



We hope you like the change in design for our monthly member newsletter! We made some upgrades in our member newsletter to make the information easier to read. Our goal as a cooperative is to keep our members educated and informed, and one effective way to reach you is through

a printed newsletter. Your electric cooperative invests in this publication because it has just one mission – to serve you, the member.

Fulfilling this mission requires constant communication and one of the most cost-effective ways to reach people is through printed media. We hope you look forward to reading each month!

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\$4,500 in scholarships for graduating high school seniors

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Due to COVID-19 the 2021 trip has been cancelled

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New Year, New Look!

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COMMITTED TO A COOP CULTURE

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Hear from CEO Keaton Hildreth on co-op culture.

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\$1,000 scholarship opportunity

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Directors and staff attended the 2020 meeting virtually.

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Is your space heater safe?

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Applications can be found online
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by contacting Homeward, Inc.

Program Eligibility

Any participating electric cooperative member with a good credit record and in good standing with their cooperative is eligible. The property must be served by the participating electric co-op.

ABOUT **HOMEWARD, INC.**

► Homeward, Inc. has several programs designed specifically for electric cooperative members.

● **HEAT PUMPS | Geothermal & Air Source**

About: This is a limited-time offer for geothermal heat pumps and other heat pumps installed in existing or new homes served by your electric co-op.

Loan Details: Up to \$20,000, 2.99% interest for 7 years. Homeowners considering heat pumps should discuss their options with a professional before making a decision.

● **ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS**

Uses: Loans may be used for energy-efficiency improvements such as doors, electric water heaters, HVAC, insulation, siding, and windows.

Loan Details: Up to \$10,000, 5-year loan at 4%, 10-year loan at 5%.

● **WELL & SEPTIC LOANS**

Eligibility: Electric cooperative members installing private wells and/or septic systems for existing homes served by the co-op are eligible.

Loan Details: Maximum loan amount \$10,000, 5-year loan at 4%, 10-year loan at 5%.

2021 Youth Tour Cancelled



Due to the ongoing uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Iowa's electric cooperatives have made the decision to not participate in the 2021 Youth Tour. The current plan is to return to offering the trip to Washington D.C., in June 2022.

Savings will be used to increase our local Scholarship offerings.



Space heating and cooling account for a large portion of the average home's energy use. A programmable or smart thermostat can help you control the temperature of your home and save energy.

2020 Operations by the Numbers

The numbers are in after another year of construction and maintenance on Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's 758 miles of line. In 2020, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative built service for:

- 1 new home
- 4 grain bins
- 4 hog sites
- 4 machine sheds
- 1 cell tower

87 system improvements
10.7 miles of line rebuilt



Bret McAlister,
Line Superintendent

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association Scholarship

Any graduating high school senior who is a dependent of a Calhoun County Electric Cooperative member is eligible to apply for the 2021 CCECA scholarship. Applicants must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2021. Three \$1,000 scholarships and three \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Please download the complete application on our website at: www.calhounrec.coop or contact your high school guidance counselor. Return completed applications to our office on or before 4:30 pm on Friday, April 2, 2021 with the following:



- **Completed application**
- **Essay answering: In your opinion, how does Calhoun County Electric Cooperative make an impact on the local community?**



Recipe of the Month

Slow-Cooker Buffalo Ranch Wings

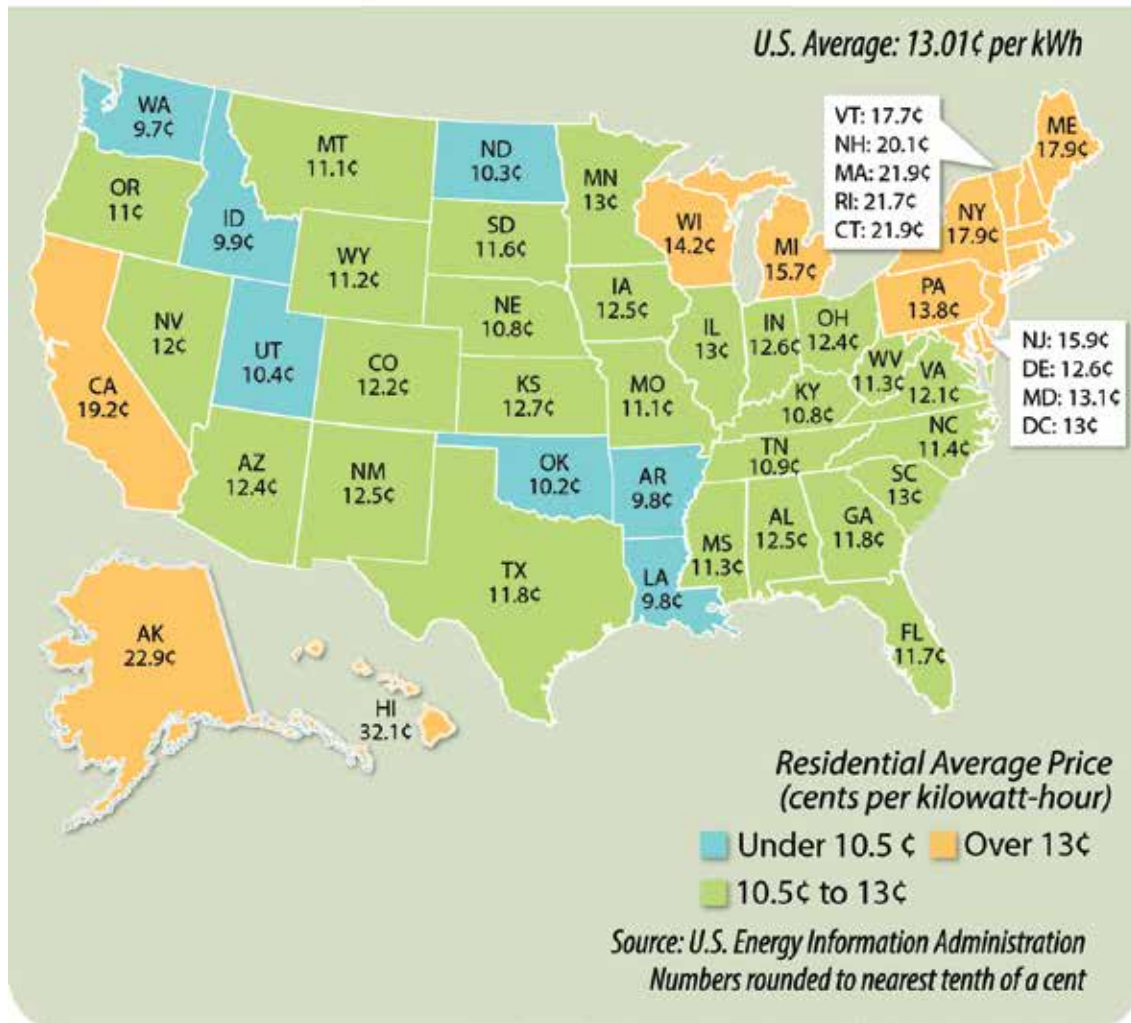
- 2 lbs. of chicken wings
- 1 cup of buffalo wing sauce
- 1 packet of ranch seasoning
- Salt and pepper
- Ranch dressing

1. Place chicken in large slow cooker.
2. In a large bowl, mix buffalo sauce and ranch seasoning and season with salt and pepper. Pour mixture over chicken wings and stir to coat.
3. Cover and cook on high until cooked through, 2.5 to 3 hours.
4. Heat broiler. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and pour wings onto them. Broil until crispy, about 5 minutes.
5. Serve with ranch dressing.



Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2019 figures, in cents per kWh



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Member Challenge...



1. How many miles of line were rebuilt in 2020? _____
2. What is the average price, in cents per kilowatt hour for residential electricity in the state of Iowa? _____
3. How many scholarships will Calhoun County Electric Cooperative be awarding in 2021? _____

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 or clip and mail to: Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 312, Rockwell City, IA 50579. 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 March 12**. 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.