



JUNE DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

District 7 – Duane Beschorner



Director Beschorner has been a member of Calhoun County ECA since 1974. Duane was first elected to serve on CCECA's Board of Directors in 2012 and has completed three 3-year terms. He lives near Lohrville with his wife Jane. They have three adult children and seven grandchildren. Duane has spent

many years farming corn and soybeans as well as operating a cow/calf operation.

As a director for CCECA, Duane has completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program by completing the five required courses that focused on basic governance knowledge and the essential skills required of cooperative directors. Director Beschorner has also begun working towards the completion of the Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) program. By being involved in these programs Duane is obtaining important knowledge and demonstrating his dedication to the cooperative.

Duane was asked to provide his perspective on the following three topics:

1. After serving as a cooperative director, what is something you would like your fellow members to know about the co-op or the electric industry?

The industry is always changing with new technology plus with policy changes. We must keep cybersecurity in mind and continue to protect our cooperative and its members.

2. What trend or issue are you most concerned about in the year ahead for the co-op or the electric industry?

The view that we can satisfy our energy and electrical needs with only green and renewable energy is concerning. We need to continue to advocate for keeping reliable generation resources.

3. What do you appreciate about the cooperative now that you serve as a director on the board?

As a small electric co-op, our employees are like a family working together. They do their best for all our member owners and communities.

Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate

At our May board meeting directors **Jason McKenney** (District 3) and **Darcy Maulsby** (District 4) were awarded with their Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate by CEO Keaton Hildreth. The CCD curriculum consists of five courses designed to provide essential knowledge and skills required of cooperative directors. The CCD certificate is earned by attending all five required courses and successfully completing a learning assessment for each.



Jason McKenney (District 3)



Darcy Maulsby (District 4)

CCECA Attends Career on Wheels



On May 18, First Class Lineman, Ben Wiederin, talked to students about his job as a lineman for Calhoun County Electric Cooperative at Career on Wheels hosted by South Central Calhoun Elementary School. Ben brought along his equipment, explaining to students the purpose of each item. He helped them understand the importance of safety for linemen. Each class got to pass around the equipment, ask questions, and get on the truck.



Nominating Committee Appointed

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

District 2: Jason Gerdes, Steve Pelz, and Larry Nolte

District 7: Alan Seil, John Fredrickson, and Micheal Peterson

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.

CCECA NEWS

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The monthly payment is deducted from your bank account on the 20th day of each month (or the following business day after a weekend or holiday). If you no longer want to worry about your bill being paid on time, complete the form today.

If you have any questions about automatic payments or paperless statements, please call our office at (712) 297-7112. We are offering the one-time \$10 bill credit when signing up through the month of July.

GRILLING: A delicious and energy-friendly option for cooking!

Grilling and America go together like hot dogs, baseball and apple pie. There's nothing like a sizzling grill on a summer day. But guess what? Grilling not only satisfies our cravings for great food but also helps preserve the environment. So, let's fire up the grill and save energy!

The cost of staying cool

As refreshing as it is to feel the cool breeze of an air conditioner (AC) on a hot summer day, its energy consumption can be hefty. Depending on the model, it can consume as much energy as a marathon runner (and run almost non-stop), using anywhere from 0.48 to 5.14 kWh per hour. That is enough to make anyone break a sweat.

Did you know that millions of people add to their AC's energy consumption without realizing it? How? By opening the oven door while cooking. According to the book "Bakewise" by Shirley O. Corriher, an oven can lose up to 150 degrees within 30 seconds. Where does all that heat go? You guessed it — right into your home. Plus, even with the door closed, your oven still radiates heat into your home since it has nowhere else to go.

The solution: grilling

If you are looking to maintain a cool vibe and lower your AC's energy consumption, head outside to the grill.

Rather than generating heat indoors, the heat is dispersed outside, reducing strain on the AC, which ultimately lowers utility bills. Additionally, you will be chowing down in no time like a true grill master, as grills reach a toasty 375 degrees in just 5 minutes. Compare that to the oven's sluggish 20-minute warm-up, and you'll be laughing all the way to the butcher shop.

Tips for safe grilling

Make sure your next BBQ extravaganza is a sizzling success without any burns or mishaps. Here are some safety tips to follow:

- Take it outside. Only use grills in the great outdoors.
- Keep your grill at least 10 feet from any buildings or structures.

- Make sure your grill is on a flat, steady surface.
- Stay close. Never leave your grill unattended while preheating, cooking or cooling down.
- Dress for success. Avoid loose or long clothing that can catch fire.
- Keep a water spray bottle beside your grill to tackle any little flames that flare up quickly.
- Keep your cool with a fire extinguisher nearby, just in case.

Menu options are truly endless when it comes to grilling. Grab your apron, fire up the grill and get ready to impress your friends and family with your grilling skills while saving energy.

HEAT UP THE GRILL

TO SAVE ENERGY THIS SUMMER

Nothing screams summer more than firing up the grill.

The good news is that using your grill in the great outdoors helps lower your energy bill. If you cook outside, less energy is needed to cool your kitchen.

- Nearly 70% of Americans own a grill.
- The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday for outdoor cooking.
- The hamburger is the favorite item to grill.
- The all-American hot dog gets the most votes from kids.
- More men grill than women.
- Grilling and barbecuing are not the same thing.
- Grilling means cooking over a fire, hot and fast.
- Barbecuing means cooking slowly over indirect heat.

Source: Breo Box

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May Safety Meeting

Calhoun County ECA linemen completed their bucket rescue and climbing competency training during our May safety meeting. Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Job Trainer & Safety Instructor Brett Hansen oversaw the training.



REMINDER!!

Our summer office hours have begun.

Monday - Thursday
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use. Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature, reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

Source: homesandgardens.com

July Member Challenge

1. How many courses are required to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director?

2. By signing up for automatic payments and paperless statements during the month of July you will receive a one-time \$ _____ bill credit.
3. Using your _____ outdoors helps lower your energy bill.

Name _____

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. **Send your answer to memberchallenge@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/member-challenge-submission.** 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 August 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 4 times throughout the year, will be eligible for a \$100 Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Pre-Paid Debit card, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

Congratulations May winners:

Sheila Remsburg, Doyle Lott, and Lauri McIntire

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