

MEMBER

Appreciation

EVENT

Fun for All Ages!



Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.

CALHOUN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OFFICE
1015 TONAWANDA STREET, ROCKWELL CITY, IA 50579

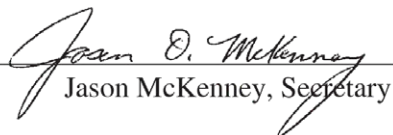
Come for Supper
(Calhoun County Cattlemen Grilling)
Bucket Rides, Gifts, and Refreshments!

Official Notice Annual Meeting

You are hereby notified that the 87th Annual Meeting of the Members of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association will be held at the **Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association Headquarters in Rockwell City, Iowa** beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with a short, business meeting to follow on Thursday, September 7, 2023, to take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors and committees;
2. The election of three (3) directors of the Cooperative for a term of three years each;
3. All other business, which may legally come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments, thereof.

This is your official notice. More information will arrive in the annual report in mid-August.


Jason McKenney, Secretary

CCECA Directors Vote to Return \$188,519 Back to Members

At their June board meeting, the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) Board of Directors authorized more than \$188,000 in capital credits to be returned as bill credits on members' July electric statements.

"This action is a result of CCECA's strong financial performance, financial stability, and returning value to the membership," said Board President Jim Miller. "It's a testament to CCECA's commitment to the cooperative principles and local governance structure."

Each year CCECA strives to return allocated capital credits within a 17-year schedule. With this distribution, all capital credits through the year 2006 will have been retired. The Board has also approved the return of a portion of the most recently allocated capital credits back to current members. Members with patronage in 2022 will receive a bill credit, as well.

"Over the course of just the past five years, the CCECA board has approved the distribution of

over \$1,000,000 in capital credits," said Keaton Hildreth, CCECA CEO. "One of the benefits of being a member of a cooperative is that members own their cooperative, and therefore are entitled to the retirement of previously allocated margins, or profit. We assign all operating and non-operating margins to our members on a patronage basis, and the board at its discretion may decide when to retire those margins that were allocated in prior years."

This action will bring the amount returned to members since the year 2000 to over \$3,000,000 via capital credit retirements and bill credits.

Hildreth said current members will receive a bill credit for their share of the patronage capital credit retirement, which is determined based on their power purchases during 2006 and 2022. The bill credit will appear on members' July 2023 electric bill that will be issued in August. Members no longer receiving service from CCECA will be issued a check.

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Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative office in Rockwell City. The Nominating Committee of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association, duly appointed by Board of Directors, hereby nominated the below members of the Cooperative for the office of Director for a term of three years.

These candidates will be voted on at the 87th Annual Meeting to be held September 7, 2023.

Ballots will be sent out mid-August and can be returned by mail or brought to the annual meeting on September 7th.

2023 Director Candidates

DISTRICT 1



Jim Miller

Running Unopposed

- Resides on a farm 3 3/4 miles SW of Fonda since 1983
- Married to Rae (Rothmeyer) 2 children
- Retired Farmer
- Basketball Referee
- Member Fonda Knights of Columbus
- Past Grand Knight; Knights of Columbus
- Past District Deputy; Iowa Knights of Columbus
- Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Assoc. Member
- Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
- Member of Corn and Soybean Growers Associations
- Member of REC since 1981
- REC Director, current Board President
- Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors

DISTRICT 3



Jason McKenney

Running Unopposed

- Resides 2 miles south of D36 on Xenia Avenue
- Married to Cherri (Riesberg) 2 children
- Calhoun County Sheriff's Department Deputy
- Raises cattle and sheep
- Member Somers United Methodist Church
- Member Calhoun County Peace Officers Association
- Member Twin Lakes Masonic Lodge
- Reading - Cedar Fire Department at Farnhamville
- Member of REC since 2003
- REC Director, current Board Secretary

DISTRICT 5



Steve Boedecker

(Incumbent)

- Resides at Twin Lakes
- Married to Judy (Janssen) 2 children, 3 grandchildren
- Retired, previously worked in the communication industry for 42 years
- Member of Twin Lakes Golf Club
- Member of Twin Lakes Restoration Association
- Member of the REC since 1992
- Corn Belt Power Cooperative Board of Directors



Michelle Dischler

(Opponent)

- Resides 5 miles South of Rockwell City
- Married to Randy, 2 children, 3 grandchildren
- Courier for Community Pharmacy and Assists the Hospital lab
- Member of the Vintage Car Group - Rockwell City
- President of the Women's Alter Society at the St. Francis Catholic Church
- Logan Township Trustee
- Treasurer for Calhoun County's Republican Women.



L to R Back – Adam Johnson, Gary Devereaux, Steve Vosberg, Joel Wuebker. L to R Front – Kathy Juries, Scott Hansch, Keith Sexton. Not pictured: Mike Barrett & Randy Pitstick

Community Fun



Thank you to CCECA employees Chad Krukow and Ben Wiederin (plus their families) for representing CCECA in the 2023 Calhoun County Expo Parade.



Stop by and see us at the Iowa State Fair

August 10-20, 2023

Stop by and see us at the Iowa State Fair!

Visit our booth in the 4-H Exhibits Building. We'll hand out plastic hard hats and suckers for kids (*while supplies last*). Stop by our co-op safety selfie station!



Touchstone Energy®
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Name: Chad Krukow

Title: Lineman

Years of Service: 14

Tell us about your family -

I'm Married to my wife Krissi who is a Family & Consumer Science Teacher at South Central Calhoun.

We have 3 kids: Elliot, Brecken, & Eavie.

Most Memorable Coop Memory -

Ice Storm of 2010

Where did you grow up?

Thompson, Iowa

What Food could you eat Every Day?

Barbeque



Employee Spotlight

Thank you for your Service & Commitment to the Cooperative!

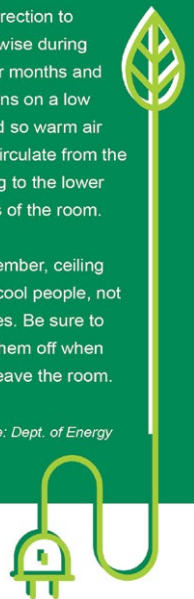
Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel 4 degrees cooler?

To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. Ceiling fans can help improve comfort year-round. In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction. Reverse the direction to clockwise during winter months and set fans on a low speed so warm air can circulate from the ceiling to the lower levels of the room.

Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: Dept. of Energy





AIR FRYER STEAK BITES

Foodfolksandfun.net

INSTRUCTIONS:

PREHEAT AIR FRYER:

1. Set the air fryer to the air fryer setting at 400F degrees to preheat.

PREP STEAK:

1. Toss the diced steak pieces with melted butter and seasonings.
2. Spread the steak pieces evenly in your air fryer basket (depending on the size of your fryer you may need to cook in two batches).

AIR FRY:

1. Air fry at 400F for 14-16 minutes or until your steak bites are cooked through.

TO FINISH:

1. Garnish with fresh chopped parsley and serve with mashed potatoes or your favorite veggies, enjoy!

Note: Store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1.5 lbs steak use your favorite cut such as sirloin, New York, or ribeye, cut into 1 inch bite-sized pieces
- 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter melted
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons Montreal steak seasoning
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1 Tablespoon fresh chopped parsley for garnish

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.



August Member Challenge

1. Where can current members find their patronage credits?

2. When will CCECA's Member Appreciation Event be held? _____

3. Name one district up for election in September. _____

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. 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 September 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.

Congratulations to the June member challenge winners:

Randy & Kathy Hammen, Roger Kopecky, Roger & Linda Coon

Reach Us

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Jason McKenney,
Secretary – Somers
Ron Hanson,
Treasurer – Pomeroy
Duane Beschoner – Lohrville
Darcy Maulsby – Lake City
Joe Parker – Lohrville
Keaton Hildreth, CEO



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Phone: Call the office and make a payment over the phone with a card or checking account.

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