



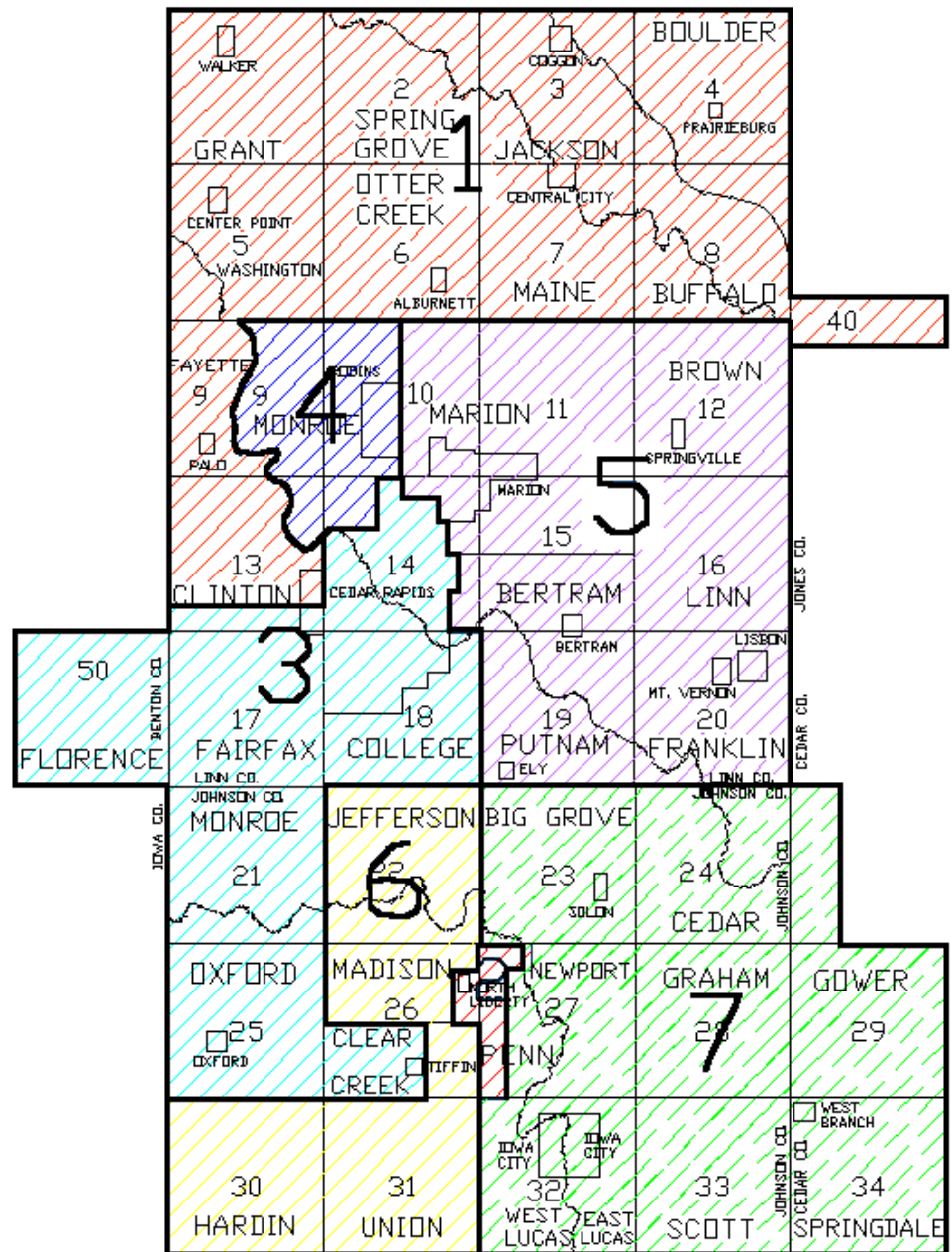
## Seeking Candidates For Nominating Committee Members From Each Voting District Needed

Linn County REC is a member owned electric cooperative governed by a board of directors that you elect. As a member, one of your most important roles is to participate in the nomination and election of your directors. Get involved in your cooperative's operation by serving on the nominating committee.

The Linn County REC board of directors is looking for seven individuals, one from each voting district on the nominating committee. Districts 2, 3 and 7 are up for election this year. The representatives from these three districts are responsible for finding members to run for election.

Nominating committee members meet one time in June at the REC headquarters in Marion for a dinner meeting. At the meeting, the committee member from districts 2, 3 and 7 present the names of individuals who wish to run for the board of directors. The full committee reviews and approves the slate of candidates to be placed on the ballot for this year's election. The dinner meeting usually lasts about two hours. Members who have never served on the nominating committee are preferred.

If you are interested in representing your district on the nominating committee or live in district 2, 3 or 7 and wish to run for director, please contact Jennifer at 377-1587 or toll free in Iowa at 1-800-332-5420.



**Mark Your Calendars**  
The Linn County REC 2011 Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, September 30.



Linn County REC contracts with companies like Asplundh to help control our costs.

## Outsourcing To Save

**“Outsourcing allows us to control costs and maintain the reliability that are members are accustomed to.”**

Linn County REC outsources a number of services that could be done by in-house employees. These outsourced jobs are handled by companies that are specialized. Outsourcing companies are able to access technology or equipment that Linn County REC could not do without significant costs. Their employees are trained in safety matters and regulatory or environmental areas directly related to their service.

An example of the cooperative’s use of outsourcing is the tree trimming or removal program that helps improve system reliability. This program is accomplished by outsourcing the program to Asplundh Tree Expert Company. Two crews of Asplundh employees work a regular maintenance schedule for the cooperative on a year-round basis. When budget allows, a third crew is added. These crews are also available during major storms to assist with tree related outages. The company has regional and national employees that become available to the cooperative as needed during

emergency situations such as major ice storms.

The cooperative takes advantage of outsourcing to keep employee numbers at a lower level to manage the distribution expenses of your electric bill lower while not sacrificing service. The companies working with Linn County REC are chosen not only for their rates but because of their interest in providing the service while treating cooperative members in a professional and personal fashion and doing so at a reasonable cost.

## Copper Theft Rising

Recently, there has been an increase in copper theft-related crimes. These thefts are due to rising copper prices. Utilities, including an Iowa electric cooperative, have been the target of these thieves.

This crime trend is disturbing because of the damage it poses to utilities and the huge public safety concerns. When thieves attempt to remove copper wire from utility-related property, they are committing a crime and are risking serious injury or death by exposure to energized line.

For utilities, it’s not just a safety issue, but a financial one, too. While the cost of replacing copper lines increases, the cost of repairing damage to substations and lines is a larger problem. The damages can also affect system reliability until the repairs can be completed.

Linn County REC has increased security at our facilities and substations are inspected regularly. However, if you witness any suspicious activity around our property or equipment, please contact our office immediately at 377-1587 or toll free at 1-800-332-5420.



**Copper theft poses safety, financial and reliability issues for electric utilities.**

## More Green Power Coming To LCREC Members CIPCO Announces Wind Purchase

### RECare: Help Those In Need



RECare is a crisis fund available for our low income members to help pay their electric bills and to weatherize their homes. When you give to RECare, your donation goes directly to families in need throughout our community. All funds are distributed by a local community action agency, there are no administrative costs and donations are tax deductible.

Contribute to RECare by filling out the authorization form on our website at [www.linncountyrec.com](http://www.linncountyrec.com) or by contacting our office to request a form.

The amount you pledge will be included with the monthly net amount on your Linn County REC bill. You may discontinue your pledge at any time by contacting our office at 377-1587 or toll free in Iowa at 1-800-332-5420.



This is an artist rendering of the new Elk Wind Farm located in Delaware County.

Recently Linn County REC's power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), entered into a 20 year power purchase agreement with Elk Wind Farm to be located in Delaware County. The project will produce approximately 41 megawatts of electricity or enough energy for about 14,000 typical Iowa homes. CIPCO also purchases energy from two other Iowa based wind farms located in Hancock and Story counties.

The addition of this new resource will nearly double the amount of wind energy in the CIPCO portfolio. "This agreement marks a significant step in CIPCO's expanded use of Iowa's abundant wind energy resource and a commitment to enhance the local economy," stated Dennis Murdock, CEO and Executive Vice President of Central Iowa Power Cooperative.

The Elk Wind Farm is being developed by RPM Access. Construction of the substation began in December 2010 is expected to start producing electricity as early as

October of 2011. "We are pleased that CIPCO continues to evaluate and implement cost effective alternative energy projects to diversify its generation mix," said Kim Colberg, General Manager/CEO of Linn County REC.

Linn County REC is also committed to making a difference in Iowa's energy future by offering its renewable energy program, *Emerging Energy*<sup>TM</sup>, to its members. By participating in our renewable energy program, members help reduce our reliance on fossil fuels like coal and natural gas and increase the demand for Iowa based renewable energy.

Linn County REC members can purchase block(s) of Iowa based renewable (wind) energy for an additional \$2.00 per month. Visit our website at [www.linncountyrec.com](http://www.linncountyrec.com) to learn more about *Emerging Energy*<sup>TM</sup> and how you can make a difference.



# Scholarship Winners Reflect On College Experience

New environment, new teachers, new method of teaching, everything changed once I set my foot into University of Rochester. One thing that challenged me the most was time management. I had to use most of my free time to finish my endless reading and writing assignments. Besides school work, I am a representative for my residence hall (Hall Council) and I'm also a part of the South Asian community.



*Adheshwari Ramesh, University of Rochester*

I have always felt that I learned best when I establish close relationships with my community, professors, and peers. That is why I choose Wartburg College. I have had the privilege of traveling to Australia and Europe. The first semester at Wartburg has been an amazing experience that has broadened my understanding of many different people, places, and traditions. It has been a rollercoaster of excitement that I am thankful Linn County REC has allowed me to ride.



*Adam Kucera, Wartburg College*

My first semester at Kirkwood was a great experience. All of my professors were fantastic and I found that all of my classes were of interest to me. My favorite class was Communications. I learned so much and have already started applying to my life. I think that's what college is all about- learning things that will help you grow as a person and gain knowledge as a professional. All in all, I very much enjoyed my first semester at college.



*Alex Streinz, Kirkwood Community College*

- 1 round loaf Hawaiian bread (1 lb.)
- 1 lb. (16 oz.) VELVEETA , cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 can (10 oz.) RO\*TEL diced tomatoes/chilies, undrained
- 1/3 cup chopped red onions
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Smoked Ham, chopped
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained

Heat oven to 350°F. Cut slice from top of bread loaf; remove center of loaf, leaving 1-inch-thick shell. Cut removed bread into bite-size pieces; cover and set aside for later use. Place bread shell on baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 min. or until lightly toasted.

Mix VELVEETA, tomatoes and onions in large microwaveable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 5 min. or until VELVEETA is completely melted, stirring after 3 min. Stir-in ham and pineapple. Pour into bread shell.

Serve with reserved bread pieces and assorted fresh vegetable dippers. **Yield: 4-1/2 cups or 36 servings.**

## March 1st Deadline Reminder:

All Linn County REC scholarships for the 2011 - 2012 school year must be postmarked by March 1, 2011. Go to our website to download applications and our rules/instructions.

I have really enjoyed my first semester at Iowa State University. I am an Aerospace Engineering major and joined the Space Systems/Controls Lab where I am a member of the Unmanned Vehicles group. I was active in the First Year Honors Program at ISU and met some great new people. Next semester I plan to join the ISU GROOVE percussion ensemble. I am looking forward next semester.



*Ryan Hupp, Iowa State University*

My first semester at the University of Iowa has been an exciting and rewarding experience. I am currently pursuing an engineering major with a Spanish minor. Outside of the classroom I was involved in Student Government, Honors Advisory Committee and The Associated Residence Hall Committee. I would like to thank Linn County REC for providing their generous scholarships. I know they are appreciated by their recipients.



*Ellen Gardner, University of Iowa*

Iowa Central Community College has been a great adventure. The classes I took first semester were in the Agriculture Department and general education requirements. I am a member of the basketball team (nationally ranked) and the Post Secondary Agricultural Club. Second semester I am going to be an Ambassador for the school. Thank you Linn County REC for helping to support my endeavors.



*Gabrielle Randleman, Iowa Cental Community College*

I want to thank Linn County REC for the scholarship, it has helped me focus on my studies and college adjustment and less on my finances. I've made som new friends and had some helpful teachers. I've studied hard to get good grades and live on my own. Thanks again for your support.



*Megan Parsons, Kirkwood Community College*

I have enjoyed my time spent at the University of Iowa this semester. I am pursuing a double major in political science and history and spent the majority of my time this fall interning for a political campaign. The generosity of the Linn County REC scholarship allowed me the luxury of exploring my career interest and taking an unpaid internship. In addition to classises, I participated in student government and Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for helping me to continue my education.



*Katherine Valde, University of Iowa*

