



Join Us in Thanking our Linemen

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2021 Basin Scholarship Recipient

Hallee Maulsby of rural Rockwell City has been chosen to be a recipient of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative \$1,000 member scholarship. Hallee is the daughter of Ron and Jamie Maulsby. She will graduate from South Central Calhoun High School in May. She plans to attend Macalester College in August and study Psychology. Congratulations, Hallee.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative is a wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative in North Dakota. Corn Belt Power and Calhoun County Electric Cooperative are members of Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



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April 12th is Lineman Appreciation Day

In our community, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative linemen are responsible for keeping 758 miles of lines across five counties working, in order to bring power to your home and our local community 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays or personal considerations. Being a lineman is not a glamorous profession. At its essence, it is inherently dangerous, requiring them to work near high voltage lines in the worst of conditions, at any times of the day or night. During storms, crews often work around the clock to restore power. While April is known for spring showers, there is also a day set aside to **“thank a lineman”...Lineman Appreciation Day on April 12th!** So during the month of April, if you see a lineman, please pause to say thank you. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.

WHAT DOES A LINEWORKER DO?

On any given day or night, in all kinds of weather conditions, lineworkers install and maintain overhead and underground electrical systems.

We entrust our lineworkers with your safety, so they hold a very important job. We also rely on their expertise to power our world.

SAFETY COMES FIRST

Lineworkers must commit to safety above all else for the benefit of those they serve (you!), fellow crew members and themselves. They spend thousands of hours in safety trainings each year and must learn and apply numerous safety regulations.

THEY ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED TO:

- Climb poles to service power lines in areas inaccessible by trucks.
- Stand in an elevated bucket to assess and repair overhead lines.
- Install poles, overhead lines and other equipment.
- Work on both energized and deenergized lines.
- Install and service underground lines.

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LIHEAP End Notice

Please take note that the winter moratorium **ends April 1, 2021**. If your account(s) is past due and you have not made payment arrangements by March 31st, you will be subject to disconnection of your electric service. To avoid disconnection, you must pay your electric bill in full by April 1st or request a reasonable payment agreement for your past due account(s).

Call our office at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.



Electric Heat Rate Ends

The electric heat rate ends with energy used through April 30th and will reflect on your May bill. The electric heat rate will go from .053/kWh to .095/kWh. The electric heat rate will return in October.



Recipe of the Month

No Churn Vanilla Ice Cream

- 2 cups of heavy whipping cream
- 1 - 14 oz can of sweetened condensed milk
- 2 TB vanilla extract

1. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the heavy whipping cream until stiff peaks form.
2. Add the sweetened condensed milk and vanilla and stir until well-combined.
3. Pour into a loaf pan and cover with plastic wrap or foil and freeze until solid.



As you prepare for planting season, don't forget to plan for safety. There are many aspects to safety on the farm, but electrical safety is often overlooked. Keep these safety tips in mind as you prepare for planting:



TRAIN OTHERS

Train anyone working on your farm, including family members and seasonal workers, about electrical hazards.

SAFETY FIRST

Have daily meetings to review the day's work and discuss safety implications. Know and review where the power lines are, the clearance required, and the proper position of extensions as they are transported.



WAIT TO UNFOLD

Remind workers to fold or unfold extensions well into the field, not close to the field's edge where power lines are typically located.



USE A SPOTTER

When working in the vicinity of power lines, always have a spotter on the ground, who can direct you away from power lines or poles if you are getting too close.



DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAB

If your machine or truck makes contact with a power line, pole, or guy wire, you could become electricity's path to ground and become electrocuted if you step out of the cab.

CALL 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 to have your electric utility dispatched to deenergize the power source. Only exit the cab if your equipment is on fire. If that happens, make a solid jump out and hop away with feet together as far as you can.



For more information:



You can't AVOID what you CAN'T SEE

Starting a job — big or small — without first getting utilities marked could result in serious injury, service disruptions for you and your neighbors, and a hefty fine.

Call 8-1-1 before you dig.

Learn more at:  Safe Electricity.org®

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Member Challenge...



1. _____ is Lineman Appreciation Day.
2. What is the number to call before you dig? _____
3. True or False: The electric heat rate ends with energy used through April 30th.

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 May 1**. 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 February's member challenge winners:
Ron Haden, Richard Schwardt and Bill & Rita Hicks*



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