



**Calhoun County Electric
Cooperative Association**

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Congratulations!



Wells Awarded \$1,000 Basin Scholarship

Congratulations to Braden Wells, a senior at Newell-Fonda High School for being chosen as Calhoun County Electric Cooperative's \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship recipient.

Wells plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business. His hope is to begin his career near his hometown while also starting his own small business.

Braden has been very active in various school activities, church, and community organizations. He is the son of Gary and Jennifer Wells of rural Fonda. Congratulations, Braden!

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.



Blair Selected for Youth Tour



Tristan Blair, a junior at South Central Calhoun High School, has been selected to represent Calhoun County Electric Cooperative as the 2023 Youth Tour delegate to Washington D.C.

Tristan will join other students from across Iowa in visiting our nation's capital June 17-23, 2023. While on the trip, students will learn about the electric cooperative industry and business model and advocate for rural communities.

Tristan is the son of Noel and Devan Blair from Lake City. Congratulations, Tristan!



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

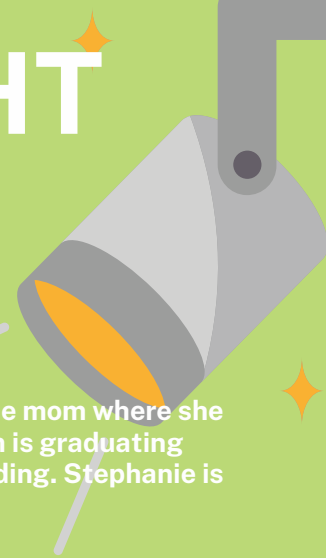
Name: Jared Kuhlbers
Title: 1st Class Lineman
Years of Service: 14 years

Tell us about your family - My wife, Laura, is a stay at home mom where she homeschools our youngest of three children, Luke. William is graduating high school and college this year to pursue a career in welding. Stephanie is our oldest and lives in Minnesota.

Favorite Coop Memory - Becoming a Journeyman Lineman.

If you could travel anywhere, where would it be? - Alaska

What food could you eat every day? - Pizza



Thank you for your commitment to our electric cooperative!

Shining the Light on Community Volunteers in June

Guided by our cooperative commitment to community, Iowa's electric co-ops are excited to once again participate in the statewide Shine the Light contest in June to celebrate local volunteers. Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, the contest will accept nominations in June and select three winners who will each receive a \$2,500 donation to their local charity or nonprofit.

"We've been truly inspired by the contest entries we received in our first two years," remarked Erin Campbell, director of communications for the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives. "We're increasing our three charity donations from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each this year to encourage even more participation across the state."

Member-consumers and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives are eligible to nominate local volunteers during the month of June. If you receive electricity from Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, you're a co-op member-consumer and we encourage you to nominate someone who is making a positive impact in the community. The volunteer being nominated does not need to be a co-op member-consumer. Minors may be nominated with consent from their parents or legal guardians.

The three winners will be announced in September and featured in *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine.

Go to www.IowaShineTheLight.com to review the contest rules. Contest entries will be accepted at this website starting on June 1. Help us shine the light on community volunteers this summer and consider making a nomination.



**Nominate a local volunteer
and they could win
\$2,500 for their charity!**

Contest entries accepted during June at
IowaShineTheLight.com



PEANUT BUTTER MARSHMALLOW SQUARES

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups mini marshmallows, divided
- 1 cup corn syrup
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 ¼ cups peanut butter
- 6 cups Rice Krispies

DIRECTIONS:

1. Grease a square pan (8x8 or 9x9 in) and set aside.
2. Add 1 cup of marshmallows, the corn syrup and brown sugar to a saucepan.
3. Heat over low-medium heat and stir until the brown sugar is dissolved and the marshmallows are melted.
4. Remove from the heat and stir in the peanut butter.
5. Add the cereal and stir until well-coated.
6. Add remaining marshmallows and stir just a few times.
7. Pour into the prepared pan and pat the mixture out to an even layer.
8. Let cool before slicing and enjoy.

REC Day on the Hill

Iowa's rural electric cooperatives advocate during 2023 "REC Day on the Hill"

More than 200 employees and elected directors from Iowa's locally owned rural electric cooperatives (RECs) convened at the Iowa Capitol on March 15 to advocate for important issues during the annual "REC Day on the Hill" event. "Our annual advocacy day at the capitol is a valuable opportunity to meet face-to-face with our elected officials and share a local perspective on issues that impact rural Iowa and rural economic development," remarked Jim Miller, board president of the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA).

Advocates educated legislators on the benefits of the cooperative business model, including local ownership, cost-based rates and democratic governance. Several electric cooperatives displayed booths in the rotunda which provided information on topics including economic development, electric vehicles, digital metering advancements, investments in technology, safety innovations, energy efficiency efforts and vegetation management work.

Learn more about the legislative priorities of Iowa's electric cooperatives and Iowa Rural Power grassroots advocacy at www.iaruralpower.org.



L to R: Jim Miller, Board President, Steve Boedecker, Vice President, Representative Mike Sexton, Keaton Hildreth, CEO

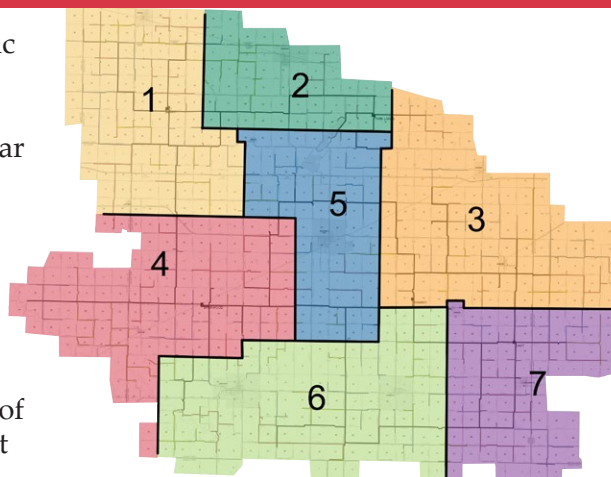


Members of the IAEC Board of Directors, including Jim Miller meet with Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg

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 three-year terms of Jim Miller (District 1), Jason McKenney (District 3), and Steve Boedecker (District 5) will expire. All directors are eligible to run for another 3-year term.

If you are a member in District 1, 3 or 5 and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, contact CEO, Keaton Hildreth, at 712-297-7112.



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May Member Challenge

1. How many positions are up for election on CCECA's board?
2. Shine the Light winners will receive \$_____ to donate to their local nonprofit or charity.
3. _____ was awarded the \$1,000 Basin Scholarship (*First & Last name*).

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 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 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 February member challenge winners:

Joel & Monica Wuebker, Vincent & Mary Murphy, and Beverly Welander

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