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Calhoun County REC Prepares for the Future.....



Hildreth to succeed CEO Carisch following Carisch's retirement in November



The Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of its current Administration Manager/Member Services employee Keaton Hildreth as the individual that will succeed current CEO Roxanne Carisch following her anticipated retirement in November of this year. Keaton has been employed at the Cooperative for the past four years. Keaton has gained valuable experience working under the current CEO, and the Board's early selection of him to succeed Roxanne will allow ample opportunity for further training and development. The Cooperative is pleased to have the opportunity to select an individual that is well-known to the Cooperative, its existing employees, and its members. Keaton grew up in the community and is a Cooperative member. He is therefore very familiar with the area and the issues that are important to the membership. Prior to joining the Cooperative, Keaton was an Agriculture Education Instructor/FFA Advisor and coach in the Spencer Community School District in Spencer, Iowa. Keaton is a graduate of Iowa State University.

Keaton is a resident of Rockwell City, Iowa. He is the President of the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation, a board member of Midwest Iowa Growth Partnership, and serves on committees of the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and Corn Belt Power Cooperative. He is married with two children.

Board Approves Allocation to Members

At the April 19, 2018 Board of Directors meeting, Board members approved allocation of 2017 margins to Cooperative member-owners.

Your share of the allocated margin, called deferred patronage dividends or capital credits, is based on the total dollar amount of your 2017 electric bill with Calhoun County REC.

A message will appear on a future energy bill identifying your 2017 allocation. (This information is only a notice for you and cannot be treated as cash or deducted from your bill.) 9C30DA

Capital Credits – Part of the Cooperative Difference!

Youth Tour Recipient Selected



Kyle Poen has been selected to represent Calhoun County REC as the 2018 Youth Tour delegate to Washington, D.C. Kyle will join other students from across Iowa in visiting our nation's capital June 8–14, 2018. The Youth Tour gives our young people the opportunity to see our government in action and to learn more about rural electric cooperatives. Congratulations Kyle!!

Thank You!

The staff and directors at Calhoun County REC want to thank our member-owners for their patience during the late-winter storm on April 14-15, 2018. The goal at Calhoun County REC is to keep the power on, but sometimes Mother Nature doesn't cooperate. Our Line Crew does their very best to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. During a major storm event, you may receive a busy signal when calling in to report an outage. Please know that we want to take your phone call. When one of our two lines is open, you will speak directly to a Coop representative. *We are here to serve you!*

Pole treatment program continues



Calhoun County REC will soon start its 33rd year of pole testing treatment and replacement program. This summer Ameripole Company will be testing around 1,100 poles for the Cooperative.

Don't be alarmed if someone starts digging around REC poles. By changing out the rotted poles and extending the life of the treated poles we will be able to provide you with even more dependable electric service in the future.

Ameripole will be testing poles in the following Townships: Garfield, Butler, Williams, and Twin Lakes in Calhoun County, Douglas and Cedar in Sac County and Cedar in Pocahontas County. To date, 31,788 poles have been inspected and 1,237 have been replaced.

To appoint nominating committee

Excerpts from bylaws

The following is the process involved in the nomination of Calhoun County REC members for election to the Board of Directors. Two directors will be elected at the 82nd Annual Meeting which will be held on September 12, 2018. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than 40 nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations, consisting of three members from each district from which a director is elected. No members of the Board may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least 30 days before the meeting, a list of those candidates nominated from each district from which a director is to be elected. The committee is encouraged, but not required, to nominate at least two candidates for each director to be elected.

Any fifteen (15) or more members from a district from which a Director is to be elected, acting together, may make other nominations for Director from their district by petition not less than 20 days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.

Two positions on REC Board open for election

Two positions on Calhoun County REC's seven-member Board of Directors will be open for election at the September 12, 2018 annual meeting. This year the three year terms of Ron Hanson (district 2) and Beryl Birkland (district 7) will expire. Both directors are eligible to run for another 3 year term. If you are a member in either district 2 or 7 and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, contact CEO Rox Carisch at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.

Living With Energy Recipe winner from Calhoun County REC

In the March issue of Living with Energy, Monica Wuebker's recipe for Green Beans and Bacon casserole was one of the recipes featured in the magazine and also was the winner of the \$25. Monica will receive a \$25 credit on her next electric bill. Monica's recipe is shown below.

Green Beans and Bacon Casserole

- 1 package bacon, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 bags frozen green beans
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Cook bacon in large skillet. Add chopped onions and stir until onions are translucent. Drain excess fat. Add green beans, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until green beans are heated through.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

EVERYTHING BAGEL MINI MONKEY BREAD



INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 can (16.3 oz) refrigerated Buttermilk biscuits
- ½ cup chive & onion cream cheese spread, from 7.5-oz container
- 1 tablespoon everything bagel seasoning

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350°F. Brush 12 regular-size muffin cups with 1 tablespoon of the melted butter. Separate dough into 8 biscuits. Split each biscuit in half to make 16 biscuit rounds. Cut each biscuit round into 3 triangle-shaped pieces. Press each piece to 2 inches in diameter, and fill with 1/2 teaspoon cream cheese spread. Fold over dough, and gently crimp it around cream cheese to form a ball.

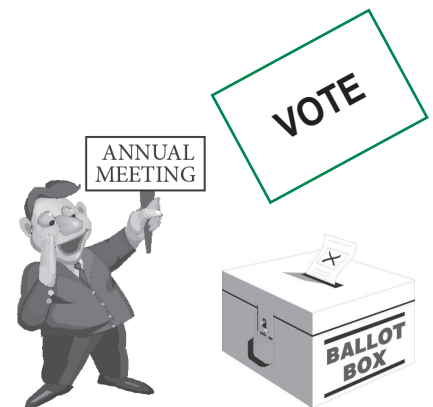
Place 4 balls in each muffin cup; brush generously with remaining 2 tablespoons melted butter. Sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon everything bagel seasoning on top of each mini monkey bread.

Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown on top. Cool 5 minutes.

82nd Annual Meeting

September 12, 2018
Mark your calendar!

Please Note: We will once again host this year's Annual Meeting at the Rockwell City Community Center, located in the City Park at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.



Touchstone Energy Co-op Values

Integrity | Accountability | Innovation | Commitment to Community

Honor Electrical Safety Month

May is Electrical Safety Month, a good time to focus on how to keep safe after a storm.

It's not hard to understand why safety remains a top priority for us. Working around electricity is a life-or-death situation every day for many of your co-op's employees. As a result, we work hard to instill a culture of safety that our folks can take home with them and live 24/7. 16C29KB

Honor Electrical Safety Month by fashioning an emergency action plan for your family today. Learn more about weathering storms safely at www.beready.iowa.gov.

Memorial Day May 28th

The Calhoun County REC will be closed to observe Memorial Day and to remember those who served

For outages and emergencies only, call 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.

SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Robert Burley and Matt Dischler spotted their location numbers. Eric Wedemeyer 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. **

When the lights go out, so do we!

What happens when an outage occurs?

Every report helps Calhoun County REC know how large an area an outage covers and allows diagnostic protocols to begin. This also starts the process of dispatching a crew to a location to begin repairs to damaged equipment and get the power back on as quickly as possible.

Why are my neighbor's lights on, but I am in the dark?

Your home may be on a different Distribution line than your neighbor. To handle the load, residences are powered by different lines, substations, and electric poles.

Why aren't you coming to my residence first?

During a large outage, we do follow a protocol for restoring power quickly and safely. We restore our life support and critical loads first within the outage area. Then transmission lines that carry electricity from generation stations are next on the list followed by:

1. **Substations** where high-voltage power from a transmission line is reduced for member usage.
2. **Distribution lines** that carry electricity from substations to each household or distribution hubs.
3. **Tap lines** that serve direct homes and businesses.
4. **Individual lines** to members. These are the most challenging and time-consuming in the restoration process. Above all, our crew's safety is our first priority, **Calhoun County REC will stop linemen from proceeding to restore power during severe lightning, if a fire is in progress, or a gas leak is present.** Once the situation is deemed safe, our crews will then proceed to restore the outage.

What causes an outage?

- * Weather-lightning, tornado, ice and wind
- * Animals and trees making contact with wires can cause an outage.
- * Other events like digging, construction or automobile accidents can cause damage to power poles or lines.
- * Farm-related accidents can also cause outages.
- * Equipment failure can also be a reason for an outage. 04C02GA
- * An overload may also cause equipment to fail. We typically see these problems on extremely hot, or high peak days, during the months of May through September.

How long does it take to restore power?

On average it takes about 45 minutes to repair a transformer, and an average of four hours to replace power poles (depending on the type of pole). Smaller single phase poles take less time to repair than larger three phase poles. Outages vary depending on the season and can last a few seconds or minutes, to hours. Power can also be out for days when the situation is severe. **Our crews are often out in dangerous weather conditions to restore power to your home as quickly, efficiently and safely as possible.**

How do we prevent outages?

While we cannot control weather or all circumstances, we can work to limit power outages by:

- * Maintaining our equipment during planned outages
- * Tree trimming to limit line damage
- * Investing in new equipment and technology
- * Employee training



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