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Join Us in Thanking Our Linemen!!

April 13th is Lineman Appreciation Day!

In our community, Calhoun County REC 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 13th!**

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.



(l to r) Jared Kuhlert, Bret McAlister, Ben Wiederin, Doug LeMonds, Chad Krukow, Reid Galloway and Mike Terwilliger

2020 Basin Scholarship Recipient

Megan Decker of rural Rockwell City has been chosen to be a recipient of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative \$1,000 member scholarship. Megan is the daughter of Tom and Diane Decker. She will graduate from South Central Calhoun High School in May. She plans to attend Iowa State University in August and study Agriculture and Society and Public Relations. Congratulations, Megan. 10C05DA

Basin Electric Power Cooperative is a wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative basin in North Dakota. Corn Belt Power, Calhoun County REC's power provider, is a member of Basin Power Cooperative.



Megan Decker




Employee Recognized for Service

Calhoun County REC recently honored Line Foreman Bret McAlister for 25 years of service. He was recognized with an appreciation gift and certificate for his years of service. Thank you for your dedication to the Calhoun County REC and its members.



At your Touchstone Energy cooperative, we are constantly striving to improve our operational efficiency so we can provide the most reliable electric service possible to you. By making sure we have your most accurate and complete contact information, we can continue to provide the high level of service that you expect and deserve. 11C18HA

Many of you have been members of the co-op for years, and it's possible that your account information hasn't been updated for some time. We recognize that many members now use a cell phone as their primary phone service, and we might not have that number in our system. We will never share your information with any third parties. We use it only to send important information to you. Please take a moment to confirm or update your information by contacting our office. By doing so, you will be helping us improve service and efficiency so we can better serve you and all members of the co-op.



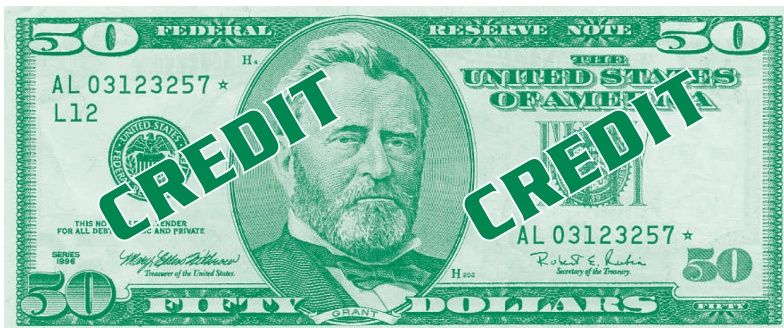
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and check out our
selection of electric grills!*

Automatic Bill Payment Signup Winner

In our February newsletter, members could sign up for Automatic Bill Payment to be entered for a chance to win a \$50 bill credit! Check out our Facebook page for a live video drawing of the winner. Congratulations to James Hartling. Thank you to everyone who signed up! If you would like to sign up, visit our website to find the form or call the office.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

ITALIAN CHEESE PULL APART BREAD

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tube of buttermilk biscuits
- 5 TB of butter, melted
- 2 tsp of Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp of garlic seasoning
- 1 1/2 cup of mozzarella cheese, shredded

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Open the tube of biscuits and separate into biscuits. Cut each biscuit into 6 pieces. Put into large bowl.
3. Mix together melted butter, Italian seasoning and garlic seasoning/ Pour over biscuit pieces. Add cheese and mix until coated.
4. Pour into baking dish. A bundt pan, 8 inch baking pan, cake pan or 9 inch skillet could be used.
5. Bake for 15-18 minutes. Serve immediately.



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It's a Girl!

Lineman Ben Wiederin and wife Kristina welcomed Josie Alice into the world on February 26, 2020! Josie weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20 inches long. She is welcomed by big sister, Madison! Congratulations Wiederin family!



Congratulations!

Marjorie Alliger was the winner of a \$25 credit on her electric bill for submitting her Ham Stuffed Manicotti in the Living with Energy in Iowa magazine. Be sure to read your issue for the latest information and contests. Marjorie's recipe for Ham Stuffed Manicotti can be found in the March 2020 issue. 14C04NA

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SPOT YOUR NUMBER

Kirby Vogel and Jerry Green spotted their numbers and will receive a **\$10** electric bill credit. Mike Carlson missed his opportunity to receive a **\$10** electric bill credit.

Don't forget to read the newsletter and check for your location number. If your location number is spotted, call the Calhoun County REC by the 15th of the month to receive a **\$10** credit on your electric bill.

** Your location number is listed on your billing statement. **

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.

Touchstone Energy Co-op Values

Integrity | Accountability | Innovation | Commitment to Community

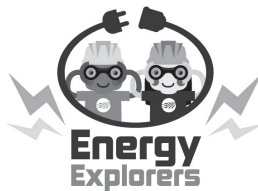
LINEWORKER GEAR WORD SEARCH

Did you know lineworkers wear special protective gear to keep them safe while working on power lines and other electrical equipment?

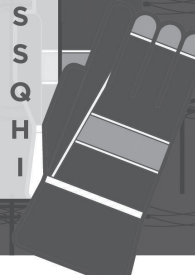
Read the descriptions to learn about a lineworker's gear and find the bolded words in the puzzle below.

- **Safety goggles** keep debris away from lineworkers' eyes while on the job.
- **Hard hats** protect lineworkers from head injuries and falling debris.

- **Work boots** provide extra protection while lineworkers work with heavy materials that could fall near their feet.
- **Flame-resistant** clothing keeps lineworkers safe from electrical hazards.
- **Insulated gloves** protect lineworkers from electrical shock while working on power lines.
- **Equipment belts** hold several tools that lineworkers need to get the job done.



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