

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative



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Rock Rapids ■ March 2025

REMINDERS

Annual Meeting: March 31, 2025

The 86th Annual Meeting of the members of Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative will be held at the Central Lyon High School, located on Greene Street in Rock Rapids at 7:15 PM. Meal will be served from 5:00-7:00 PM in the commons of the high school. Registration begins at 5:00 PM.

Attend the Annual Meeting and get a \$20.00 credit on your electric bill.



Don't miss a special presentation by Ryan Loomans about his experience traveling to Guatemala this past summer to help restore power. His presentation will be begin at 6:45 PM.

Basin Bus Tour – August 20-22

Join us on a three-day trek across the Dakota Plains to tour the Antelope Valley power plant and the Coteau lignite mine August 20-22. In addition, tour the Garrison Dam.

We will depart from Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative August 20 on an air-conditioned charter bus. We will have plenty of movies, games and frequent rest stops to break up the day.

The big tour day is August 21. We will depart Bismarck, North Dakota, for the Garrison Dam, power plant and mine. Take an elevator to the top of the power plant to see the view, peek into the coal-burning furnace and enjoy the bus ride into the lignite open pit mine, weather permitting. In the evening, we will enjoy a

relaxing supper and riverboat ride on the Missouri River.

On August 22 we head back home. We will have frequent rest stops to break up the day. We will return back to Lyon Rural Electric in the early evening.

The cost is only \$150.00 per person. The fee includes the cost of the hotel, bus, all meals, riverboat and snack breaks. Lyon Rural Electric shares the tour bus with two other cooperatives so just 15 seats are available. Sign up today or register to win an all expenses paid tour at our annual meeting, March 31. Call Lyon Rural Electric today at 712-472-2506 or 800-658-3976 to reserve your seat!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Board of Director Nominees

The members below were nominated by the Nominating Committees from their districts. Voting ballots will be included in the annual meeting packets that will be mailed out in early March. Ballots can be mailed in, dropped off at the Cooperative office or you may bring them to the annual meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025.

CHAD HOOGENDOORN

Liberal Township

DISTRICT 6



Chad and his wife, Teresa, have two daughters. Chad has lived in Lyon County his whole life. Chad currently farms and raises hogs and has been a mechanic at Mulder Implement for 25 years. Chad previously served on the Rock Rapids Gun Club Board.

DAVID DEBOER

Grant Township

DISTRICT 6



David and his wife, Heather, have two children. He has lived in Lyon County all his life. David has served as a deacon for the Bethel Reformed Church and a Grant township trustee. He is currently the Board Secretary for Lyon REC and the President of the L & O Board of Directors. David is involved in livestock and grain farming.

(Incumbent)

MICHAEL BLIEK

Sioux Township

DISTRICT AT LARGE



Michael and his wife, Lindsay, have one son. He has been grain farming and raising livestock for 25 years. Currently, he serves as a County Committee member for the Lyon County FSA office, where he works to support local farmers.

RODNEY MOGLER

Logan Township

DISTRICT AT LARGE



Rodney and his wife, Lois, have four sons and one daughter. Rodney has lived South of Lester for 67 years. He is involved in a family farming operation with his main responsibilities in the agronomy department. Some of Rodney's previous board experiences have been with local co-ops, Lyon County Extension Council, Logan Township Trustee, 4-H Leader, and various church committees. He is a current director of the Lyon REC Board.

(Incumbent)

What's Different About an Electric Cooperative?

You receive this publication because you buy your electricity from an electric cooperative. That's a utility that operates like no other.

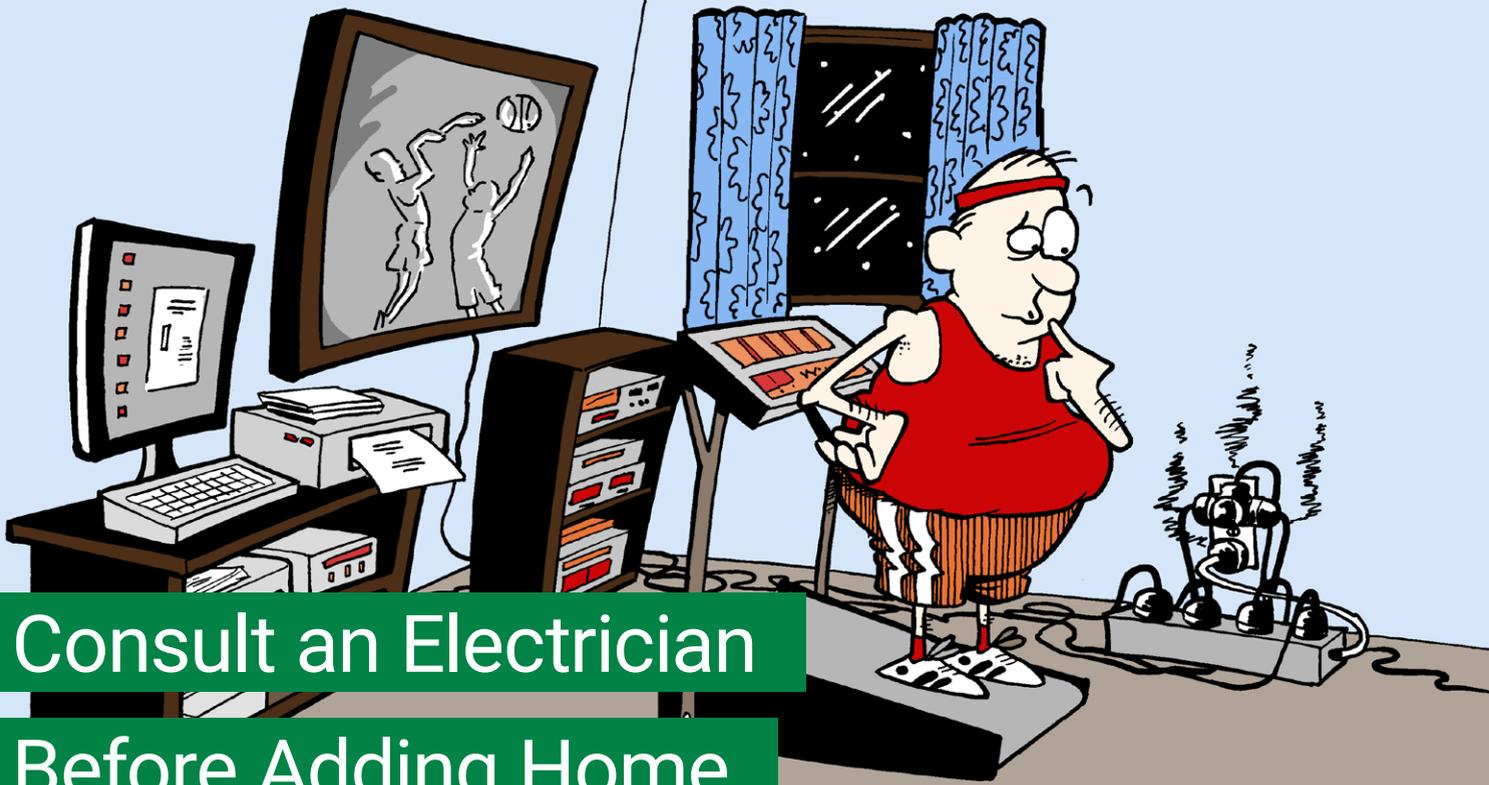
Cooperatives are consumer-owned businesses, which means that you and your neighbors actually own your electric utility. In fact, you may have noticed that the utility refers to you as a "member" rather than as a "customer."

The cooperative's board of directors is a group of consumer-members, just like you, and, in fact, you can

run for a seat on the board yourself if you'd like to. When the directors' terms expire, the cooperative will hold an election and you will get to vote. So the cooperative is governed by its consumers, and those who govern it are elected by the consumers.

Cooperatives have their roots in their local communities, so they never sell stock. That way, consumer-members retain local control.

Take advantage of the opportunity to participate as an owner-member of your electric cooperative by attending membership meetings and voting in board elections.



Consult an Electrician Before Adding Home

Gym, Theater

If you're lucky enough to have an unused room to convert to a home office, a home gym or a home theater, add one more item to your "to do" list: Call an electrician.

Setting up any of those rooms involves moving in a lot of big electronic equipment like a treadmill, a giant-screen TV, computers and printers, and stereo components. It's quite possible that the electrical receptacles in the room won't be able to handle equipment that uses as much electricity as those pieces do.

You also might not have enough outlets for all of the things you'll need to plug in. Sure, you can buy a power strip that allows you to plug multiple pieces of equipment into a single outlet. But that power strip won't add any juice to the circuit that powers that single outlet—which means you can overload it and set yourself up to trip your circuits or even cause overheating or a fire.

So before you start using your home gym to get in shape, get the room in shape first. Ask a licensed electrician to inspect the room's outlets and power supply and determine if you need to upgrade.

Double-Pane Windows Save Energy, Money

If you live in an older home, it's a good bet that its windows are made from single panes of glass.

Newer homes typically come with double-pane windows and for good reason: They're far more energy efficient. In fact, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that you can save between 7% and 15% on heating and cooling bills when you replace single-pane windows with double-pane versions, especially if they're rated by the government's Energy Star program as extra-energy efficient.

You can find out how much money you can save each year if you replace your old windows with more efficient models by visiting the Energy Star website. Savings range from \$77 in mild climates to more than \$500 in areas with extreme winters or summers.



It's Not Too Early to Think About Air Conditioning



The comfortable spring weather is more likely to nudge you to open your windows than to turn on the air conditioner—and that makes this the perfect time to make sure your A/C is in shape for the summer heat that's just a few months away.

The best time to service your home's air conditioning system is when you don't need it. If you put it off until it's 90 degrees outdoors, you could be dealing with some down time that can leave your home pretty uncomfortable.

Annual service is important because your technician will lubricate and clean moving parts and check for—and repair—

potential problems. That will make it more likely that your system will run smoothly all summer.

Choose an A/C tech who is licensed by the state. Chances are the same tech can come back in the fall to tune up your heating system.

Operating Statistics

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	2024	2025
KWH Purchased	13,015,045	13,288,149
KWH Sold	12,532,333	12,811,507
Percentage of Line Loss (Year to Date)	3.71%	3.59%
Total Demand	24,252 KW	19,127 KW
Average Farm Consumption	4,228 KWH	4,256 KWH
Average Farm Bill	\$437.63	\$463.85
Income Per Mile	\$1,388.53	\$1,423.44
Expenses Per Mile	\$1,323.42	\$1,410.38
Miles Energized	872.86	914
Cost of Wholesale (For the Month)	6.27¢	6.70¢

Electricity Demand to Climb in 2025



Consumption of electricity is expected to rise in 2025 all over the world, inching the price of electricity upward.

A colder-than-usual winter led home and business owners to crank up the heat, moving sales of electricity up by 2% over the last year, according to the Energy Information Administration. Rising production costs and declining gas inventories have contributed to price increases.

"Current high coal and gas prices are not the result of a single shock event on the demand or supply side," according to an EIA report. "Rather, they result from a combination of supply and demand factors that gradually tightened markets over the course of several months and even years."

To keep your family's energy consumption from rising, consider purchasing an energy-efficient water heater and furnace; unplugging anything electric when you're not using it; and experimenting with solar for space heating and cooling, all recommended by the U.S. Department of Energy.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

March is an ideal time to service your home cooling system, ensuring it runs efficiently when the heat of summer arrives. Routine maintenance, like cleaning or replacing filters, checking refrigerant levels and inspecting parts, can improve your system's energy efficiency and lower your energy bills. By addressing potential issues early, you can avoid costly emergency repairs and extend the lifespan of your unit. Scheduling service in the spring helps you beat the peak-season rush, giving you faster access to qualified technicians. A well-maintained cooling system can save energy and keep your home comfortable all summer long.



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