

CCECA MAKES A DONATION TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY EXPOSITION

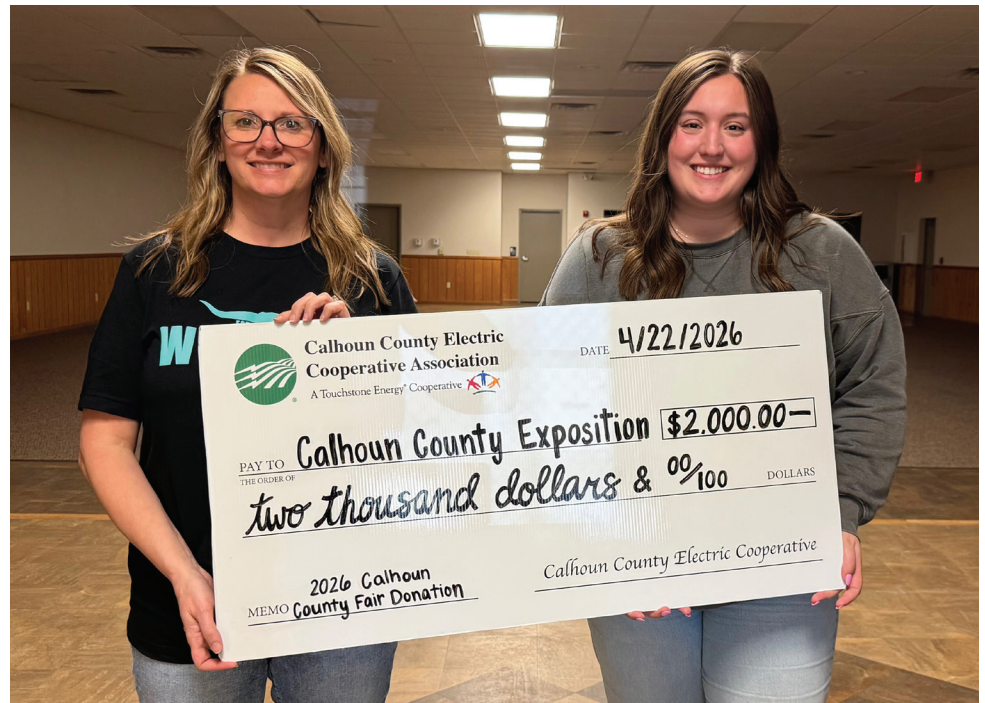
Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is proud to support the Calhoun County Exposition with a \$2,000 donation to help support the 2026 Calhoun County Fair. As a cooperative rooted in the communities we serve, CCECA values opportunities that bring people together, celebrate local traditions, and invest in the future of rural Iowa.

The Calhoun County Fair is an important part of the community, providing a place for families, friends, businesses, and organizations to connect and create lasting memories. From livestock shows and exhibits to entertainment, competitions, and youth involvement, the fair highlights the hard work, dedication, and community spirit that make Calhoun County special.

The values of the Calhoun County Exposition closely align with the cooperative principles that guide CCECA each day. The fair provides valuable opportunities for youth to learn leadership skills, showcase their accomplishments, and build connections that will benefit them for years to come. Supporting events like the county fair is one way CCECA continues to invest in the future of the communities we proudly serve.

At CCECA, we believe strong communities are built through collaboration, local support, and shared experiences. We are grateful for organizations like the Calhoun County Exposition that work year-round to create meaningful opportunities for residents of all ages and help preserve the traditions that are important to rural communities.

We hope to see many of our member-owners at the 2026 Calhoun County Fair taking place July 7–12, 2026, as we celebrate another great year of community, agriculture, and local pride.



PICTURED L TO R: FAIR BOARD PRESIDENT RICOLE POTTS, CCECA ADMIN. ASSISTANT/COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST MENLEY HILDRETH

POLE TESTING REMINDER



The pole testing treatment and replacement program is happening now. Star Energy Services will be testing poles for the Cooperative. Don't be alarmed if you see someone digging around Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association's poles. If you have any questions feel free to call our office at 712-297-7112.

CCECA TAKES PART IN CONSERVATION DAY

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative presented at Conservation Day on May 5, 2026 at University 40 in Lohrville.

Calhoun County Conservation hosted the day for South Central Calhoun 6th grade students. Local businesses and organizations were invited to set-up stations for students to interact with and learn from.

Energy Services Manager Curt Batta and Journeyman Lineman Jared Kuhlers talked with students about energy sources and powerline safety, including a visual demonstration to help bring the concepts to life.

We appreciate the opportunity to connect with students and help educate the next generation on staying safe and understanding where their power comes from.



CCECA NEWS

CALHOUN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE \$500 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association is pleased to announce the winners of the 2026 CCECA Scholarships. We would like to congratulate those who were selected this year. Each of the four recipients will receive a \$500 scholarship after the completion of their first semester of college.

Our scholarship program supports two of our cooperative principles: Education, Training, and Information and Concern for Community. As part of the scholarship application, students were asked to explain how they have demonstrated concern for their community through volunteer work, leadership, or everyday actions.



KATHRYN BURLEY

Kathryn is the daughter of Nick and Rita Burley. She graduated from South Central Calhoun High School. Kathryn plans to attend the University of Iowa.



JACK GERDES

Jack is the son of Jason and Joni Gerdes. He graduated from Pocahontas Area Community High School. Jack plans to attend Iowa State University.



MYA RIDGELY

Mya is the daughter of Cory and Jamie Ridgely. She graduated from South Central Calhoun High School. Mya plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa.



SOPHIA WUEBKER

Sophia is the daughter of Kent and Pearl Wuebker. She graduated from South Central Calhoun High School. Sophia plans to attend the University of South Dakota.

NOMINATE A LOCAL VOLUNTEER BY JUNE 30

3 Volunteers Will Each Receive \$3,000 For Their Local Charity

Do you know someone in our community who deserves to be recognized for making a difference? Nominate them for the Shine the Light contest by June 30 and they could win \$3,000 for their local charity or nonprofit.

"We're truly excited to participate in this statewide effort to celebrate our cooperative commitment to community," remarked CEO Keaton Hildreth. "There are so many incredible volunteers throughout this area who deserve to be recognized, and it's a privilege to shine the light on their service."

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, this is the sixth year of the Shine the Light contest, which celebrates the people who make our communities better. Three winners will be announced in September and each will receive a \$3,000 donation for their charity or nonprofit. The winners will also be featured in the September issue of Iowa Electric Cooperative Living magazine and on social media.

How to Nominate

Member-owners and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives are eligible to nominate local volunteers. If you receive electricity from CCECA, you're a co-op member-owner and we encourage you to nominate someone who is making a positive impact in the community. The volunteer being nominated does not need to be a co-op member-owner. Minors may be nominated with consent from their parents or legal guardians. Nominees from previous years can be nominated again for another chance to win.

Go to www.IowaShineTheLight.com by June 30 to make a nomination and to review the contest rules. Nominators will need to provide basic contact information and answer this question in 500 words or less: How has your nominee made a difference in the community and how might their local charity/nonprofit use the \$3,000 donation?

Help us shine the light on our community volunteers; nominate a deserving neighbor, friend, or relative by June 30.

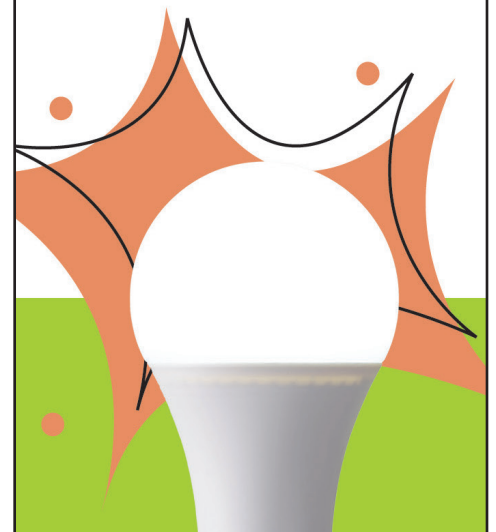
Nominate a local volunteer and they could win \$3,000 for their charity!

Contest entries accepted at IowaShineTheLight.com during the month of June



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



Reminder, summer office hours are in effect as of Tuesday, May 26.
Monday-Thursday 7:30-4:30, Friday 7:30-11:00
Memorial Day-Labor Day

SAFETY COMES FIRST AT CCECA

During May's monthly safety meeting, our line crew practiced Mayday procedures, bucket rescue techniques, and climbing competency skills to ensure they are prepared to respond safely and effectively in any situation.

The training was led by IAEC Safety Instructor Kyle Kirchner and provided valuable hands-on experience for our crew. Ongoing training like this helps keep our employees safe while continuing to provide reliable service to our members and communities.



Reach Us

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

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(Monday-Friday)

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7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. F
(Memorial Day-Labor Day)

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June 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, 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 July 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 April winners:
Randy Hildreth, Lauri McIntire,
and Richard & Carol Finley

1. CCECA made a \$2,000 donation to the Calhoun County _____.
2. Star Energy Services will be testing _____ for the Cooperative.
3. Nominations for Shine the Light are open from June 1 - June _____ for the opportunity to award a local volunteer with \$_____.

Name _____



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