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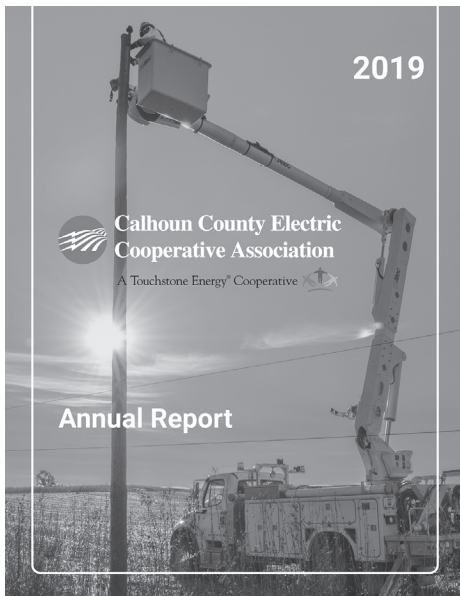
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Annual Meeting of the Members in Review

The 84th Annual Meeting of the Members of Calhoun County REC was held virtually on September 2, 2020. Typically, the annual event gathers around 200 in attendance. This year, circumstances spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic led Calhoun County REC to move the meeting to a virtual platform.

The meeting was held at 10 AM and was video recorded. Members can watch the recording by visiting the News and Events section of www.calhounrec.coop. A copy of the 2019 Annual Report can also be viewed at this link.



One of the primary pieces of the Annual Meeting is the Board elections. This year, members could only vote by mail-in ballot. Each member in the districts up for election were mailed a ballot.

Jim Miller (District 1), Jason McKenney (District 3), and Steve Boedecker (District 5) were all re-elected to serve another three-year term on the Board of Directors.

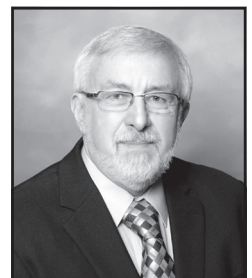
Thank you to all members who participated in this democratic process of your annual meeting!



Jim Miller

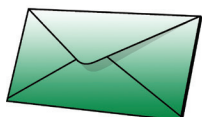


Jason McKenney



Steve Boedecker

Calhoun County REC wants your help



In the coming weeks, Calhoun County REC will conduct a member survey. The survey will be sent to each residential member via e-mail and/or regular mail.

As a member-owner of Calhoun County REC, you have a voice in our cooperative. The information you provide by completing this survey will help us better communicate with you. The survey also assists Calhoun

County REC and our power supplier with long-range electrical system planning.

Neither the Calhoun County REC or the survey vendor, Inside Information, will ask for credit card information or sell or share your private information. They will provide us with the survey results, and we will evaluate the information that is gathered to help improve our service and communication to you.

Each Calhoun County REC member-owner who completes the survey will be put into a drawing to receive a \$200 electric credit. Your response is an important component as we plan for the future and strive to keep your rates lower; thank you in advance for taking the time to complete a survey. 12C34GA



Power On: October is National Co-op Month

As an electric cooperative, our top priority is always to provide reliable, affordable energy to you, the consumer-members we serve. Because we are a co-op, our mission is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of our local community—and this mission has never been more critical than in recent months. One of the seven principles that guides all co-ops is “concern for community.” This principle is the essential DNA of Calhoun County REC and it sets us apart from other electric utilities.

October is National Co-op Month, and electric cooperatives across the country are highlighting the many ways we “Power On.” Keeping this theme in mind, let’s recognize the essential role we play in serving a special community like ours.

Who would have fathomed in March, that the COVID-19 virus would amount to a test of our community and our nation? The changing circumstances due to the pandemic have created both challenges and opportunities. Over the past several months, we’ve all been challenged to operate differently, and Calhoun County REC has stepped up to help our members and strengthen the safety net for our more vulnerable neighbors.

As an essential service, and to ensure reliability of your power supply, we modified our operations to safeguard business continuity. Our line crews and other

employees began practicing social distancing to maintain separation. Some staff worked remotely. In the office, we limited and modified meetings and gatherings to allow for safe separation. We also adjusted our walk-in office availability and in-person service calls to ensure the health and safety of our employees and our valued members. In addition, we held our annual meeting virtually. For the health and safety of everyone, we think these measures were the prudent course of action for the times.

For our members impacted by COVID-19 who needed help with their electric bills, we waived late fees and worked with those hardest hit to make special payment arrangements. We also offered payment assistance through our RECare program, a fund made possible through your kind donations.

We’ve seen other local businesses rising to meet similar challenges during this time, because that’s what communities do. While the challenges caused by COVID-19 have been daunting, we are heartened to see how everyone is pulling together.

Calhoun County REC is built by our community to serve our community, and that’s what we’ll continue to do – Power On.



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Rain or shine,
day or night,
we're here for you.

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Co-op Month.**

#PowerOn



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CARAMEL APPLE SHEET CAKE

INGREDIENTS - CAKE

2 cups of all purpose flour	1 cup of water
1 cup of sugar	1/2 cup of buttermilk
1 cup of brown sugar	2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 tsp of baking soda	1 tsp of vanilla
1/4 tsp of salt	2 cups of chopped apples
1 tsp of ground cinnamon	
2 sticks of unsalted butter, cut in pieces	



INGREDIENTS - CARAMEL FROSTING

1/2 cup of half and half or heavy cream	1 cup of brown sugar
6 TB of butter	1 tsp of vanilla
	2 cups of powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Cake:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray and flour a 9x13 pan. Whisk together the flour, sugars, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside. Put the butter and water in a large heavy bottom saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk or stir in the flour. Then mix in the buttermilk, eggs, and vanilla stirring just until blended, don't overmix. Fold in the apples and turn the batter into your pan, spreading out evenly. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until the top springs back when lightly touched and a toothpick comes out without wet batter on it. TL190

Frosting:

Note: Wait until the cake has cooled for at least 20 minutes before making the frosting. To make the frosting, heat the half and half, butter, and brown sugar in a saucepan until it comes to a boil. Take off the heat and beat in the vanilla and powdered sugar. Quickly spread over the cake, the frosting will set up quickly at this point.



SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Lauri McIntire and Janet Dougherty spotted their numbers and will receive a **\$10** electric bill credit.

Hanford Voyles 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. **

Take advantage of LIHEAP if you need help with heating bills

The 2020-2021 Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating cost for the winter heating season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel and type of housing.

If you are not sure where to apply, please visit <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/shere-apply> to contact your local community action agency, Dial 2-1-1, or write to:

**LIHEAP, Iowa Dept. of Human Rights
Capital Complex
Des Moines, IA 50319**

Where to apply for temporary financial assistance:

Calhoun County Dept. of Human Resources 515 Court St. Rockwell City, IA 50579	Calhoun County Opportunities Family Development Center 412 5th St. Rockwell City IA 50579
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WHEN TO APPLY

- Seniors (60 & over) and /or disabled, October 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. 13C22FA
- All other households: November 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

WHAT TO TAKE:

- Proof of income (for all household members age 19 and over). Check stubs from the previous 30 days, award letter from Social Security, or 2019 tax return.
- Social Security numbers for all household members. (documentation required)
- Recent heat and electric bills.

WAGE EARNERS

Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your federal income tax return.

FIXED INCOME

This income may include: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Family Investment Program, Veteran's Assistance, Unemployment insurance and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS

Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIP RECIPIENTS

Please bring your current DHS Notice of Decision or contact your local office for acceptable document information.

*If you receive alimony or child support,
it will also need to be verified.*

Income Maximums

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$22,330
2	\$30,170
3	\$38,010
4	\$45,850
5	\$53,690
6	\$61,530
7	\$69,370
8	\$77,210

For family units with more than eight members, add \$7,840 for each additional member.

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