

## BASIN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LOCAL STUDENTS



### \$1,500 AWARDED TO THE TOP APPLICANT

Congratulations to Sophia Wuebker, a senior at South Central Calhoun High School for being chosen as Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's \$1,500 Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship recipient.

Wuebker plans to attend the University of South Dakota to double major in Media & Marketing and Nursing. Sophia is looking forward to a career where she can utilize her knowledge in both media and healthcare to support rural communities.

Sophia has been very active in various school activities and community organizations, including owning a photography business. She is the daughter of Kent and Pearl Wuebker of rural Rockwell City. Congratulations, Sophia!

### \$1,000 AWARDED TO THE RUNNER-UP

Congratulations to Mya Ridgely, a senior at South Central Calhoun High School for being chosen as Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship recipient.

Ridgely plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Mya is looking forward to returning to rural Iowa to pursue a career taking care of the community she was raised in.

Mya has been very active in various school activities and community organizations, including owning a horse-drawn carriage business. She is the daughter of Cory and Jamie Ridgely of rural Rockwell City. Congratulations, Mya!



Basin Electric Power Cooperative is a consumer-owned, regional generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative providing wholesale power to member rural electric systems in nine states. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association is a Class C member of Basin.

## CCECA TAKES PART IN ADULTING 101

On March 2, 2026, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative employees Curt Batta and Menley Hildreth participated in the Adulting 101 event hosted by the Rockwell City Rotary Club. The event took place at the South Central Calhoun High School with sophomore students.

Adulting 101 allows local businesses to share valuable information and advice with students to help prepare them for real-world responsibilities.

Students engaged in conversation with community members as they rotated through different sessions. The sessions included topics such as financial responsibility, career

preparation, and everyday life skills.

CCECA is proud to support programs that help prepare local students for success. Investing in the next generation is an important part of our commitment to community. We appreciate the Rockwell City Rotary Club for organizing the program.



## ELECTRIC HEAT RATE SWITCHES TO SUMMER SEASON

PROVIDED BY: CURT BATTA



The Electric Heat Rate season ends with energy used through April 30, 2026. The rate will adjust from \$0.0594/kWh to \$0.0894/kWh. The reduced rate for electric heat will return October 1, 2026. If you have questions about the Electric Heating Rate or are thinking about installing electric heat, contact our Energy Services Manager, Curt Batta for qualifications and available rebates.

# PLANNING FOR GROWING ENERGY DEMAND WHILE PROTECTING MEMBERS

BY KEATON HILDRETH



Across the country, electricity demand is rising as new industries and technologies grow. Large energy consumers like data centers and

advanced manufacturing plants need substantial power, which has raised concerns about how these increasing demands could affect electricity prices for households.

Recently, national leaders and major technology companies launched the Ratepayer Protection Pledge, which encourages large new energy users to pay for the costs of generation and infrastructure they require. The aim is to prevent these costs from being passed on to residential and small business customers.

## Planning ahead for large energy users

For electric cooperatives, this idea is not new. In fact, the power providers that serve Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) — Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) and Corn Belt Power Cooperative — have been planning for increased demand for several years.

Basin Electric has created a Large Load Program that ensures large facilities such as data centers or manufacturing plants cover the costs of the power and infrastructure they use. This policy helps keep electricity affordable for existing cooperative members while supporting responsible economic growth when it makes sense for the region.

## Managing growth responsibly

As new industries continue to grow, electricity demand across the country is expected to increase at levels not seen in decades. While these developments can create economic opportunities, they must be managed carefully to ensure current members are not unfairly affected.

## Powering Growth Responsibly

Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Large Load Commercial Program Keeps Rates Stable and Communities Strong



Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association  
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### MINIMIZES RATE IMPACTS

Insulates existing members from paying for the cost and risks of serving new, non-traditional large loads such as data centers.

### SHARED OPPORTUNITY

Strengthens local economies and all members share in member growth, cost savings, and returns.

### COOPERATIVE STRENGTH

### SAFEGUARDS FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Reduces risk of stranded assets, protects Basin Electric's credit rating, and supports responsible capital investment.

### ENABLES FLEXIBILITY

Creates a clear process that supports system growth while prioritizing member interests.



By working together to manage growth responsibly, Basin Electric ensures reliable, affordable power for all members today and for generations to come.

Electric cooperatives also help sustain Iowa's designated electric service territories. These areas ensure dependable service, prevent redundant infrastructure, and promote fairness for rural customers.

## Looking ahead

CCECA will continue working closely with our G&T partners to plan for the future of energy in a way that prioritizes the interests of our members. Programs like Basin Electric's

Large Load Program demonstrate that cooperatives are already taking proactive steps to manage new demand while protecting affordability.

At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association, our main goal remains the same as always — providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to our member-owners. We are dedicated to managing growth responsibly while protecting the members we serve.

*Keaton Hildreth is the CEO of CCECA.*



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BEN WIEDERIN

# NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY



April 18th marks National Lineman Appreciation Day, a time to recognize the dedicated individuals who work behind the scenes to keep electricity flowing to our homes, farms, and businesses. At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, our linemen play a vital role in providing reliable power to the members we serve.

Linemen perform one of the most demanding jobs in the utility industry. They work high above the ground, in challenging conditions, and often during severe weather. When storms cause outages, they are the first to respond, working long hours to safely restore power as quickly as possible. Throughout the year, our linemen also maintain and

improve our electric system by replacing poles, upgrading lines, and performing routine maintenance to ensure dependable service.

What makes our linemen even more special is their connection to the communities they serve. They are neighbors, friends, and fellow community members who take pride in providing an essential service that keeps our local economy and daily lives running smoothly.

This April, we invite our members-owners to join us in thanking the hardworking linemen of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative. Their skill, dedication, and commitment to safety make a difference every day, and we are proud to recognize them for the vital work they do.

## CCECA HAS 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!

LAST, FIRST NAME	ADDRESS ON FILE	LAST, FIRST NAME	ADDRESS ON FILE	LAST, FIRST NAME	ADDRESS ON FILE
Alexander, Dennis L	Reno, NV	Graham, Joleen	Rockwell City, IA	Olson, Josephine	Lake City, IA
Anderson, Angie	Pomeroy, IA	Hamilton, Mary	Dallas, TX	Ortner, Matthew	Auburn, IA
Anderson, Martha R	San Francisco, CA	Hanssen, Michael D	Pomeroy, IA	Paulson, Eric	Indianapolis, IN
Beamer, John E	Clive, IA	Holly, Peter J	Rockwell, TX	Peterson, Alan	Lenox, IA
Beck, Theresa	Eagle Grove, IA	Honor, James R	Fonda, IA	R.W. Swine Mgmt, Inc	Plano, TX
Berner, Melvin	Rockwell City, IA	James Oil Company	Altoona, IA	Randolph, Michael	Wilderville, OR
Berning, Jason	Sterling, IL	Janvrin, James	Knoxville, TN	Saint Vincent, Kim	Rockwell City, IA
Blaas, Neal	Lewis Center, OH	Jeffreys, Amy	Amarillo, TX	Smith, Nile J	Chariton, IA
Blanchard, Steven	Wellington, CO	Johnson, Jeff	Fort Dodge, IA	Spangler, Jerry	Eagle Grove, IA
Broer, Margaret	San Diego, CA	Johnson, Matthew	Gowrie, IA	Sponheim, Josh	Columbus Junction, IA
Bullock, Eric	Madison, WI	Johnson, Melva	Scottsdale, AZ	Steadman, Cassie	Newell, IA
Calek, Genev	Holstein, IA	Kent, Jeremie	Auburn, IA	Stringer, David	Fort Dodge, IA
Calhoon, C Robert	Lohrville, IA	Kraft, Richard	Rockwell City, IA	Taylor, Glen	Spencer, IA
Carroll, Patricia	Miamisburg, OH	Krepela, Barbara K.	Norfolk, NE	Thompson, Matt & Melissa	Sealy, TX
Christiansen, Harold	Manson, IA	Kuker, Jacob	Arcada, IA	Van Middlesworth, Randall	Goodfield, IL
Crawford, Scott	Lake City, IA	Lentz, Cassie	Farnhamville, IA	Warehime, Wendy	Gowrie, IA
Daniel, Afton	Sac City, IA	Lh Ag Investments, Inc	Lagrange Park, IL	Welch's Clearview Acres	Fort Dodge, IA
Dytri, Bryn J	Surprise, AZ	Meyer, Grant	Sac City, IA	Wendt, Michelle	Rockwell City, IA
Eggenberger, Stephen	Somers, IA	Meyer, Pamela	Scranton, IA	Ziegler, Scott & Susan	Lake City, IA
Everhard, Jan M	Albert City, IA	Miller, Pat J	Rockwell City, IA	Zinnel, Mark	Manson, IA
Fechter, Rodney	Carroll, IA	Nelson, Kevin & Liz	Elk Horn, IA	Zygutis, Larry & Catherine	Gowrie, IA
Fischer, Robert	Pineville, MO	Nemechek, Dan	Farnhamville, IA		

# Energy Trail Tour 2026

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association and Corn Belt Power Cooperative invite you to join us for one of two Energy Trail Tours being offered this summer. This 3-day adventure will allow you to experience,

first-hand, how your power providers convert energy from water, wind, and coal into electricity. View coal being mined and see how those mines are then returned to productive farm and native grass lands. Enjoy interactive walking tours through a hydroelectric and coal-fired energy generation facility and other stops along the way. Meet other cooperative member-owners while traveling together across the Dakotas on-board a motor-coach bound for the North Dakota's Energy Loop. Two lucky couples from Calhoun County Electric will be selected at random from those who sign up.



YES, please enter our names in the drawing for the trip.

Our first and second choice of dates:

June 24-26    1st   2nd (please circle)  
July 15-17    1st   2nd

I/we  have  have not participated in this tour in the past.

First Person \_\_\_\_\_

Second Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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 [memberchallenge@calhounrec.coop](mailto:memberchallenge@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:**  
**Brad Assman, Nick Spencer,**  
**and Dean Holtorf**

1. The Electric Heat Rate season ends with energy used through April \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.
2. Shared opportunity strengthens local \_\_\_\_\_ and all members share in member growth, cost savings, and returns.
3. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is holding \_\_\_\_\_ property resulting from patronage dividends.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** Call the office and make a payment over the phone with a card or checking account.

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**U.S. Postal Mail**

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