been challenged to operate differently, and Flint Hills RECA has stepped up to help our members and strengthen the safety

net for our more vulnerable neighbors.

As an essential service, and to ensure the reliability of your power supply, we modified our operations to safeguard business continuity. Our line crews and other employees began working on staggered schedules to maintain separation. Some staff worked remotely. In the office, we limited and modified meetings and gatherings to allow for safe separation. We also adjusted our walk-in office availability and in-person service calls to ensure the health and safety of our employees and our valued members. For the health and safety of everyone, we think these measures were the prudent course of action for the times.

For our members impacted by COVID-19 who have needed help with their electric bills, we worked with those hardest hit to make special payment arrangements.

I tell you about all of these efforts not to boast about Flint Hills RECA but to explain how much we care about this community — because we live here too.

We’ve seen other local businesses rising to meet similar challenges during this time because that’s what communities do. While the challenges caused by COVID-19 have been daunting, I’m heartened to see how everyone is pulling together.

In 1938, Flint Hills RECA was built by the community to serve the community, and that’s what we’ll continue to do — Power On.

Help Us Locate Former Flint Hills RECA Members

Flint Hills RECA has former members listed below who have unclaimed capital credit refunds that were retired more than three years ago.

If you know any of these former members, please have them call us at 620-767-5144. In accordance with the cooperative's bylaws, failure to claim

the refunds within 60 days of notice will cause the total amount of the refund to be irrevocably gifted back to the cooperative. This list is also on our website at www.flinthillsrec.com, which includes the city and state of the last known address listed on the cooperative's records.

Herb Raaf	Orval Rodgers	Jerry Schmidt	Hugh Simmons	Paul Stackley Est	T & D Rentals	Edwin Unruh
Marcus Rabenold	Wilson Rodriguez	Norman G Schmidt	Reginald T Sims	Brad Stafford	Roy Tabaldo	Henry A Unruh
Billy Rader	Don Rogers	Richard L Schmidt	Barbara Sisco	Mike Stafford	Lauri Tackett	Jeffery Unruh
Danny Rainwater	Gary M Rogers	Roy O Schmidt	Cass L Sizemore	Jill D Stahl	Angela C Tajchman	Lowell D Unruh
Laura Ramirez	Michael W Rogers	Oliver Schmutz	Ralph C Skaggs	James D Stalnaker	Paul Talkington	Richard D Unruh
Brent Range	Tim Rohan	Gary Schneider	Kelvin Skeats	Norman Stander	Paul E Talley	Ron Unruh
C P Rathbun	Mike Rollenhagen	John F Schneider Jr	Emma Sklenar	Clifton Stanfill	Alan D Taylor Jr	Bennie Unruh Estate
Damon B Rau	Ron'S Auto Repair	School Red Top	Thomas Skubal	E E Steerman	David C Taylor	Jacob S Unruh Estate
Charles D Ray	Carrie Rosenbrocket	Dist 17	James E Slater	Dennis E Steggall	John Taylor	Scott Upham
Real Estate Center	Donald E Rosine	Ardyce Schrader	Cornelia L	Frankie Steiert	Gary L Taylor	Meldon L Valdo
Kelly Reaume	Jeffrey D Rosine	Dean Schroeder	Slocum-Marsh	Mable L Steiner	Ralph L Teaford	Loren L Valentin
Jeffrey A Reddick	Cathari Roth E	Vincent L Schroeder	Adolph E Smith	R Steinkuhler	George Teagarden	John Valleroy Est Jr
Ronald E Reed	Johnny M Rucker	Emil Schuber	Betty J Smith	Allen M Stern	George R Teneyck	Jerry L Vanatta
Roy Reed Est	James A Ruddock	Arlyn Schuler	Dale Smith	Bruce A Stevens	Gregon L Tenorio	Jean P Vanhollebeke
William Regan	Joe Rudiger	Leroy L Schultz	Eva M Smith	Darrin R Stevens	Walter Thatcher Jr	Vincent P Vanhoven
Agatha Reimer	Phillip Rudolph	Lawrence Schwartz	Gary M Smith	Melissa Stevens	Brian K Thomas	Cyril P Vanlamen
Melvin Reimer	Florie J Rudzavice III	Bill Scobee	Jack L Smith	Chris A Stevenson	Margaretha E	Stephen L Vanoster
Emil H Remmers	Tammy L Ruminer	Marshal B Scott	James Smith Jr	Roger Steward	Thomas	R L Vansickle
David Rempe	Harry Russell	Marty Scott	Jean P Smith	Michael E Stewart	Nancy J Thomas	Linda J Varner
William Reneau	Jerry A Ruth Jr	William M Seawell	Kenneth E Smith	Laverne Stika	Richard C Thomas	Martin J Vasquez
Patrick H Reule	Mary L Ruth	Steve Sego	Myron D Smith	Dale Stithem	F D Thompson	Brett D Veater
E J Reynolds	Valarie Rutherford D	Fernando F Serna	Randy Smith	James O Stockman	J W Thompson Jr	Edith Venning
James O Reynolds	Deborah K Rutledge	Gregory L Settle	Richard Smith	Wm Strange	John B Thompson	Larry Vernon
John R Reynolds	James M Ryan	Irene E Shaffer	Robert E Smith	Anthony Strasser	Lee J Thompson	Louis Vestring
M V Reynoso	Theodore D Sahnaw	Kenneth H	William E Smith	Dean Strong	Linda Thompson	Pedro Villatoro
Walter F Rhein	John Saip	Shakelford	William H Smith	Dan T Stucky Jr	Robert H Thompson	Max A Vogt
Adam D Rice	Stephan Sales	Shawnee Oil	Charles Sneed	Thomas Stuebing	Wes Thompson	Larry D Voth
Terry Richards	Tommy Salyers	Operating	Roy L Snellenberger	Jimmie A Sturdivant	Jon D Thomson	Milie J Wade
Valerie Richardson	Steven D Samuel	Larry E Shea	James Snelling	Curtis L Stutler	Otto B Thowe	Fred E Wagoner
Clyde Richmond	Don M Sanderfer	Donald E Shelton	Bertha A Snider	Kevin Sullivan	A W Throgmorton	Courtney Wahle
David E Richmond	Dean Sanders	Estes Shelton	Daniel L Soldan Jr	Sunset Motel	Michael L Tichenor	Kenneth R Waldo
Jack Richmond	Sabrina M Sanders	Fred Sherbert Jr	Harold Solomon	Super 8 Motel	C C Tilton	Ralph Walker
Jeff W Rider	Wm J Sanders III	Brian S Sherrill	Willard Solomon	J R Sutton	Donald D Tisor	Brian Walton
Ed Riffel	Grace Sanford	John L Shields	John W Soper	Rudolph Svitak	John Titus	Herbert W Walton
Clyde Riley	Donald A Sarringer	Alex L Shinn Sr	Andrew Sorenson	Todd Svitak	Mark R Tobert	Phillip Wambsganss
Charles Rindt	John S Saunders	Earl D Shippy	Southern Baptist	Duane Swafford	Dale Tobias	Alan Waner
George Rishel	Alexander Savich	Samuel R Shore	Church	R M Swaim	Floyd Tompkins	John Waner
Darrell Rittgers	Ruben Say	Charles J Shrader	Gail M Sowder	Duane Swartz	Howard Tripp	Harlow Warneke
Edmond R Rivera	David L Scardella	James K Shumate	Minnie Spain	Willis H Swayze	Kinnard D Turner	D F Warner
April D Roberts	Vernon Schafer	Lena Sickles	David Spencer	Ruth Swift	Richard Turner	Wildena M Warner
F B Roberts	Fred C Scharenberg	David Sielert	Carol Sperling	Jewell P Swift Jr	Michelle D Tuttle	Billy J Warren
Vernon Roberts	Eldon Schierling	Edward Sielert	Erma L Spiering	Daryl M Swinson	Marty Tyner	James A Waterman
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G Alan Watson
 Walter S Watson
 James B Watts
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 Carl Waymire
 Leslie V Waymire
 Robert E Weathers
 Robert P Weaver
 Robert R Weaver
 Vance Weaver
 Edward Webb
 Ruth H Weber
 Floyd B Webster
 Kay Webster
 Sam L Weddle
 Tammy S Wedel
 Danny D Weeks
 Kenneth Weeks
 Robert G Wegner
 H F Wehry
 Eve L Weifenbach
 Glenn Wells
 Janis Wells
 Garrey Welton
 Phyllis A Wenger
 Ronald Wenger
 Steven D Wenger
 Joyce Wentling
 Paul Werner
 L E Wesley
 Fred W West
 Steven T Western
 Steve Westfall
 Howard Whisenhunt
 Charles White
 David C White
 Earl W Whitehurst
 Edgar J Whitson
 Andrew Whittington
 Lee Whitworth
 Elroy Widow
 P K Wiebe
 Daniel J Wilczak Jr
 Lucille Will
 Victor Will
 Will Friebert Estate
 Dauphin Williams
 Gerald E Williams
 John R Williams
 Berlie Wilson

David L Wilson
 Earl T Wilson
 Edward H Wilson
 Hugh Wilson
 Mark D Wilson
 Paul D Wilson
 Robert W Wilson
 Shelly D Winberg
 Carl Windsor
 Marjori Windsor
 Cynthia A Winebrinner
 Darlene Winger
 Harlan C Wingrave
 George Winter
 Ralph L Winters
 R E Wischnesky
 Kenneth Womack
 Kirk Wood
 Robert A Wood
 Tammy K Wood
 Thomas Woodruff
 William J Wooldrige
 Christie M Woolfolk
 L A Wooton
 V S Worden
 Norma Worley
 Guy Wright
 Harold Wright
 Leroy Wright
 Timothy J Wunder
 Richard L Wyss
 James Yates
 Edgar York
 Maurice Youmans
 Dennis S Young
 Diane M Young
 James R Young
 Milo Young
 Thurman Young
 Melissa L Youngblood
 Miguel A Yznaga
 Michele C Zander
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 Charles L Ziegler
 John Zimmer
 Michael Zinzi
 Don Zoeller
 Yang S Zuel
 Kraig A Zwetzig

Preparing for the Big Hunt: Consider Electrical Safety, Too

As you prepare for hunting season, keep in mind that along with general hunting safety, electrical safety should also be top of mind.

You might be preoccupied and excited about the big hunt, but be sure to look up for power lines. Never place a tree stand near a power line. Contact with the power line, utility pole, or related equipment can alter the electricity's path to ground, sending electricity through anyone or anything that comes too close or in direct contact with the power source. Even coming within 10 feet of the line can cause an arc, transferring energy from the power line/source to an object or person.

In addition, do not shoot near or toward power lines, utility poles, transformers or substations. Stray bullets or pellets could damage equipment, possibly interrupting electric service. Even more concerning, they could drop a power line to the ground, causing a hazardous scenario: Those who get within 50 feet of the downed line could be shocked or electrocuted.

Flint Hills RECA and Safe Electricity remind hunting enthusiasts of these electrical safety tips:

- ▶ Never climb a utility pole.

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with the area before heading out to hunt. Take note of power lines and equipment, especially when hunting in densely wooded areas.
- ▶ Observe all signs or postings that advise electrical safety, especially when scouting a location for your tree stand.
- ▶ Do not use power poles to support a tree stand.
- ▶ Do not place a tree stand near a power line or pole.
- ▶ Be in the habit of looking up and out for power lines and do not come within 10 feet of an overhead line or pole when setting up or taking down a stand.

Please report any damage to a line or other related equipment to us so we can address it. Although we perform routine maintenance, damage may not be noticed for weeks or months due to the vast amount of lines that cover our service area.

Of course, always take the time to observe general hunting safety measures as well. Stay safe out there!

For more information about safety around power lines and other sources of electricity, go to SafeElectricity.org.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR HUNTERS

This hunting season, we encourage all members to be aware of electrical equipment and take necessary precautions while hunting. Keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.



Take notice of posted warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.



Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.



Know where power lines are located where you hunt. Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.



Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Contact with energized lines and equipment can cause shock or electrocution.

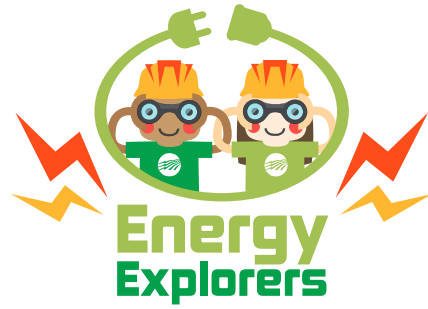


Do not place decoys on utility equipment. Any non-electrical equipment on a pole can pose a serious hazards to our line crews.

CO-OP MONTH FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

Did you know October is National Co-op Month?

Complete the fill-in-the-blank activity below to learn about a few ways co-ops are unique! Use the word bank if you need help.



1. Co-ops and their members work together toward a common _____.
2. Co-ops are _____ organizations, so they understand the communities they serve.
3. All co-ops operate according to the same set of seven cooperative _____.
4. Concern for _____ is the seventh cooperative principle.
5. Co-ops don't have customers; we have _____.
6. Co-ops are _____ by the members they serve.

WORD BANK

LED
LOCAL

GOAL
PRINCIPLES

MEMBERS
COMMUNITY

Answer Key: 1) goal 2) local 3) principles 4) community 5) members 6) led