



Becky Bradburn, general manager, Franklin REC, presented the donation checks to Sheri Bogue of Franklin County's Relay for Life.

Franklin REC supports Relay for Life

In support of the 2017 Relay for Life of Franklin County, Franklin REC made a donation of \$1,000, which was matched by its power providers, Corn Belt Power Cooperative and Basin Electric Power Cooperative. With the matches and an expected donation coming later this year from CoBank, the contributions should reach \$5,000.

The Relay for Life will be held July 29 in Sheffield.

This is just another way that Franklin REC is showing commitment to community and helping in the battle against cancer.



Thanks to our community solar project, solar energy is more accessible than you might think. Soon we will be accepting subscriptions for the output of the 148.5 kilowatt (kW) array we're installing at our headquarters north of Hampton. If you are interested in participating, please return the form below as soon as possible. We'll contact you with the details.

Community Solar Project

Yes, I may be interested in participating in the Community Solar Project.

Please contact me at:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Include with your next bill payment or deliver to:

Franklin REC, 1560 Highway 65, P.O. Box 437, Hampton, IA 50441

Touchstone Energy Values



Touchstone Energy®

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Commitment to Community



Klein joins co-op

We are very pleased to announce that Chace Klein has joined Franklin REC as an apprentice lineman. He began work in February.

Klein is from Hampton and a graduate of the Hampton-Dumont High School. He attended Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, and graduated from the powerline program in July 2016.

Grain bin requirements

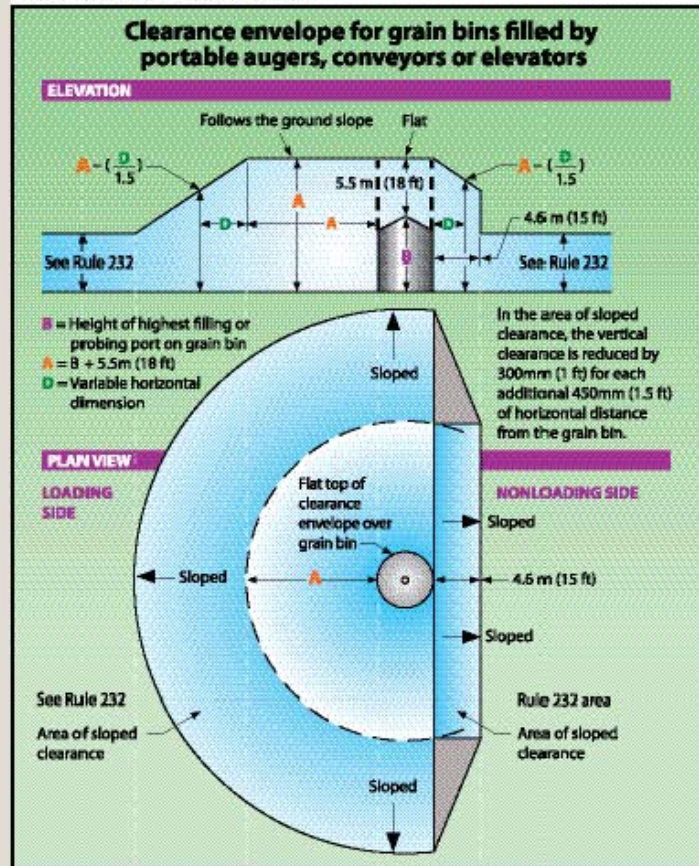
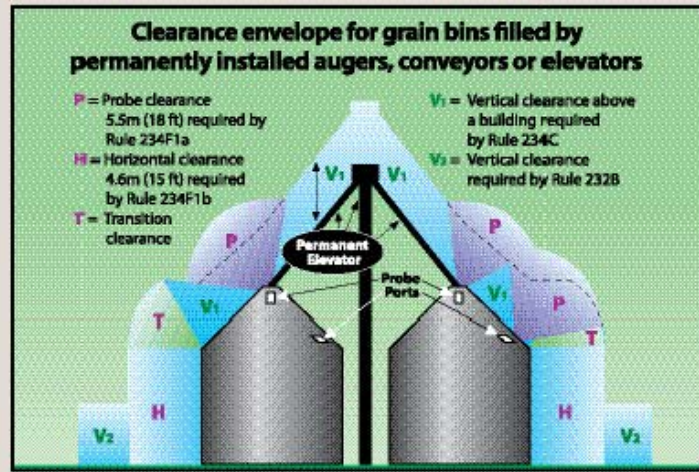
When you start to plan for a new grain bin, please contact your electric cooperative. We will provide assistance in planning for a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins. The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors and elevators.

The drawings at the right show the specific clearances required for both scenarios. If you have any questions concerning the drawings, please contact your cooperative listed here.

According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 -- 25.2(3) b. An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2012 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234F. This paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators and built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board)

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Grundy County REC.....	3-19-824-5251
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Disclaimer: These drawings are provided as part of Iowa electric cooperatives' annual public information campaign and are based on the 2012 Edition of the NESC as corrected. To view the actual drawings refer to 2012 Edition National Electrical Safety Code and the Errata to 2012 Edition National Electrical Safety Code Correction Sheet issued April 29, 2013. Every care has been taken for the correctness of the contents of these drawings. However, the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and its member cooperatives accept no liability whatsoever for omissions or errors, technical inaccuracies, typographical mistakes or for damages of any kind arising from the use of the contents of these drawings, whether textual or graphical.



RECare MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Your rural electric co-op has always extended a helping hand to those needing it. In response to actions by the Iowa General Assembly, your REC has established RECare, a program of members helping members.

RECare will provide funds to be distributed by local community action agencies to help pay winter heating bills and to assist in weatherization of homes of low-income consumers. You may make a one-time contribution or a monthly pledge that will be automatically added onto your monthly electric bill. Even a dollar a month pledge will help others.



RECare Authorization Form

- I will contribute \$_____ per month. I understand this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.
- I will make a one-time contribution of \$_____ to RECare. My check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account Number _____

Return to your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

25th conference promotes energy efficiency

Iowa's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives celebrated the 25th annual "Momentum Is Building" conference Feb. 9–10 at the Sheraton West Des Moines hotel.

Since the conference began in 1993, its mission has been to provide a forum for energy efficiency and electric technology education. The conference seeks to build relationships with trade professionals who influence electric co-op members' decision-making about home building/remodeling, heating, cooling, water heating, and energy efficiency.

Momentum Is Building continues to offer up-to-date building science information, practical hands-on details, and new technology displays for building trades professionals – including homebuilders, electricians, and heating-plumbing contractors. Rural electric cooperative personnel from across Iowa join their local contractors at the conference.

Nationally recognized speakers shared their knowledge on topics including the future of home building (energy efficiency, installation techniques, and building products), electric and mechanical/plumbing code updates, energy modeling, and safety. Momentum Is Building also includes a trade show where participants visit with companies to learn about new products.

Conference support comes from Iowa's rural electric cooperatives, along with sponsorship by the Iowa Energy Center.



Mike Gerdes, left, from Grundy County REC, and Ross Weltefen, center, from Corn Belt Power Cooperative, speak with a vendor at the Momentum Is Building conference.



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Cooperatives' first responders

Lineworkers are always ready to get the job done, day or night. They serve on the front lines of our nation's energy needs, working in challenging and dangerous conditions to keep the lights on. Whether they are restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of everything we do.

If you see a lineworker, please take a moment to thank them.

WE ALL USE ENERGY DIFFERENTLY

We rely on our electric cooperative for information about safety, efficiency and renewables. We get expert information from our local Touchstone Energy cooperative.

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Franklin REC's lineworkers are (from left) John Quasdorf, Brock Beadle, Chace Klein, Tom Demro, Al Fink (back), and Kreg Menning.

Lives on the line

Every year, we take the time to thank our extraordinary lineworkers who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on in our local communities. Our lineworkers maintain the power lines in Franklin REC's service territory, and without them, our world would be dark.

We depend on our entire staff to keep Franklin REC running smoothly, but on April 10, 2017, we honor all lineworkers who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations, so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day. These brave men repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure for our members. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our co-op would not thrive. No matter the time—day or night, weekday or weekend—if the lights go out, so do they.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing, icy conditions. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our co-op community.

We hope you will join us in thanking the many lineworkers—both locally and around the world—that light our lives. Remember, your power works because they do! Use #ThankALineman on social media to show your support.



From left, John Quasdorf will be the new line superintendent following Arlynn Ahrens' retirement from Franklin REC.

New line superintendent announced

Arlynn Ahrens, line superintendent at Franklin REC, is retiring June 2, 2017. Ahrens has been a valued member of Franklin REC's operations department for many years. He will be greatly missed by employees, members, and colleagues in the electric cooperative business.

Franklin REC is pleased to announce that John Quasdorf will be our new line superintendent after Ahrens retires.

We extend our best wishes to both of these individuals.



Don't burn near power lines

Burning off weeds and grass in your ditches may help to clean things up, but it can cause problems if the fire burns around power poles, meters, guy assemblies, and other utility-owned property. Franklin REC members who damage utility property may be charged for the time and materials to replace the property.

If a fire damages utility poles or lines, treat the damage as an electrical hazard and contact us immediately.

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