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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Board Approves Special Capital Credit Payment

Look for a credit on your statement this month!

Being a member of a not-for-profit electric cooperative has many benefits. This month, we are excited to exercise one of those benefits through a special capital credit payment. If you were a member of Calhoun County REC in 2019, you will be receiving a bill credit for your portion of this special cash disbursement, based on your 2019 electric usage, also known as patronage. The total amount of cash returned to our members will be **\$122,158!**

Calhoun County REC is a member of Corn Belt Power Cooperative, based in Humboldt, Iowa. Corn Belt provides Calhoun County REC with all our wholesale power needs. In March of 2020, Corn Belt retired a portion of their 2019 margins back to its membership, in the form of cash. Because of the financial health of your local cooperative, your Board of Directors approved crediting the cash received, back to you as members. Essentially, we're passing the profits on to you, the member-consumer. 09C36EA

Because of the current COVID-19 situation, individuals and families are feeling increased economic pressure, including many of our own member-consumers. Considering this, the Board and management placed a high priority on returning this cash quickly to you, the member-consumer, as way to help lighten the load. That's part of the cooperative difference!



CEO Keaton
Hildreth

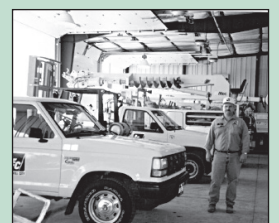
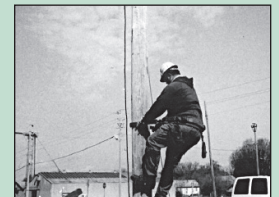
Terwilliger Retiring After 41 Years

Mike Terwilliger began his employment with Calhoun County REC on April 23, 1979, as a lineman. He was then promoted to Line Superintendent in 1995. His last day will be May 18. He looks forward to spending time with family and going on fishing trips during retirement. Thanks to Mike for his 41 years of service and dedication to the cooperative. We wish him the very best in retirement. Congratulations, Mike!

Bret McAlister, current Line Foreman, will begin Line Superintendent duties in May.



Mike Terwilliger



Three Positions on REC Board Open for Election

Three positions on Calhoun County REC's seven-member Board of Directors will be open for election at the September 2, 2020 annual meeting. This year the three year terms of Jim Miller (District 1), Jason McKenney (District 3) and Steve Boedecker (District 5), will expire. All three directors are eligible to run for another 3 year term. If you are a member in either District 1, 3 or 5 and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, contact CEO Keaton Hildreth at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.



Youth Tour Recipient Selected

Corey Hicks has been selected to represent Calhoun County REC as the 2020 Youth Tour delegate to Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, NRECA has had to cancel the 2020 Youth Tour event due to COVID-19. Corey will have the opportunity to join other students from across Iowa and the nation in 2021. 03C03GA

Plant Safely

Planting season is a draining time for farmers, and in the rush, your focus on safety can fade to the background. Before beginning work in a field, take time to note the location of power lines and equipment. Remember to lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads. Stay focused on the location of the tractor and its equipment while in the field. Consider using a spotter to alert you if you come close to making contact. Your machinery does not have to touch electrical lines for electrocution to occur, so keep at least 10 feet of space between machinery and overhead lines. Assume that all lines are energized, and if you come across a downed pole or wire, never attempt to move it yourself. If your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911. Warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power. Never try to disentangle equipment. The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire. If this happens, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and vehicle at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

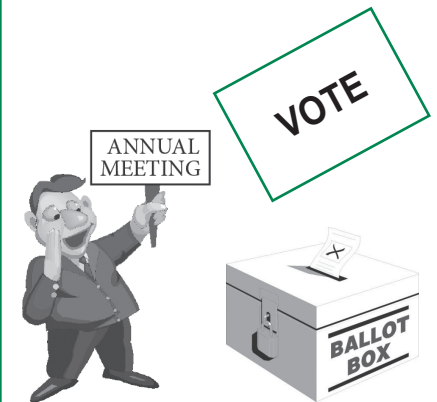


Safety message from Iowa's electric cooperatives

84th Annual Meeting

September 2, 2020
Mark your calendar!

Please Note: The Annual Meeting will be held at the Calhoun County Expo Building, located in the City Park at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SIZZLIN' CHIPOTLE CHEDDAR BURGER

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/4 cup chopped red onions
- 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced, divided
- 1/2 cup spicy honey barbecue sauce
- 4 hamburger buns
- 4 slices of sharp cheddar cheese slices
- Lettuce
- Tomatoes

DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat grill to medium heat.
2. Mix meat, onions and half the peppers just until blended; shape into 4 patties. Stir remaining peppers into barbecue sauce. Brush half the sauce mixture evenly onto cut sides of buns.
3. Grill patties 8 minutes and flip. Brush with remaining barbecue sauce. Grill 4 minutes or until burgers are done. Top burgers with cheese.
4. Add lettuce and tomatoes.



From our moms to you...

Happy Mother's Day!!



Lori Morse, Billing Supervisor



*Kayla Wiederin,
Communications Manager*

Hanson Receives BLC Status

Director Obtains National Recognition Certificate: Director Ron Hanson from Calhoun County REC recently received the Board Leadership certificate from the National Rural Electrical Cooperative Association (NRECA). An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demand on electric cooperative directors, requiring increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. Calhoun County REC has a commitment to work through IAEC and NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative consumer-owners. The NRECA Board Leadership Certificate recognizes individuals who continue their professional development after becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD). Directors who have attained the BLC have completed 10 credits in advanced, issues-oriented courses. 15C33AA



Ron Hanson

Memorial Day May 25th

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

Laurena Jackson and Michelle Blair spotted their numbers and will receive a **\$10** electric bill credit. Louie Van Drie 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 the Calhoun County REC by the 15th of the month to receive a **\$10** credit on your electric bill.

** Your location
number is listed
on your billing
statement. **

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When the weather is nice, put your grill to use! During summer months, cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat from cooking indoors.



RECare Members helping Members

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, individuals and families are feeling increased economic pressure, including many of our own member-consumers. Please consider donating to the RECare program.

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.



Touchstone Energy®
Cooperatives

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 _____

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