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CEO Carisch Honored for Service on NCSC Board of Directors

CEO Roxanne Carisch was recognized during the CFC Forum held in June in Indianapolis for her service on the National Cooperative Services Corporation (NCSC) Board of Directors. CEO Carisch was elected to the board in 2012 and served for six years. The NCSC is a privately funded, member-owned cooperative that began operation in 1981 and provides specialized financing services to supplement CFC's services to electric cooperatives. Together, the two organizations provide an extensive array of financial products and services that offer value to our members.



CFC's CEO Sheldon Petersen honors Carisch for her service.



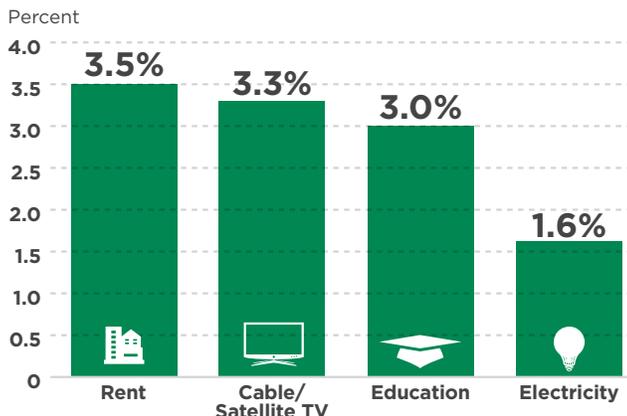
Your REC Annual Meeting! September 12, 2018

Calhoun County Expo Building
in Rockwell City

ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common expenses. Looking at price increases over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value!

Average Annual Price Increase 2012-2017



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Consumer Price Index



Why Membership Matters

You could be a member of a lot of different places – a gym, a 4-H club, a food of the month club – the list goes on and on! But what makes being a member of a co-op different?

The simple answer to that question is that when you are a member of a co-op, you are also an owner. You own a stake in our business, and just like any stakeholder, there are many benefits to your membership. As a member of Calhoun County REC, you have a say in the representatives who are elected to serve on the co-op's board of directors. You have an opportunity to make your voice heard every year at our Annual Meeting. You get a say on policy issues your electric cooperative supports or opposes. You can even help to determine how your profits are redistributed.

Our bottom line is providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. Sure, we have to think about expenses, overhead and other aspects of daily business, but when we have a little left over, we send it right back to you. And returning capital credits to you is a major part of why being a co-op member matters. As your local electric co-op, we get to be a part of this community. When we think about membership, we think about all of the ways we can give back to you, our members – and that's what matters most to us.

Iowa's Electric Cooperatives send 37 Students to D.C. for a Week of Leadership Development

Thirty-seven high school students representing Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives traveled to Washington, D.C., from June 8-14 and joined more than 1,800 other students from across the nation for the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Iowa's electric cooperatives were the first ones to send students to Washington, D.C., back in 1958; this year marks the 60th anniversary of the journey.



Kyle Poen represented Calhoun County REC



“The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students, and we’re proud to send 37 of Iowa’s best and brightest to our nation’s capital this year to participate,” said Chuck Soderberg, Executive Vice President of the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives. “These students gained a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and made connections with other student leaders from across the country that will last a lifetime. We look forward to continuing the Youth Tour tradition for years to come.”

Kyle Poen, who was selected to represent Calhoun County REC, participated in leadership training, engaged in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstarted their national peer network, learned about electric cooperatives, and toured the monuments and museums of Washington, D.C.

Nationally, nearly 50,000 students have participated in this program over the decades. For more information, visit www.youthtour.coop. 13C33DA

Senator Grassley visits Calhoun County REC

Calhoun County REC welcomed Senator Grassley to its headquarters June 1, where he visited with representatives from the cooperative and Calhoun County Economic Development. Grassley’s visit served as part of his annual 99-county town meeting schedule.

Discussion was held on the cooperative’s USDA programs, broadband and renewables. Senator Grassley was able to discuss with linemen how their equipment works and the important safety program Calhoun County REC has in place to keep safety a number one priority at the cooperative.

Earlier in the week, Senator Grassley visited Corn Belt Power where CEO Roxanne Carisch and Administrative Manager/Member Services Representative Keaton Hildreth were present to listen to important aspects of the USDA program and 24/7 energy sources.



Linemen Doug LeMonds (l) and Jared Kuhlert explain safety gear to Senator Grassley.



(l to r) CEO Roxanne Carisch, Exec Dir Economic Development Jill Heisterkamp, Directors Ron Hanson, Terry Finley and LaVerne Arndt, Administrative Mgr/Mbr Serv Rep Keaton Hildreth and Board President Jim Miller review the Cooperative’s solar array with Senator Grassley.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SPICY TORTILLA ROLLUPS

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened | 1 (4 ounce) jar sliced pimento peppers, drained |
| 1 (2 ounce) can chopped black olives | 2 green onions, minced |
| 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chiles | 3 Tbls hot pepper sauce |
| | 3 Tbls chopped fresh cilantro |
| | 10 flour totillas |

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium-size mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, olives, chiles, pimentos, green onions, hot sauce and fresh cilantro. Spread the mixture onto tortillas. Roll the tortillas up and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
2. Slice the roll ups and serve.



Lineman LeMonds Participates in Workshop



IAEC hosted an overhead workshop in May, which was attended by 23 co-op employees including our own 1st Class Lineman Doug LeMonds. The workshop included classroom and hands-on training on various topics including transformers, pole setting, rubber gloving, amp meters and National Weather Service instruction on storm spotting.

Bring this registration slip to the Rural Electric Cooperatives of Iowa (Lot 10S) at the **Farm Progress Show** to register for a chance to win a generator or freezer!

NAME* _____

BUSINESS _____

ADDRESS* _____

CITY* _____ ST* _____ ZIP* _____

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E-MAIL _____

My Electric Cooperative** _____

*Required information.

**Must be a member of a Rural Electric Cooperative in Iowa to win.

The 2018 Farm Progress Show is Aug 28 - Aug 30, at the intersection of Hwy. 30 and Hwy. 17 near Boone, Iowa.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives 

Visit Us at Farm Progress Show

The Farm Progress Show, our nation's leading outdoor farm show, will be back in Boone, Iowa Aug. 28 – 30, and Calhoun County REC wants to see you there. Your Cooperative will be located in the southwest quadrant of the show, at the Rural Electric Cooperatives of Iowa Lot 10S. 23S23HA

Stop by our lot to learn how to be safe around electricity, how to improve energy efficiency, and much more. Members are encouraged to register for prizes and receive a free water and popcorn (while supplies last) and stay for a high-voltage safety demonstration!

The Farm Progress Show features the most extensive state-of-the-art information and technology available for today's agricultural producers. This major agriculture event gives visitors the opportunity to see the latest equipment, seed, crop chemicals, field demonstrations, livestock handling, equine events, rural life programs, entertainment, arts and crafts, and more.

The 2018 show will be located at the Central Iowa Expo at 1827 217th Street, Boone, Iowa. In the coming years, the show will continue to rotate annually between this site and Decatur, Illinois.

SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Doug Hucka spotted his location number. Jeff Schoon and Adam Allen missed missed their opportunity to receive a \$10 electric bill credit.

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. **

Climbing Competency and Basket Rescue

Every year as just one part of your Cooperative's comprehensive safety program all Calhoun County REC linemen review the procedures to rescue a fellow lineman who may have had electrical contact, heat exhaustion, an allergic reaction to a bee sting or heart complication while working on the lines.



Lineman Jared Kuhlert completing his climbing competency.

The following are the procedures our linemen review during this training: The assisting lineman first makes a May Day call to our office to get help coming then proceeds to rescue the victim on the pole by climbing the pole or using an aerial device. He attempts to have the victim on the ground and start administering CPR and first aid within approximately four minutes and continues until Emergency Medical Services arrive. 13C21AA

Calhoun County REC management and employees feel that safety is top priority and will continue to review numerous safety procedures unique to the electric industry.

Power to Your Community

Visit the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa booth to learn more and register to win one of three Instant Pots!

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa

Iowa State Fair

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Economic Development Loan Funds Available



Calhoun County REC has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) available, and we are accepting applications. We will accept and consider applications for loans from the RLF for projects that will significantly benefit rural areas. The RLF is not intended to compete with other public and private lenders but to collaborate with them to provide the financial package necessary to make the project happen.

The RLF seeks to improve the quality of life in rural areas by contributing to the long-term improvement in the economy including job creation and retention; diversification; improving skills of the rural workforce; and upgrading the public infrastructure to improve the health, safety and/or medical care of rural residents.

For more information call Calhoun County REC at 712-297-7112 and ask for CEO Roxanne Carisch.



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