

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Board of Director Nominations

Members of the Nominating Committee of Heartland Power Cooperative met on January 11th, to select director candidates from Districts 2 and 8.

Board of Directors Nominee for Winnebago District No. 2 is Roger Solomonson. Roger is the current director for the district.

Board of Directors Nominee for Cedar Valley District 8 is Tricia Jaeger. Tricia is the current director for the district.

Much effort was given to nominate a second candidate for each of these districts, but the committee was unable to do so.

The Nominating Report is posted in the office in Thompson and in St. Ansgar. Thank you to the Nominating Committee members Shirley Kukhan, Bob Wright, Brian Abele, Jim Thorson, and Geoffrey Anderson for serving the Cooperative.

The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28,

2023. While members will be invited to attend, we want to remind you that we will only be holding the business portion of the meeting. There will not be a meal or gifts handed out at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Report will be mailed out in mid-March with a review of the past year of the Cooperative, meeting information and additional details.

***Watch for more information in the March Annual Report.***

**THE HEARTLAND POWER COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 | *Watch for more details in the Annual Report.***

## 2023 IOWA YOUTH TOUR

In June, High School students from across Iowa will travel to Washington D.C. to join more than 1,900 students from around the nation for the 2023 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour!

Heartland Power Cooperative will be sponsoring two students from our service territory to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience from June 17- 23, 2023.

Students will participate in leadership training, engage in on-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network and tour many of the historical sites in Washington, D.C.

The Iowa Youth Tour has taken high school students to Washington, D.C. for over 50 years and nearly 50,000 students have participated in this program. Interested high school juniors and seniors are invited to apply for Youth Tour 2023.

This opportunity is fully sponsored by Heartland Power Cooperative. For more information visit our website at [www.heartlandpower.com](http://www.heartlandpower.com).

***YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS  
ARE DUE TO THE HPC OFFICE BY  
MARCH 1, 2023.***





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## MONTHLY CO-OP QUIZ

### \$25 Bill Credit Winner

Brian & Noella Peterson  
of Lake Mills

### This Month's Question

What are the dates for the  
Iowa Youth Tour?

**Quiz Guidelines:** Each member who sends in the correct answer by the 20th of the month will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit. **Mail or email quiz answers to [energy@heartlandpower.com](mailto:energy@heartlandpower.com).**



## Heartland Power Directors Advocate for Rural Iowa Priorities as 2023 Legislative Session Begins

More than 150 directors, managers and employees from Iowa's electric cooperatives discussed priorities with over 100 state legislators on January 10, during our 2023 Welcome Back Legislative Reception in downtown Des Moines.

The event provided a valuable opportunity to meet with state legislators at the beginning of the 2023 Legislative Session to discuss issues that impact rural electric cooperatives and the communities we serve. For example, we're concerned about secretive industrial and commercial corporations that are seeking to circumvent Iowa's electric service territory laws; these protections exist to provide stability for Iowa homes, farms and businesses. Iowa's electric co-ops are

also opposed to any legislation that would deny landowners the option to use their property for utility-scale solar generation if they so choose.

In the coming months, the Iowa General Assembly will be addressing a multitude of issues, including energy-related matters that are central to Iowa's rural economy. Beginning with the Welcome Back Legislative Reception, electric co-op directors, managers and staff will again be important advocates for a balanced approach in addressing energy issues. Collectively, Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives provide affordable, reliable, safe and environmentally responsible power to more than 650,000 Iowans throughout all 99 counties every day.

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