



THE AMP

February 2026 YOUR MONTHLY CONNECTION



Southern Iowa
Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

OUR MISSION:
PROVIDING SAFE, RELIABLE ELECTRICITY

OFFICE:
22458 HIGHWAY 2, PO BOX 70
BLOOMFIELD, IA 52537
OFFICE HOURS: MON. - FRI. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
OFFICE: 641-664-2277 / 800-607-2027
WEBSITE: WWW.SIE.COOP

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF TROUBLE:

*CHECK FOR BLOWN FUSES OR TRIPPED
BREAKERS AT THE METER POLE.
*CHECK WITH NEIGHBORS AND ASK IF THEIR
ELECTRICITY IS OFF AND IF THEY HAVE
REPORTED THE OUTAGE. IF NOT, CALL SIEC
AND REPORT THE PROBLEM 24 HOURS A
DAY AT **641-664-2277 OR 800-607-2027**.

SERVICE CHARGES:

- BILL COLLECTION \$ 50.00
- DISCONNECT \$ 50.00
- POSTING \$ 50.00
- RETURNED CHECK \$ 30.00
- RECONNECT \$ 75.00
- TRIP CHARGE \$ 50.00
- METER TAMPERING \$150.00

MANAGEMENT:

GREG PROCTOR, CEO/GM
ROSS HUNTER, COO/SYSTEMS ANALYST
LINDSAY SMITH, OFFICE/ACCOUNTING MGR
KELLY MOORE, HR MGR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

DARRELL DOWNING, PRESIDENT
TRAVIS HARRIS, VICE PRESIDENT
EARL TRACHSEL, SECRETARY
DAVE YAHNKE, TREASURER
RYAN DAVIS
ALAN BODKINS
JAMES SCHOOLEY
MAGGIE HOUGLAND
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KEEP THE LOVE & LIGHTS ON

Keep mylar balloons weighted and away from power lines. When you're done, pop and dispose safely.

**Safe
Electricity.org®**

When you signed up to receive electric service from Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, you became a member-owner of a cooperative. Electric cooperatives are different, we are not only focused on keeping the lights on, we are also committed to improving our local community. As a member-owned cooperative, SIEC operates as a not-for-profit utility. At the end of each year, if SIEC has excess revenue, that money is allocated to our members in the form of an annual check or credit on your utility bill. The retirement of capital credits is the tangible demonstration of your ownership in SIEC. In addition to the financial part of ownership, your membership with SIEC provides you power and control of who runs the cooperative.

The Membership Advantage

Every year you have the chance to vote for who will represent your cooperative on the board of directors. SIEC is locally controlled by a board made up entirely of cooperative members, who live and work in your community. If you would like a membership certificate, contact our office.



~Owned by Those We Serve~



APPLY NOW

**YOUTH TOUR
APPLICATIONS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Ready for an unforgettable
adventure?

The Iowa Youth Tour is happening June 14-20, 2026, and you could be one of the lucky students heading to Washington, D.C. with over 1,800 teens from across the country! The best part? It's all free! Travel, hotels, meals and activities are completely covered by your local electric cooperative.





SIEC has partnered with Air Evac Lifeteam to offer our members access to Air Evac's Membership Program at a special discounted rate, available exclusively to SIEC members. Membership is offered through an affordable monthly billing option, with a \$5.00 fee per member household conveniently added to your monthly electric bill. If you require air medical transport by Air Evac Lifeteam for a life- or limb-threatening emergency, Air Evac will work directly with your benefits provider to secure payment. Any amount paid by your provider is considered payment in full. When calling 911, be sure to inform emergency personnel that you are an Air Evac member. It's also important to carry your Air Evac membership card and place the provided stickers on your vehicle window and home entrance. These identifiers help emergency responders know your preference if you are unable to communicate it yourself. If you are interested in enrolling in the Air Evac Lifeteam Membership Program, contact SIEC at 800-607-2027, and we'll be happy to send you an application. Current Air Evac members should remember to notify Air Evac of any address or family changes by calling 800-793-0010. For more information, visit the Air Evac website: <https://lifeteam.net>.



Troy Weber and Ross Hunter



Ian Truitt and Greg Proctor

We would like to acknowledge Ian Truitt and Troy Weber on achieving their journeyman lineman status! Ian and Troy had to complete a four-year apprenticeship program, which involved on-the-job training and related classroom instruction, passing an aptitude test, and a journeyman lineman certification exam upon completion of the apprenticeship hours. Above photos: Ross Hunter, Operations Manager, presenting Troy with his certificate, and Greg Proctor, General Manager, presenting Ian with his certificate.

 **February is American Heart Month** 
Your heart works hard for you--this month, return the favor.

firing up one **PORTABLE GENERATOR** is like starting **HUNDREDS OF CARS**

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), one fuel-powered portable generator produces as much carbon monoxide (CO) as hundreds of combustion-engine cars.

Using a portable generator in your home, garage or too close to your home is like starting a parking lot full of cars and letting the CO poison seep into your home. And the devastating result is almost immediate: The CO from one generator can kill in minutes.

USING A PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFELY

1. Always use a generator at least 20 feet away from your home.
2. Never operate one inside a home, on a porch or near windows and doors.
3. The 20-foot rule also applies to other locations, such as a shed, cabin, camper or trailer.
4. When shopping for a generator, look for one that produces reduced emissions.
5. Also look for one that shuts off automatically when high levels of CO are present.
6. Keep your generator well-maintained and follow all manufacturer's instructions.
7. Ensure CO detectors are installed on every level of your home and near or in bedrooms.
8. Test CO alarms monthly; also track their age. They need to be replaced every seven years.

Source: CPSC

Learn more at:



TOP 3 REASONS for using a generator

1. Weather-related power outages.
2. Power shutoffs.
3. Temporary locations.

CO deaths associated with **PORTABLE GENERATORS**

Approximately **85** individuals die in the U.S. each year.

81% of deaths occur in residential locations.



YEAR-TO-DATE OUTAGE REPORT - 2025 Outages by Cause

Power Supply/NEP	5
Pre-Arranged/Planned	17
Equipment Fault/Failure	26
Maintenance	21
Trees	12
Weather	63
Ice Storm	-0-
Animals	54
Public	29
Unknown	38
TOTAL	265



**SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE IS
MARCH 31, 2026**