

## 4-H Achievements Honored

At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, we are very interested in our youth who strive to achieve high standards in integrity, accountability, innovation, and show a commitment to their community. Our Cooperative values and principles align with the values of 4-H. We are happy to support and recognize the top 4-H members again this year.

Administrative Assistant and Communications Specialist, Menley Cates, had the privilege to award the 2024 Top 4-H Senior award to Richard Saxton, the 2024 Top 4-H Intermediate award to Makinlee Hingeley, and the 2024 Top 4-H Junior award to Peyton Johnson. All three individuals were recognized with a certificate and \$50 from CCECA at their club's monthly meeting.



**2024 Top 4-H Intermediate, Makinlee Hingeley** - Makinlee is a member of the Jackson Pioneers 4-H club and was recognized on March 16, 2025, at the monthly club meeting.



**2024 Top 4-H Senior, Richard Saxton** - Richard is a member of the Calhoun County Hot Shots 4-H club and was recognized on February 20, 2025, at the monthly club meeting.



**2024 Top 4-H Junior, Peyton Johnson** - Peyton is a member of the Logan Larks 4-H club and was recognized on March 9, 2025, at the monthly club meeting.

## Pole Testing Begins

The pole testing treatment and replacement program will soon begin. This spring Star Energy Services will be testing around 1,800 poles for the Cooperative.



Don't be alarmed if someone starts digging around CCECA's 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.

Star Energy Services will be testing poles in the following four townships: Butler, Williams, Sherman, and Garfield. Since 2003, 27,124 poles have been inspected and 419 have been replaced.

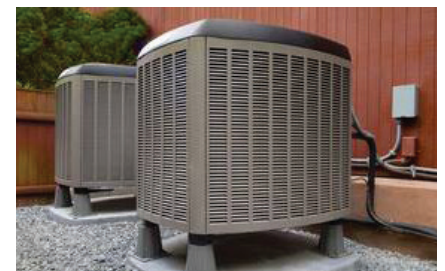


## Electric Heat Rate Switches to Summer Season



Provided by: Richard Hall – Manager of Member Services & IT

The Electric Heat Rate season ends with energy used through April 30th. The rate will adjust from \$0.053/kWh to \$0.095/kWh, as usual. The reduced rate for electric heat will return October 1st. If you have questions about the Electric Heating Rate or are thinking about installing electric heat, contact our Manager of Member Services & IT, Richard Hall for qualifications and available rebates.





# Lineman Appreciation Day – April 18, 2025

When people flip a light switch, they may not give much thought to why or how the light comes on.

Electric linemen provide an essential service: They work hard to install and maintain overhead and underground power lines that keep electricity flowing. These specialized workers are on call 24/7 in case severe storms or other circumstances cause the power to go out.

Linemen work with high-voltage electricity, often at great heights, in all kinds of weather conditions, such as snow, wind, rain, ice and extreme heat and cold. The work required to maintain the power grid is physically demanding. To become proficient, most linemen go through a technical training program and first learn on

the job as apprentices under the careful eye of seasoned linemen who have earned journeyman status.

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative has six linemen that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain nearly 1,700 electric services across almost 760 miles of power lines within our service territory, spanning 5 counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks linemen perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire.

We thank our linemen who work around the clock to keep the power on. Their safety, as well as yours, is our top priority.



*L to R: Jared Kuhlers, Doug LeMonds, Ben Wiederin, Reid Galloway, Chad Krukow, Bret McAlister*

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



If you suspect you're dealing with a utility scam, it's crucial to slow down and take your time before taking any action. Scammers will often pressure you to make quick decisions or immediate payments. Instead, take the time to verify the legitimacy of the communication by contacting your utility directly. Use a phone number from a reliable source, such as your bill or the utility's website. Taking this simple step can help protect you from falling victim to utility scams.

*Source: Utilities United Against Scams*



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



# Iowa-Based Electric Cooperatives Hold 2025 Momentum Is Building Conference

Iowa's electric cooperatives hosted the 32nd annual Momentum is Building Conference on February 20-21, 2025, at The Sheraton West Des Moines. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Manager of Member Services & It, Richard Hall, attended this years' conference. The event drew more than 165 contractors and construction trades professionals from across the state.

The conference provided attendees with continuing education credits in Iowa's plumbing/mechanical, HVAC, and electrical codes. Participants had valuable opportunities to network with industry peers, learn from leading experts in energy efficiency and building trades, and gain insights into current energy regulations and incentives.

Sponsored by the Iowa Cooperatives for Energy Efficiency (ICEE), this annual conference serves as a beneficial link between Iowa's construction industry and the services provided by local electric cooperatives,



which collectively serve nearly 650,000 Iowans throughout all 99 counties.

Momentum is Building continues to deliver up-to-date building science information, practical hands-on details, and new technology displays specifically designed for building trades professionals, including homebuilders, electricians, and heating-plumbing contractors. Rural electric cooperative personnel from across Iowa joined their local contractors at the conference.

## Unclaimed Patronage – Help us find them!

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative needs your help! Our Cooperative is holding unclaimed property resulting from patronage dividends. Below is a list of persons we are looking to locate. Those listed below may claim their property by contacting us at 712-297-7112. If a name is recognized but the person is now deceased, we need the name and address of the executor or nearest relative so we may contact them about this dividend. Thank you for your help!

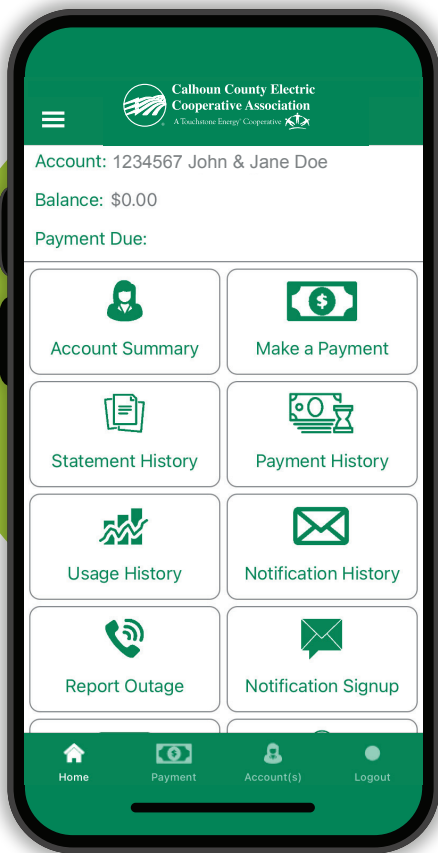
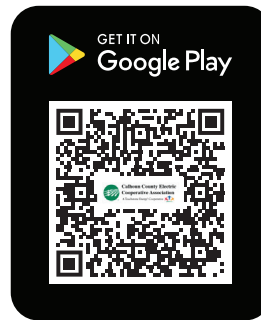
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Calek , Genev	Holstein, IA	James Oil Company	Altoona, IA	Shaffer , Lucas	Fort Dodge, IA
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Dytri , Bryn J	Surprise, AZ	Kuker , Jacob	Arcadia, IA	Westcott , Jill	Lohrville, IA
Eggenberger , Stephen	Somers, IA	LeGrand , Kevin	Peru, IL	White , Scott & Lynn	Indianola, IA
Everhard , Jan M	Albert City, IA	Lh Ag Investments, Inc	Lagrange Park, IL	Wilson , Adam	Lake City, IA
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## April Member Challenge

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize.

**Send your answer to [member\\_challenge@calhounrec.coop](mailto:member_challenge@calhounrec.coop), clip and mail to:**

**Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 312, Rockwell City, IA 50579 or submit on our website: [www.calhounrec.coop/member-challenge-submission](http://www.calhounrec.coop/member-challenge-submission).** You may mail your entry along with your electric bill payment, but remember there is a deadline!

Entries for this issue **must be received by May 1st**. Three names will be drawn from all correct entries. Members will receive a **\$10 credit** on their account. Members who answer the questions correctly and participate at least 4 times throughout the year, will be eligible for a \$100 Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Pre-Paid Debit card, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

### Congratulations February winners:

Scott & Carla Pitstick,

Marjorie Alliger, & Doyle Lott

1. Our Cooperative values and principles align with the values of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. CCECA linemen maintain nearly 1,700 electric services across almost \_\_\_\_\_ miles of power lines within our service territory, spanning 5 counties.
3. The Calhoun County Electric Cooperative mobile app includes features such as outage reporting, \_\_\_\_\_, notifications, and usage history.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



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