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CCECA NEWS

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RIGHT-OF-WAY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

Right-Of-Way Professionals Week was June 12-18th and in honor of this, we wanted to share with our members some photos of our Linemen performing a change out of a 3-phase dead end pole. These poles are termed "busy poles" because they have more going to them than the normal pole. The linemen had to demonstrate a lot of back feeding, isolating, and grounding to perform this job safely during their Job Site Observation Day. The reason for changing out this pole was to gain clearance going over the roadway.

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"Busy Poles" require safe working Linemen. Learn why these poles are changed.

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— HAPPY — Retirement



Name: Rob Peterson

Title: Office Manager/Accountant

If you could travel anywhere, where would it be?

I would like to see a ball game in each of the MLB stadiums.

What food could you eat every day?

Whole hog omelet from the Drake Diner.

Favorite Coop Memory -

Sounds strange, but the winter storm of January 2010. Other REC's showed up to help our guys. Everyone was in good spirits. All working together to get the job done. Our members were understanding, even bringing in food. In a time of hardship, there was community support. This was very special for me.

Tell us about your family -

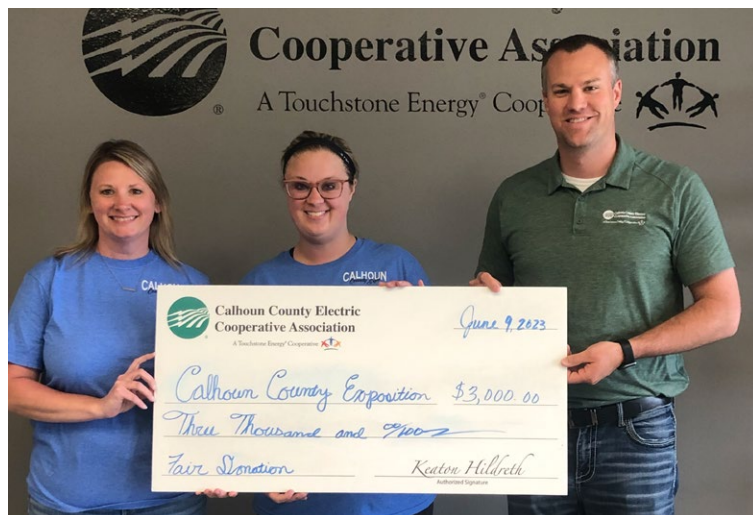
My late wife and I have 2 daughters, Jessica (Pete Zayudis) of Polk City, Megan (Mark Fields) of Johnston, and a son, Sam, of Gowrie. I'm also a proud grandpa to 5 grandkids.

**Thank you for your 14 years of service to
our electric cooperative!**



Calhoun County Exposition Donation

The Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Basin Power Electric and CoBank, provided a \$3,000 donation to help support the Calhoun County Exposition that is scheduled for July 5-10 in Rockwell City.



Pictured L to R: Ricole Potts, Tiffany Blair, Keaton Hildreth

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CCECA News is Moving!

CCECA is excited to announce that the monthly newsletter will now be part of the Iowa Electric Cooperative Living Magazine starting in September. Members who receive paper billings will notice that the newsletter is missing but this is to be expected. Now that the newsletter is transitioning into the magazine, all members of the cooperative can find it here.



CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI BREAD

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup Dutch process cocoa or unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter melted and slightly cooled
- 1/4 cup canola, vegetable oil, or melted coconut oil
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups packed shredded zucchini
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and sea salt. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, add the eggs, melted butter, oil, vanilla extract, and brown sugar. Stir until smooth. You might have a few small brown sugar clumps and that is fine.
4. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, don't over mix. Stir in the shredded zucchini until just combined. Stir in 3/4 cup of the chocolate chips.
5. Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup of chocolate chips over the top of the bread. Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the bread comes out mostly clean, you might have some melted chocolate chips on the toothpick and that is fine. You just don't want a lot of gooey batter.
6. Remove the pan from the oven and set on a wire cooling rack. Let the bread cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Run a knife around the edges of the bread and carefully remove it from the pan. Let the bread cool on the wire cooling rack until slightly warm. Cut into slices and serve

Note: If you use coconut oil, make sure it is melted and slightly cooled. The bread will keep on the counter, wrapped in plastic wrap, for up to 4 days. This bread also freezes well. To freeze, cool the bread completely and wrap in plastic wrap and aluminum foil. Freeze for up to 1 month. Defrost before slicing.

Nominating Committee Appointed

The nominating committee for this year's board elections were appointed at the May board meeting. Cooperative members chosen to serve will be responsible for selecting director candidates for the following districts:

District 1: Mike Barrett, Gary Devereaux, and Randy Pitstick

District 3: Scott Hansch, Adam Johnson, and Steve Vosberg

District 5: Kathy Juries, Keith Sexton, and Joel Wuebker

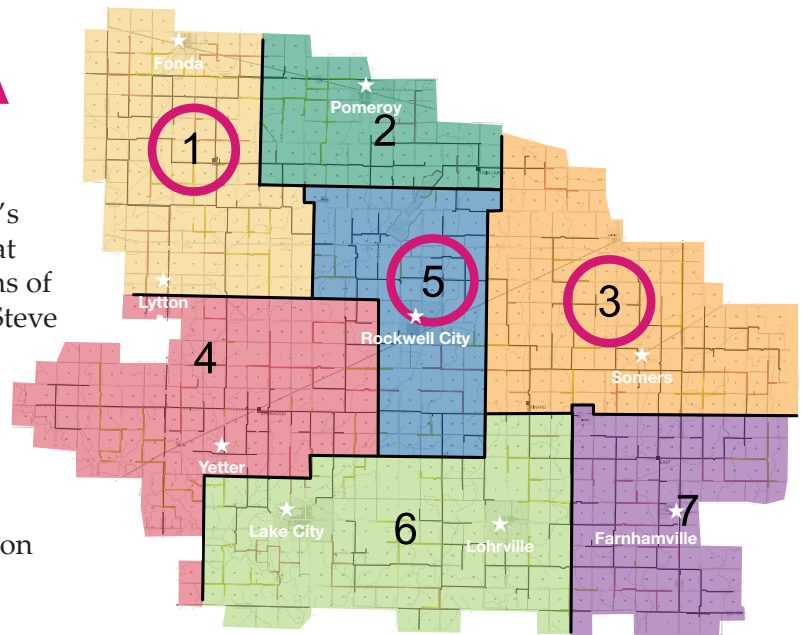
The nominating Committee will meet on July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's office in Rockwell City. The purpose of the meeting is to select candidates for the respective districts up for election.

According to Article XII (12) of the bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than 40 nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of three (3) members from each district from which a director is to be elected. No members of the Board may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting a list of those candidates nominated for Director from each district from which a Director is to be elected. The committee is encouraged, but not required, to include at least two (2) candidates for each Director to be elected.

Three Positions on CCECA Board Up for Election

Three positions on Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's seven-member board of directors will be up for election at the September 7, 2023 annual meeting. This year the terms of Jim Miller (District 1), Jason McKenney (District 3), and Steve Boedecker (District 5) will expire. All three directors are eligible to run for another 3-year term.

If you are a member in one of those districts and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, we encourage you to reach out to a member of the nominating committee listed above or contact CEO, Keaton Hildreth, at 712-297-711



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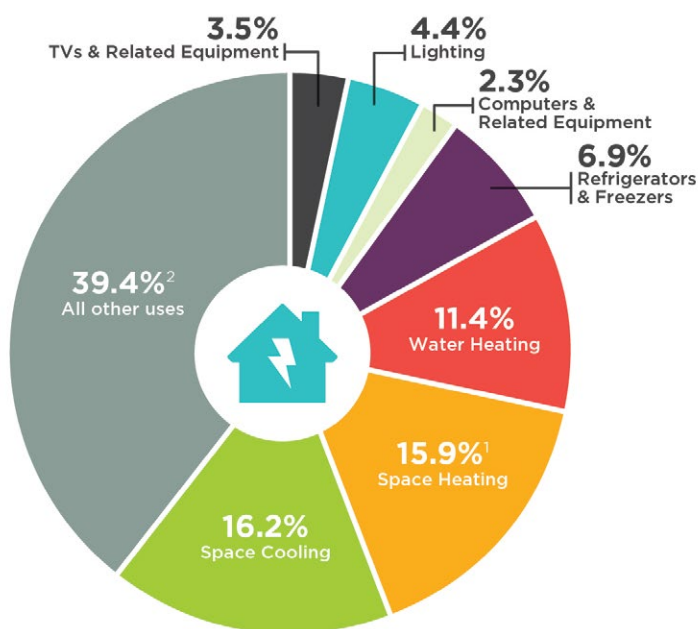
Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's CEO, Keaton Hildreth, presents a \$25,000 revolving loan fund check to Marea Erkenbrack on June 12, 2023. The purpose of the loan is to help Marea with the purchase of the building that her dance studio, Dance 2 Xtreme, is located in. Erkenbrack has owned and operated Dance 2 Xtreme since 2017 and is currently working on expanding her space to accommodate the number of students that attend here.



Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: Energy Information Administration 2022

¹Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.

²Includes miscellaneous electronics, clothes washers and dryers, cooking equipment, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.

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*Congratulations to the May member challenge winners:
Robert Burley, Pauline Lange, & Byron & Colleen Petzenhauser*

July Member Challenge

1. Where will the Newsletter be located starting in September?

2. How many Directors are up for election this year? _____

3. Name one Nominating Committee Member? _____

Name _____

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. 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 three times throughout the year will be eligible for a \$100 bill credit, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

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