

First Drive-Thru Meeting a Success!

The 85th Annual Meeting of the Members of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative was held in a drive-thru format on September 1, 2021.

The drive-thru event was held from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative office in Rockwell City. Members were greeted by employees and directors. A hamburger meal was served and members received an extension cord and measuring cup for attending.

Prior to the annual meeting, each member was mailed an Annual Report, which can also be viewed online at www.calhounrec.coop.

One of the primary pieces of the Annual Meeting is the Board elections. This year, members in districts 2 and 7 could vote by mail-in ballot or by bringing their ballot to the meeting. Ron Hanson (District 2) and Duane

Beschorner (District 7) were both re-elected to serve another three-year term on the Board of Directors.

Thank you to all members who participated in the democratic process of your annual meeting.



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Take advantage of LIHEAP if you need help with heating bills

The 2021-2022 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. Calhoun County Opportunities
of Human Resources Family Development Center
515 Court St. 412 5th St.
Rockwell City, IA 50579 Rockwell City IA 50579

WHEN TO APPLY:

- Elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled:
October 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
- All other households:
November 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

WHAT TO TAKE:

- Proof of Income (for all household members age 19 and over) Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you.
- Proof of Social Security Numbers for all household members (documentation required)
- Most recent heat bill
- Most recent electric bill

WAGE EARNERS:

Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent 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.

Income Maximums

| Household Size Gross | Annual Income |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$25,760 |
| 2 | \$34,840 |
| 3 | \$43,920 |
| 4 | \$53,000 |
| 5 | \$62,080 |
| 6 | \$71,160 |
| 7 | \$80,240 |
| 8 | \$89,320 |

For family units with more than eight members, add \$9,080 for each additional member.

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. Additional income not listed here may be required.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Old, uninsulated and improperly installed exterior doors can waste energy and money.

Shut the door on wasted energy by weather stripping and sealing all exterior doors. If you have an old exterior door, consider replacing it with a newer, energy efficient model.

Source: energy.gov

Iowa State Fair Winner

CCECA member, **Lynn Poen**, was randomly selected as 1 of 3 Iowa State Fair prize winners from those that completed the iPad survey at the Touchstone Energy Cooperative's of Iowa booth in the 4-H Exhibits Building. The Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building is sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa. Thank you to your members that visited the booth. Lynn received a Dewalt electric leaf blower. Congratulations, Lynn!



Lynn Poen, Iowa State Fair prize winner.

Recipe of the Month



Jalapeno Popper Pinwheels

- 12 oz cream cheese, softened
 - 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
 - ¼ cup chopped jalapeno peppers
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1 tsp garlic powder
 - 6 large tortillas (10")
1. In a large bowl, combine the softened cream cheese, bacon, jalapenos, cheese and garlic.
 2. Divide the mixture between the 6 tortillas and spread it out to an even layer.
 3. Roll each tortilla up tightly, then refrigerate.
 4. After chilling for at least an hour, slice into ¾ inch pieces.
 5. Refrigerate the pinwheels until ready to serve.

Pomeroy Area Veteran's Park Donation

The Pomeroy Community Betterment received a \$3,000 donation to help support the Pomeroy Area Veteran's Park Improvement Project. Funds were used to replace trees, replace aged, engraved bricks with granite pillars, install stamped concrete, and new rock landscaping. The donation was made with matching \$1,000 donations from CoBank and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



Pictured L to R: Ron Hanson, CCECA Board Treasurer, Kayla Wiederin, CCECA Communications Manager, and Cynthia Loots, Pomeroy Community Betterment member and project organizer.



This photo shows the updated Veteran's park.



This photo shows the aged bricks that were replaced.

Revolving Loan Fund

Little Feet Learning Center, LLC

Little Feet Learning Center recently purchased a former childcare building located in Rockwell City with assistance from our Revolving Loan Fund program. This center will provide childcare services including curriculum driven lesson plans for children 6-weeks-old to 5 years of age in and around Calhoun County. Before and after school care will also be offered for children up to 12 years of age.

CCECA is committed to enhancing the communities we serve and are proud to support growth and development by partnering with Little Feet Learning Center.



Pictured L to R: Keaton Hildreth, CCECA CEO, and Rebecca and Andy Thompson, Little Feet Learning Center, Managing Owners



Member Challenge...



1. What does LIHEAP stand for? _____
2. What is the name of the daycare CCCECA partnered with? _____
3. Shut the door on wasted energy by weather _____ and sealing all exterior doors.

Name _____

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. Send your answer to kwiederin@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. 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 November 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 three times throughout the year will be eligible for a \$100 bill credit, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

*Congratulations to August's member challenge winners:
Dennis Bruns, Barb Gregg, and Steven & Nicole Oswald*

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