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Making “Cents” Out of Tax Reform Policies

You may have heard or read that the tax reform bill is now law, meaning that as of January 1 the corporate tax rate dropped to 21 percent. This is good news for many businesses. Lawmakers suggested the extra profits – once paid to the federal government in the form of taxes – could now be used for improving products, lowering prices and generally boosting the economy. However, some critics of the new law believe the extra money will line the pockets of shareholders.

Because **Calhoun County REC is a not-for-profit business** entity there is sometimes confusion about whether we pay taxes. The answer is: yes, we pay taxes. We pay property taxes, employee taxes, replacement taxes, and taxes on materials and supplies to name a few. However, we don't pay taxes on business profits, because we are not a profit-based organization. Because electric cooperatives **aren't profit-making corporations**, the new tax bill does not change our tax status. We won't pay any more or any less in taxes based on the electricity we are distributing to our members.

Since our rates are based on the cost of acquiring and delivering electricity, we don't make money on the services we provide. If we receive a cost reduction from our suppliers, those savings are passed along to our member-owners. If we have excess funds – commonly called margins – from providing our member-owners with safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible electricity, **we return those funds to you in the form of capital credits**. Since our inception, operating at cost has been a cornerstone of the cooperative business model.

Youth Tour Opportunity – Apply by March 9th!

Calhoun County REC is offering high school sophomores and juniors the opportunity to be selected for a trip to Washington D.C. June 8-14, 2018. Students must submit an application including a 250-500 word essay explaining how electric cooperatives are different from other electric utilities.



The top three applicants will also participate in a personal interview process. The first place winner will represent Calhoun County REC at the 2018 Iowa Youth Tour and be awarded a \$500 scholarship. Second and third place winners will each receive a \$250 scholarship. This contest is available to students in the local area school districts. For more information contact Keaton Hildreth, khildreth@calhounrec.coop or at the office 712-297-7112. 12C33CA

Enhancements to your Billing Statement

- Facility Charge now based on a daily rate
- Energy charge for each energy block listed
- Easily identify your location number
- Energy usage (kWh) labeled for clarity

We Are Here To Serve You!



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Call the office at 712-297-7112
with any questions.

Economic Development Loans 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 and ask for Lonnie Holder.

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 the year 2000 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last known address</u>
Smidt, Richard	Auburn, IA
Lampe, Eugene	Ft Dodge, IA
McCreery, Aaron	Omaha, NE
Schoeberlein, Roger	Mesa, AZ
Beck, Theresa	Lohrville, IA
Shook, Robert or Elizabeth	Wellsville, NY
American Tower Corp Attn: 87635 (Jolley)	Atlanta, GA

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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

IRISH EGG ROLLS

INGREDIENTS:

4 ounces chopped corned beef
1 cup shredded steamed cabbage
1 cup diced cooked potatoes
1 cup shredded carrot
1/2 cup thinly sliced onion



salt and pepper, to taste
8 (7 inch square) egg roll wrappers
1 1/2 quarts oil for deep frying

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oil in a deep-fryer to 375 degrees F.
In a medium bowl, mix together the shredded corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrot, and onion. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Lay the egg roll wrappers out on a clean dry surface a few at a time. Place about 1/2 cup of the mixture into the center of each wrap. Roll up into logs according to the directions on the package. Wet the edge with water to seal. Fry rolls a few at a time, turning if necessary, for about 5 minutes, or until golden. Remove from hot oil to drain on paper towels. R106

Winter moratorium ends April 2nd

Please take note that the winter moratorium ends April 2, 2018. If your account(s) is past due and you have not made payment arrangements by March 30th, you will be subject to disconnection of your electric service.

To avoid disconnection, you must pay your electric bill in full by April 2nd 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

Stay Back!

Know the difference between types of lines and wires. If you see a downed electric line, be aware that it could be live and dangerous!

Electric Wire

Electric wires are larger and can be easily identified by the three separate twisted wires, one being uniquely silver or uninsulated.

Cable Wire

Cable lines are round and look similar to the coaxial cable that connects to the TV in your home.

Phone Wire

Telephone wires are typically smaller, flat wires.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Time to
spring forward
one hour
March 11th



SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Joe Jacobsen and John Aho spotted their location numbers. Robert Meyer missed his 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. **

Calhoun County REC Joins National Veterans Hiring Initiative

...Serve Our Co-ops; Serve Our Country Promotes Rural Veteran Employment and Empowers Military Families in Their Local Communities

Calhoun County REC joined a nationwide coalition of electric cooperatives to honor and employ veterans, active military and their spouses. The coalition, Serve Our Co-ops; Serve Our Country, provides actionable resources and training to help co-ops attract, hire, onboard, and retain veterans.

“It is an honor to join other co-ops across the country in this important effort to recognize and support our military veterans,” said CEO Roxanne Carisch. “What better way to thank our veterans for their service to our country than to offer them a meaningful job serving our co-op and community?”

Serve Our Co-ops; Serve Our Country was launched in January 2016 by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national service organization that represents America’s electric cooperatives. 16C32GB

Over the next five years, more than one million service members will transition out of the military. Electric co-ops expect to hire more than 20,000 new employees over the same time period. Co-ops look forward to providing veterans, active military and their spouses with employment opportunities featuring competitive salaries, excellent benefit packages, and the satisfaction of knowing that their work will directly benefit their respective communities.

For more information about Serve Our Co-ops; Serve Our Country, please visit www.ServeVets.coop.



America's Cooperatives Working Together to Empower Veterans and Military Spouses

RECare Members helping Members

Calhoun County REC has always extended a helping hand to those needing it. In response to actions by the Iowa General Assembly, your REC has established RECare, a program of members helping members. RECare will provide funds to be distributed by local community action agencies to help pay winter heating bills and to assist in weatherization of homes of low-income consumers. You may make a one-time contribution or a monthly pledge that will be automatically added onto your monthly electric bill. Even a dollar a month pledge will help others.



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RECare Consumer Authorization Form

- I will contribute \$ _____ per month. I understand this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.
- I will make a one-time contribution of \$ _____ to RECare. My check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account Number _____

Return to:

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