



## From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services

Happy New Year!!! Wow, I hope 2020 doesn't fly by as fast as 2019 seems to have, but I am sure it will. With the new year I am sure many of you have made resolutions and goals for 2020 and I would like to challenge you to make participating in the bill round up program one of those goals. Back in April, the Lewis County REC Cares Foundation was formed. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was formed to promote rural community and economic development, agricultural research endeavors, improvement of health care, and educational development throughout our service territory. The Foundation is governed by a six-person board of directors that meet quarterly to oversee the organization. Those directors are Judy Smith, President, Ryan St.Clair, Vice-President, Janice McGinnis, Secretary/Treasurer, Renee Kirchner, Linda Rutledge, and Jeanie James. This Foundation is funded by you, if you choose to participate. You have the option to participate by rounding up your bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if your bill is \$283.60 and you choose to participate in the program, your bill would be rounded up to \$284.00 and the additional 40 cents will be donated to the Foundation. If you would like to participate in the round up program, you must contact the office and tell us to enroll you in the program. You can enroll or drop out of the program at any time.



Funds donated to the Foundation through the round up program will be returned through donations from the Foundation keeping with the Foundations guidelines. Any organization requesting a donation from the Foundation will have to fill out a detailed application and the Foundation Board of Directors will review those applications and decide if funds will be distributed. This Foundation is a totally separate entente from Lewis County REC and is not in any way governed by the Lewis County REC Board of Directors.

The first donation was made by the foundation in September to help fund a new roof on the Edina Senior Center. If your organization would like to apply for a donation, simply, contact me and I will get you a donation packet and make sure that your organization qualifies for a donation. What a wonderful way we can all give back to the communities that we live in, without having a huge impact on our pocket books.

If you would like to participate in the round up program simply call the office and tell them you would like to enroll. If you have any questions or would like more information on the program or the Foundation please feel free to give me a call. Hopefully your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters can have a positive impact on our service territory. As I said, I am excited about the program and think this a great opportunity to benefit organizations in Northeast Missouri. Let's start 2020 on a positive note, by donating to the Foundation.

## Seal your windows

There's good reason to winterize your windows: according to the U.S. Department of Energy, about one-third of a home's heat loss is from windows and doors.

To tighten your windows:

- Caulk and weatherstrip windows on days warm enough for seals to hold
- Place plastic over single-pane windows either inside or outside, leaving a 1/2-inch to 4-inch air space between the two

- A more effective but expensive option than plastic is to install interior or exterior storm windows after sealing air leaks around your windows; this can reduce heating losses, according to ENERGY STAR
- Let the sun shine in south windows during the day, but at night, close shades, and pull insulated drapery liners shut to block warm air from escaping around windows



## Youth Tour 2020

Youth Tour 2020 is well underway. Here are the delegates that represented Lewis County REC on the 2019 trip.

Lauren Frazier, Canton R-V, Brynn Sprague, Clark County R-1, Ellen TenEyck, Highland, and Emily Schrage, Knox County R-1.



## Electric Car Rebates

Beginning on January 1, 2020, any member whose primary residence is connected to Lewis County REC will be eligible for a \$1,000 rebate toward the purchase of a 2018, 2019, or 2020 all electric car or truck. The member will also be eligible for a \$250 energy credit for the installation of a level 2 home charging system. This rebate program will sunset on December 31, 2020, so if you were considering purchasing a 100% electric car now is the time to do it. Go to our website [www.lewiscountyrec.coop](http://www.lewiscountyrec.coop) and click on the electric vehicles tab to see if an EV is right for you. If you have any question feel free to contact Travis Mathes at Lewis County REC's office, 573-215-4000.

**Mark Your Calendars:  
Lewis County REC Annual Meeting  
will be held August 6th at  
Highland Highschool, Ewing**

## By-Law Amendment Set To Be Voted On At The 2020 Annual Meeting

The following By-Law Amendment will appear on the ballot at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The wording in red would be added to the current language and would allow for other forms of voting in future Annual Meetings of Lewis County REC. If you have any questions regarding the By-Law amendment, please, reach out to us and we would be glad to explain the process to you.

Section 5. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a plurality of the members voting. ~~thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation or these by-laws.~~ **All voting shall be in person, and additionally, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may also be carried out by use of mail ballot, absentee ballot or electronic ballot, or any combination thereof, under procedures established by resolution of the Board of Directors and disclosed concurrently with the notice of any meeting of members at which mail, absentee or electronic voting be allowed. The Board of Directors shall take all steps necessary to insure that any advanced voting is done in a secured manner. In the event of a recount of the ballots, all valid mail, absentee or electronic ballots shall be included within the results of any necessary recount or re-balloting.**



### Energy Efficiency

### *Tip of the Month*

As you ring in the New Year make a resolution to save energy.

- Seal leaks that let cold air into your home
- Change your furnace filter monthly
- Repair leaky faucets and toilets
- Dress for winter, and turn down that thermostat

We all benefit when you practice these tips.

## TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

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