

## MANAGER'S REPORT

### Board Approves \$164,844.96 Capital Credit Retirement

I'm pleased to report that the Board of Directors has approved a significant capital credit retirement to the members again this year. The total amount returned to members will be \$164,844.96. These funds will be distributed to current members in the form of a bill credit this month. Please check out your statement to view your individual bill credit.



Keaton Hildreth, CEO

#### What are Capital Credits?

One of the benefits of being a member-owner of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) is you share in the net income or margins of the Cooperative. Following the closing of the Cooperative's books each year, the margins are allocated to the members based on the dollar amount of electricity they have purchased during the year. These allocations are referred to as capital credits and represent members' equity in CCECA.

#### How long does the Cooperative hold the Capital Credits that have been allocated to members?

Capital credits are retained by the Cooperative for a period of years and enable the cooperative to finance construction projects and fulfil other operating expenditures. We are currently using a combination of "First In, First Out" (FIFO) and "Last In, Last Out" (LIFO) methods. This provides the opportunity for both our long time and our newer members to see the benefits of being a member of the Cooperative. The retirement this year will return 100% of the allocation from 2008 and a portion of what was allocated for 2024.

#### How will I receive my Capital Credits?

We will continue distributing the capital credit retirement as a bill credit for current members. This has reduced administrative costs like printing and mailing physical checks. Paper and postage continue to go up significantly, so this saves members money. A credit will be applied to members' July 2025 electric bill, issued in August. Past members who are no longer receiving service from CCECA will be issued a check.



#### How much has the Cooperative returned to the members in Capital Credits?


With this year's retirement of \$164,844.96, the total amount returned to the members over the past 89 years is over \$3.6 million! We believe this is a true demonstration of what being a member of a Cooperative is all about.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

You are hereby notified that the 89th Annual Meeting of the Members of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association will be held at the **Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association Headquarters in Rockwell City, Iowa** beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with a short, business meeting to follow on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, to take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors and committees;
2. The election of two (2) directors of the Cooperative for a term of three years each;
3. All other business, which may legally come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

This is your official notice. More information will arrive in the annual report in mid-August.

  
Jason McKenney, Secretary

# POWERFUL PAST, FUTURE-FOCUSED



Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association  
**Member Appreciation Event/Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 10**  
**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Office, Rockwell City  
Short business meeting at 6:30 PM for those interested.

**Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of fun featuring a meal, games, gifts, and more!**

## Find us at the fair!

### August 7, 2025 - August 17, 2025

Stop by and see us at the Iowa State Fair!

Visit our booth in the 4-H Exhibits Building. We'll hand out plastic hard hats and suckers for kids (while supplies last). Stop by our co-op safety selfie station!




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CCECA Admin. Assistant & Communications Specialist, Menley Cates, and CCECA Member Account Manager, Rachel Sedlacek, will be at the Iowa State Fair on August 12th in the afternoon. Come say hello!

## \$1,500 Donated to the Calhoun County Exposition

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association is proud to provide a donation of \$1,500 to the Calhoun County Expo in support of the 2025 Calhoun County fair. This donation reflects our continued support for local events that bring our community together and showcase the hard work, talent, and dedication of individuals throughout Calhoun County.

Administrative Assistant/Communications Specialist, Menley Cates, was joined by Fairboard President, Ricole Potts, to accept the donation. This donation was made possible by partnering with Corn Belt Power Cooperative and Basin Electric Power Cooperative to receive matching donations. At CCECA, we value the opportunity to help make our local county fair a successful and enjoyable experience for all who attend and participate.



Journeymen Linemen Chad Krukow and Ben Wiederin, along with their children, participated in the 2025 Calhoun County Expo parade held in Rockwell City on July 8, 2025. Their involvement highlights Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association's ongoing commitment to the communities we serve!

**CCECA NEWS**



Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association Administrative Assistant/Communications Specialist, Menley Cates, joined the Calhoun County Exposition on Saturday, July 12 to hand out ice cream sandwiches and popsicles.





## LOCAL TEEN ATTENDS YOUTH TOUR PROGRAM

Lillie Spencer of Rockwell City recently participated in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour of Washington, D.C., sponsored by Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association. She traveled to Washington, D.C., in mid-June with 34 other student leaders from Iowa.

Every summer, this weeklong leadership development program provides high school students opportunities to learn about government, the electric cooperative business model and today's pressing issues in the energy industry. Students meet their elected officials, tour historic sites and run their very own snack cooperative.

The annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has been a joint effort of locally owned electric cooperatives, including CCECA, statewide trade associations and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for over 65 years.



Lillie said she had the experience of a lifetime. "The Youth Tour was so amazing," Spencer said. "It was really cool to meet our elected officials and learn about politics up close. Plus, I made friends and experienced history firsthand. It really made me think about what it means to be an American and shows that people my age do care about this country."



In addition to taking in the sights of the nation's capital, all the state groups convened for the Rural Electric Youth Day, sponsored by NRECA, to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers. This year's Youth Day agenda included Mike Schlappi, a four-time Paralympic Medalist and two-time world Wheelchair Basketball champion. Schlappi shares his inspiring message for every American, young or old: "Just because you can't stand up, doesn't mean you can't stand out."

Since 1958, Iowa's electric cooperatives have sponsored high school students on Youth Tour for visits to their U.S. congressional delegations, energy and grassroots government education sessions, and sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

For more information on how you can participate in Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Associations 2026 Youth Tour program, contact our office at 712-297-7112 or visit [www.IowaYouthTour.com](http://www.IowaYouthTour.com). Search for "Iowa Youth Tour" on Facebook or Instagram to see the group's recent adventures from 2025.

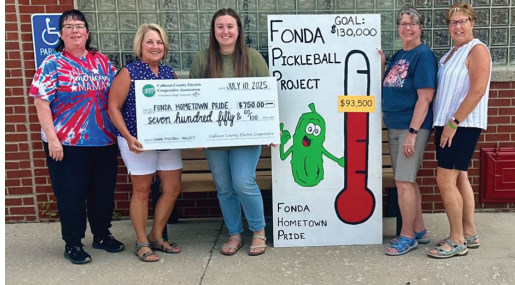
## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit. Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)





## FONDA HOMETOWN PRIDE DONATION



Pictured L to R: Angela Duitsman (Fonda City Clerk), Sandy Wells (Fonda Hometown Pride), Menley Cates (CCECA), Connie Schachtner (Fonda Hometown Pride), and Melissa Devereaux (Fonda Hometown Pride)

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association recently contributed a \$750 donation to Fonda Hometown Pride in support of the Fonda Pickleball Project. This donation reflects CCECA's ongoing commitment to supporting community development and enhancing recreational opportunities. The Fonda Pickleball Project aims to create a welcoming and active space for residents of all ages to engage in physical activity and social connection, aligning with CCECA's mission to invest in the well-being of the communities we serve. This donation was made possible by partnering with Corn Belt Power Cooperative and Basin Electric Power Cooperative to receive matching donations.

## CCECA Welcomes Curtis Batta!



**Curtis Batta**, Energy Services Manager, joined the CCECA team on July 16th. Curt resides in Rockwell City with his wife, Julie. Together, they have four children: Jordan, Zach, Riley, and Gavin. Welcome to the Cooperative family, Curt!



# August 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, 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.** 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 September 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 June winners:**  
Wallace Lott, Marlyn Holtorf,  
and Dale & Nancy Bruns

1. The Board of Directors has approved the return of \$\_\_\_\_\_ back to our members.
2. Join us for our Member Appreciation Event/Annual Meeting on September \_\_\_\_\_, 2025!
3. CCECA has welcomed Curtis \_\_\_\_\_, Energy Services Manager, to the team.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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