

APRIL 2025

HONORING OUR YOUTH IN 2025 MEET OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Isabel Birker
Vinton-Shellsburg

Parents: Scott and Jenni Birker
Iowa State University,
Agricultural Studies



Maya Burkhardt
Center Point-Urbana

Parents: Brooks and Jennifer Burkhardt
University of Iowa,
Nursing



Brenna Chesmore
East Buchanan

Parents: Christopher and Carey Chesmore
University of Iowa,
Diagnostic Medical Sonography



Addyson Chvala
Vinton-Shellsburg

Parents: Aric and Lacey Chvala
University of Iowa,
Sports and Recreation Management



Tyler Gates
Union

Parents: Jason and Jennifer Gates
Ellsworth Community College, Precision Agriculture/Agricultural Business



Natalie Hamlett
Starmont

Parents: Mark and Jennifer Hamlett
Iowa State University,
Food Science



Jackson Hogan
Don Bosco

Parent: Erin Hogan
Iowa State University,
Ecology



Brady Holthaus
Center Point-Urbana

Parents: Josh and Melissa Holthaus
Northwest Iowa Community College,
Powerline Technology



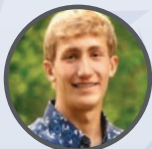
Mallory Howard
Benton Community

Parents: Brad and Wendy Howard
University of Northern Iowa,
Education/History



Katie Johnson
Independence

Parents: Jeremy and Allison Johnson
Buena Vista University,
Agricultural Business



Remington Ressler
Independence

Parents: Tony and Jen Ressler
Minnesota West Community and Technical College,
Powerline Technology



Madison Wellman
Jesup

Parents: Keith and Marjorie Wellman
Iowa State University,
Interior Design/Graphic Design

MEET OUR IOWA YOUTH TOUR REPRESENTATIVE



Ranger Reed
Independence

Parents: Todd and Cheri Lynn Reed

USE CAUTION WHEN BURNING DITCHES



Burning helps clean things up. However, it can also cause extensive damage to Cooperative property, resulting in electric service problems. Members involved in such fires may be invoiced for damage they cause to Cooperative property.

RESPECT THE
WORK ZONE
SO WE ALL GET
HOME
2025 NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK
APRIL 21-25, 2025



Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

When spring arrives, landscaping season follows. If you're adding trees this year, consider your power lines. The wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard.

Happy Arbor Day!
Friday,
April 25

For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

April
Is Safe
Digging
Month!

Be safe. Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

LARGE TREES

Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:

- Maple
- Oak
- Spruce
- Pine
- Birch
- Sweetgum
- Linden

MEDIUM TREES

Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:

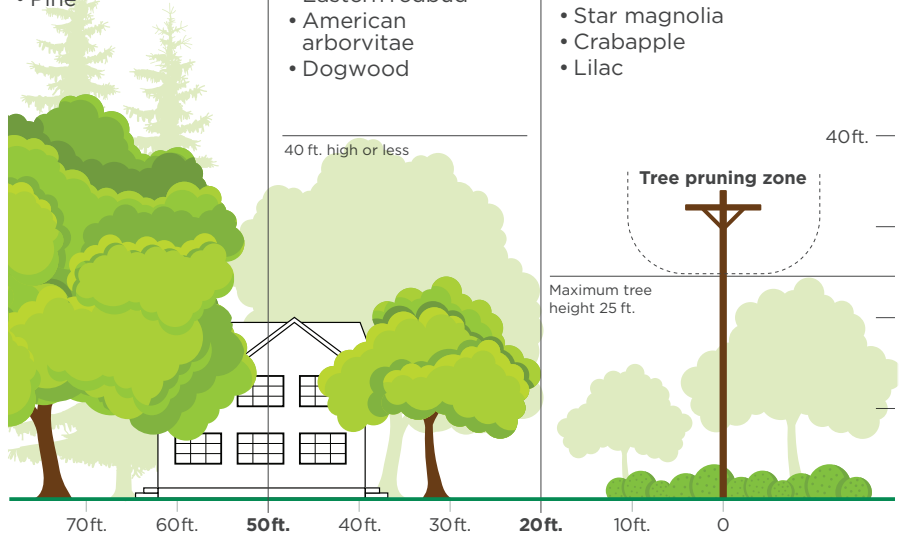
- Washington hawthorn
- Goldenraintree
- Eastern redbud
- American arborvitae
- Dogwood

SMALL TREES

Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.

Height/spread of no more than 25 feet, such as:

- Star magnolia
- Crabapple
- Lilac



Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

How well do you
know the three main
types of distractions?

When you're behind the wheel, your
only job is to drive.

Just Drive.

nsc.org/justdrive



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**VISUAL
DISTRACTIONS**



**Take your eyes
off the road**



**MANUAL
DISTRACTIONS**



**Take your hands
off the wheel**



**COGNITIVE
DISTRACTIONS**



**Take your mind
off of driving**

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