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MAY DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

District 5 – Steve Boedecker



Director Boedecker has been a member of Calhoun County ECA since 1992 and was first elected to serve on CCECA's Board of Directors in 2017. Steve lives at Twin Lakes with his wife Judy. They have two adult sons and three grandchildren. Steve spent 42 years working in the telecommunication industry and

credits that time for helping prepare him to serve on a board in the utility industry. In 2022, Steve was elected Vice President of the board and selected to represent CCECA on the Corn Belt Power Cooperative board. Steve is a member of the Twin Lakes Restoration Association as well as the Twin Lakes Golf Club.

As a director for CCECA, Steve has earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD), the Board Leadership Certificate (BLC), and most recently the Director Gold Credential. These accomplishments demonstrate to cooperative members a directors' ongoing commitment to advancing their knowledge of the industry and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

Steve 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?

Our fellow members need to know that we as a board are working diligently to provide Safe, Affordable, and Reliable Electricity. The industry is ever changing daily to meet the demands and availability to the consumer, and we need to make sure we at CCECA are doing our best to meet those demands.

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

My biggest concern is meeting the reliability expectation of our consumers on a complicated electric grid. With the increased demand for electricity and the push for renewable energy, we have a battle on our hands. We need to make sure that all involved with energy sector keep an open mind to the fact that coal and natural gas generation is just as important as solar and wind. The fact is coal and natural gas generation are more reliable than the wind blowing and the sun shining.

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

I appreciate that no one is a stranger, whether it's a member-consumer coming into the office, a lineman having conversation with a member in the country or meeting with other board members. We are like one big family working to keep the lights on for our members and our employees safe.

Pole Testing Begins

The pole testing treatment and replacement program will soon begin. This spring Star Energy Services will be testing around 1,000 poles for the Cooperative.

Don't be alarmed if someone starts digging around CCECA's poles. By changing out the rotted poles and extending the life of the treated poles we will be able to provide you with even more dependable electric service in the future.

Star Energy Services will be testing poles in the following six townships: Sherman, Lake Creek, Logan, Twin Lakes, Calhoun, and Jackson. Since 2003, 25,311 poles have been inspected and 397 have been replaced.





Burley Selected for Youth Tour

Kathryn (Katie) Burley, a sophomore at South Central Calhoun High School, has been selected to represent Calhoun County Electric Cooperative as the 2024 Youth Tour delegate to Washington D.C. Katie will also receive a \$250 pre-paid debit card from CCECA to use while on the trip.

Katie will join other students from across Iowa in visiting our nation's capital June 15-21, 2024. While on the trip, students will learn about the electric cooperative industry and business model and advocate for rural communities.

Katie is the daughter of Nicholas and Rita Burley from rural Rockwell City. Congratulations, Katie!



Sophia Wuebker



Redge Potts



We also want to recognize **Sophia Wuebker**, a sophomore at South Central Calhoun High School and **Redge Potts**, a junior at Potts Academy/South Central Calhoun High School for being our runner-ups for the Iowa Youth Tour. Both Wuebker and Potts were strong candidates and did an excellent job during the interview process. They will both be receiving a \$125 pre-paid debit card from CCECA.

Burley Awarded \$1,000 Basin Scholarship

Congratulations to Nathan Burley, a senior at South Central Calhoun High School for being chosen as Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship recipient.

Burley plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Economics. He is currently interested in Ag Law and would like to return to his rural community to begin his career after he completes his education. Burley is also a fifth-generation farmer and hopes to continue the tradition while pursuing his career.

Nathan has been very active in various school activities and community organizations. He is the son of Nicholas and Rita Burley of rural Rockwell City. Congratulations, Nathan!

Basin Electric Power Cooperative is a consumer-owned, regional generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative providing wholesale power to member rural electric systems in nine states. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association is a Class C member of Basin.



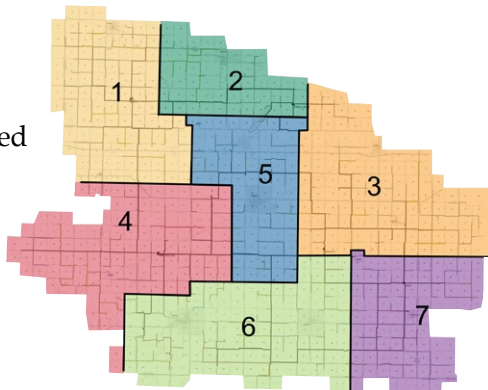


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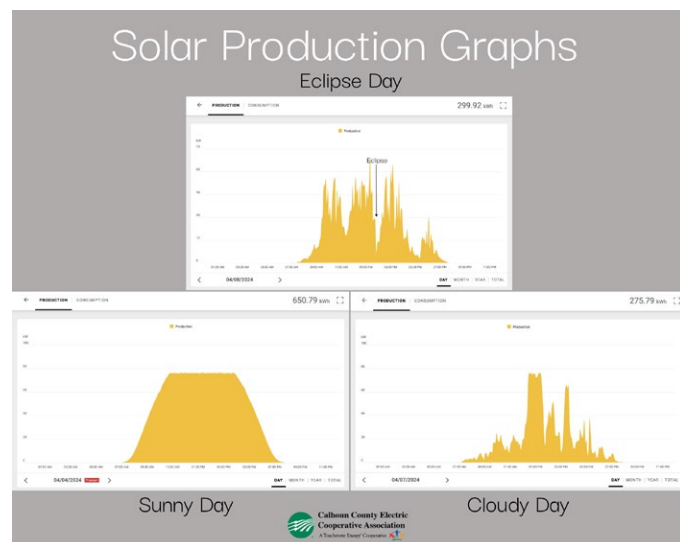
Two Positions on CCECA Board Up for Election

Two positions on Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's seven-member Board of Directors will be up for election at the September 5, 2024 annual meeting. This year the three-year terms of Ron Hanson (District 2) and Duane Beschoner (District 7) will expire. Both directors are eligible to run for another 3-year term.

If you are a member of District 2 or 7 and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, contact CEO, Keaton Hildreth, at 712-297-7112.



DID YOU KNOW - The solar eclipse had an impact on solar generation across the country. We saw a significant dip in production at the cooperative's array during the hour the moon was partially blocking out the sun. Cloudy days cause a similar interruption in production which is why solar is considered an intermittent source of power.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY MYTHS



Don't always believe what you hear.

MYTH: Electricity always takes the path of least resistance

FACT: Although the path of least resistance is the easiest to take, an electrical current can take any conductive path.



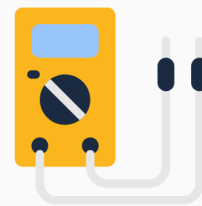
MYTH: Rubber gloves and shoes will protect me from shock and electrocution

FACT: That is only true if they are 100% rubber. Most everyday gloves and shoe soles are not, and the other materials they contain can be conductors.



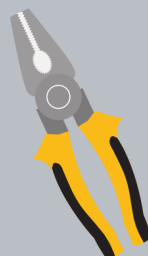
MYTH: Voltage has to be high to kill

FACT: Although the voltage plays a role in how strong the current flows, exposure to the current itself is what's deadly. Even lower voltages can kill.



MYTH: Heavily insulated tools will always protect against shock and electrocution

FACT: Don't let a tool give you a false sense of security; take all precautions even if a tool is marketed as safe or insulated.



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Welcome Menley!

Menley Cates joined our team on March 25. Cates will be working as the Administrative Assistant/Communications Specialist which is responsible for the Cooperative's marketing and communication efforts as well as administrative tasks within the office. Menley resides in Rockwell City with her boyfriend, Kolten. Join us in welcoming Menley to the Cooperative family!



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1. How many positions are up for election on CCECA's board? _____
2. _____ was awarded the \$1,000 Basin Scholarship (First and Last name).
3. How many townships will Star Energy Services be testing poles in? _____

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 June 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 March winners:

Pauline Lange, Marjorie Alliger, and Ron Haden



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