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Calhoun County REC supports the Supreme Court ruling on power plant regulation

Corn Belt Power Cooperative, power supplier to Calhoun County REC, is encouraged by the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling released late Feb. 9 to halt implementation of President Obama's Clean Power Plan regulations until litigation is concluded. Oral arguments on the Clean Power Plan's legality will be heard at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on June 2, 2016, and it will most likely be appealed to the Supreme Court, which may not review the case until early 2017 or later.



Ken Kuyper

"Corn Belt Power and its member cooperatives are pleased with the Supreme Court's ruling. Without this stay on the Clean Power Plan, we would risk making significant investments before we know if the legal challenges are successful. The Clean Power Plan, as proposed, leaves us concerned about our continued ability to provide affordable and reliable power to our member-owners," said Ken Kuyper, executive vice president and general manager.

Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling came after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied a request to stay the federal carbon regulations

in January. A coalition of 29 states and state agencies led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey then appealed to the Supreme Court to stay implementation of the Clean Power Plan. 06C17FA

Last fall, Corn Belt Power and 38 other generation and transmission cooperatives joined the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in petitioning the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to review and ultimately reject the Clean Power Plan. A decision in this case may come later this year or early 2017.

In August of 2015, President Obama announced the Clean Power Plan mandate, which gives the Environmental Protection Agency authority to regulate and enforce carbon emissions from existing power plants under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The Clean Power Plan aims to reduce the nation's carbon emissions from fossil-fueled power plants 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 by assigning states individual reduction targets based on their energy mix. For Iowa, the final 2030 rate-based emissions limit for power plants in the state would be a 42 percent reduction from the state's 2012 emissions rate.

Looking Out for You

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Reduce energy for water heating. Take simple steps like lowering your water heater's temperature and installing low-flow showerheads to reduce your water heating bills.

Source: energy.gov

Reminder – REC Scholarship Applications due April 8

As noted in last month's newsletter, Calhoun County REC will award up to four \$500 scholarships in the spring of 2016. These scholarships will be disbursed to help with first year college expenses.

Eligible students must be graduating high school seniors and a dependent of a Calhoun County REC member. Applicants must be planning to enroll in a full time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2016. The scholarship must be for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the school year for which the scholarship is given.

Scholarship awards will be based on the following criteria: complete application, one letter of reference from a teacher or counselor and a 250 word essay question to "How does Calhoun County Electric Cooperative impact your community?" Awards will be announced by letter and on the Calhoun County REC's web site.

Application information and forms are available online at www.calhounrec.coop or by calling 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879. Completed applications must be received at the REC office on or before Friday, April 8th by 4:30 p.m. 04C33DA

Touchstone Energy Co-op Values

Integrity | Accountability | Innovation | Commitment to Community

Green Pricing Customer Contribution Plan

This program will allow individual customers to voluntarily contribute to the development of alternate energy production facilities in Iowa. Alternate energy production facilities may include wind energy, biomass, solar and other nontraditional generation technologies. All of the money collected from customers participating in the green pricing program will be used to assist in the purchase of alternate or "green" energy in Iowa.

Authorization Form

Yes, I want to be a part of the Green Pricing Program.

_____ I will make a one-time contribution to Green Pricing. My check is enclosed.

_____ I will contribute \$_____ per month to Green Pricing. I understand that this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Account # _____

*Clip and mail to: Calhoun County REC * Green Pricing Program
PO Box 312 * Rockwell City IA 50579*

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

FRESH SPRING SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup butter	1 bunch fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 inch pieces
1 pound leeks, chopped	1/3 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
1 onion, chopped	4 teaspoons salt
2 quarts water	1/2 pound fresh spinach
3 large potatoes, chopped	1 cup heavy cream
2 large carrots, chopped	

DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in the leeks and onion, and cook until tender.
2. Pour water into the pot. Mix in potatoes, carrots, asparagus, and rice. Season with salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes, until vegetables and rice are tender.
3. Stir spinach and heavy cream into the soup mixture, and continue cooking about 5 minutes before serving.

Winter moratorium ends April 1st

Please take note that the winter moratorium ends April 1, 2016. If your account(s) is past due and you have not made payment arrangements by March 31st, you will be subject to disconnection of your electric service.

To avoid disconnection, you must pay your electric bill in full by April 1st or request a reasonable payment agreement for your past due account(s).

Call our office at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



March 17th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Time to
spring forward
one hour
March 13th



On-line Survey Winners!

Calhoun County REC would like to thank all members that participated in our 2015 monthly on-line surveys. Calhoun County REC had 3 winners selected to receive a \$75 Casey's gift card.

Don't forget to fill out the database survey that you just received with your January statement for a chance to win a \$500 electric bill credit.



Doug Klocke from
Rockwell City

Bill Hicks, Lake City, was unavailable for picture.



Steve Gutshall from
Farnhamville

SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Becker & Becker (Scott Becker), Kevin Poen and Corey Agr of Lytton spotted their location number and will receive a **\$10** credit on their electric bill. Don't forget to read the newsletter and check for your

location number. If your location number is spotted, call Calhoun County REC by the 15th of the month and receive a **\$10** credit on your next electric bill.

* Location numbers are located on billing statements. *

New costs of Marathon electric water heaters Energy-efficient electric water heaters remain a great value for co-op members

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) energy-efficiency rule that took effect in 2015 is impacting the cost of the Marathon electric water heaters we offer our co-op members. As a result, our 85- and 105-gallon water heaters are redesigned, heavy duty units.

**Marathon water heaters from Calhoun County REC
will be available at these costs as of April 1st, 2016**

Model	Retail Cost	Member Rebate	Member Cost*
50 gallon – Tall	\$850	\$450	\$400
85 gallon – HD	\$1,150	\$750	\$400
105 gallon – HD	\$1,300	\$750	\$550

*Plus tax applied to the retail cost



- To receive member rebate, water heater must be installed on Calhoun County REC lines and member must sign a Watts Smart Load Management Agreement.
- All Marathon electric water heaters have non-metallic seamless, blow-molded polybutene tanks that are impervious to rust and corrosion. Life-time warranty for residential installations.
- Marathon heavy-duty units are designed for harsh environments and a warranty to back them up. Titanium upper and lower elements provide superior resistance to lime build-up. Comes with a thermostat capable of delivering water temperature up to 180° F for high temperature applications.
- Contact Keaton Hildreth, member services representative for more information by emailing khildreth@calhounrec.coop or calling 712-297-7112.



Cell Phone Numbers

Cell phones are very common these days. If you have one, please let us know you're number. That way, if we need to contact you and can't reach you by regular phone, we can try your cell phone number. The number you give us will be kept confidential.

Help us find...

Calhoun County REC is holding unclaimed property resulting from a patronage dividend due to the persons listed below. The following people had electric service in 1999 and may claim this property by contacting us at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879. If deceased, we need the name and address of executor or nearest relative. 15C19LA

Name	Last known address	Name	Last known address
Albers, Rafe	Sac City, IA	Lomicka, Bryan	Callender, IA
Buenting, David	Pomeroy, IA	McCreery, Aaron	Omaha, NE
Carroll, John	Lake City, IA	Neitzel, Scott	Durand, WI
Engleson, Mark	Lone Tree, IA	Nelsen, Michael	Lohrville, IA
Goodwin, Hal	Tucson, AZ	Patterson, Michael	Lake City, IA
Greif, Randy	Martelle, IA	Riat, Robert	Manhattan, KS
Heuton, Sherry	Sartell, MN	Schneckloth, Scott	Mason City, IA
Howard, David	Elk Point, SD	Smidt, Richard	Auburn, IA
LeGrand, Kevin	Peru, IL	Sperry, Jim	Ames, IA



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