

Spotlight

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FROM THE MANAGER — JESSE SINGERHOUSE

Annual Meeting Recap

Thank you to all the members that came to our annual meeting at the end of June. While it isn't what we are used to, it was fun to see people come to our drive-in style annual meeting. COVID-19 has impacted many things that we do, so it was pretty special to have my first annual meeting as your General Manager in a unique fashion like this. Everything went very smoothly thanks to our members and, in particular, our great employees and directors who helped that day. WRDN radio out of Durand provided a live broadcast of our meeting, so perhaps members even tuned in that weren't in attendance at the Cooperative. I enjoyed talking to many members at the meeting from a safe social distance and look forward to many more annual meetings to come.

Rachel Kummer of the Rock Falls area was elected to the Board of Directors to replace Steve Dahl. Dean Stokke and Larry Amble also were elected to another term on the Board. We thank all the candidates and members of the nominating committee for helping us put on a solid election. It is great to see members engaged and supportive of their local Cooperative.

Operation Round Up®



Operation Round Up® uses the power of cooperation to provide much needed grant dollars for community projects, 501©3 organizations and non-profit groups within the Dunn Energy Cooperative service territory.

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Giving Guidelines on our website at www.dunnenergy.com or by emailing Jolene for an application at jolene@dunnenergy.com. Grant applications are due March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 and reviewed shortly thereafter.

**Thank you for your interest.
Let's show the community the Power of Change!**

ENERGY STAR® Appliances:

Do They Really Save You Money?

If you are in the market for a new appliance, you might wonder if buying an ENERGY STAR-certified version will make a difference in your energy bills.

The **short answer is yes**, when you compare its estimated energy costs to its less efficient counterpart.

In fact, there are really two costs to consider before buying an appliance: the cost itself and the projected monthly energy costs.

The energy-conscious appliances donning the square-shaped Energy Star logo use 10 to 15 percent less energy and water than standard models, according to Energy.gov. For example, Energy Star clothes washers use about 40 percent less energy than conventional clothes washers while also reducing water bills.

And the **longer answer is yes**, if you consider the appliance's lifespan.

Energy Star appliances and other products used throughout your home can save you a collective \$750 over their lifespan, according to Energy.gov. (Besides appliances, there are other Energy Star-certified products, such as lighting and electronics).

Not only are there savings in the life-long costs of using the appliance, there are also upfront savings. Dunn

Energy Cooperative has a rebate and incentive program, Energy Sense. There are incentives for members to purchase Energy Star-certified appliances. These incentives come as a credit on your electric bill.

For more information on rebates and incentives, visit our website at dunnenergy.com and browse to the Energy Sense page.

While selecting energy-saving designated appliances could have a slightly higher price tag, they don't always. Compare prices and don't assume they cost substantially more than less efficient models.

The biggest bang for your energy-savings buck might be your refrigerator, especially if it is 15 years old or older. By replacing your old fridge with a new Energy Star-certified model, you can save more than \$200 over a 12-year lifespan.

Tip: EnergyStar.gov offers a "Flip Your Fridge" calculator to estimate savings depending on the size and age of your largest kitchen appliance.

Bottom line? The typical U.S. family spends around \$2,200 a year on home utility bills. Switching to ENERGY STAR products can help lower these costs over time.



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According to EnergyStar.gov, if every appliance purchased in the United States this year earned the ENERGY STAR, Americans would:

- Prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to the emissions from 225,000 cars.
- Save more than 1.3 billion kWh/year of electricity.
- Save \$425 million in annual energy costs.
- Save more than 28 billion gallons of water per year.*

*Includes ENERGY STAR-certified clothes washer, dishwasher, and refrigerator. Dollars savings reflect savings generated from the reduction of energy and water usage.

