



The POWER Behind Your POWER Lineman Appreciation Day – April 11



CCECA's Linemen:
Front: L to R - Jared Kuhlert, Chad Krukow, Ben Wiederin
Back: L to R - Bret McAlister, Doug LeMonds, Reid Galloway

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LIHEAP End Notice

Please take note that the winter moratorium ends April 1, 2022. If your account(s) is past due and you have not made payment arrangements by March 31st, you will be subject to disconnection of your electric service. To avoid disconnection, you must pay your electric bill in full by April 1st or request a reasonable payment agreement for your past due account(s).

Call our office at 712-297-7112 or 800-821-4879.



Electric Heat Rate Ends

The electric heat rate ends with energy used through April 30th and will reflect on your May bill. The electric heat rate will go from .053/kWh to .095/kWh. The electric heat rate will return in October.



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The POWER

Behind Your POWER

When people flip a light switch, they may not give much thought to why or how the light comes on.

Electric linemen provide an essential service: They work hard to install and maintain overhead and underground power lines that keep electricity flowing. These specialized workers are on call 24/7 in case severe storms or other circumstances cause the power to go out.

Linemen work with high-voltage electricity, often at great heights, in all kinds of weather conditions, such as snow, wind, rain, ice and extreme heat and cold. The work required to maintain the power grid is physically demanding. To become proficient, most linemen go through a technical training program and first learn on the job as apprentices under the careful eye of seasoned linemen who have earned journeyman status.

CCECA has 6 linemen that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain 758 miles of power lines across 5 counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks linemen perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire.

Although everyone at Calhoun County Electric Cooperative works hard to provide reliable service, we salute our linemen who work around the clock to keep the power on. Their safety, as well as yours, is our top priority.

CCECA has
6 linemen
that work **24/7/365**
& maintain **758** miles
over **5** Counties



Sheet Pan Ranch Pork Chops

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 bone-in pork chops, about 1 inch thick
- 10-12 baby red potatoes, cut in half
- Large handful of green beans, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 package powder ranch dressing mix
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, optional

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a baking sheet with nonstick spray.
2. Place pork chops, potatoes and green beans in a single layer on the baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle the ranch seasoning and garlic. Then season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
3. Bake in the oven for about 20 minutes, until the pork is cooked all the way through. Then turn oven to broil and broil for another 3 minutes until the top gets slightly caramelized.
4. Serve right away and garnish with parsley.



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 townships: Sherman, Logan, Union and Calhoun. To date, 36,201 poles have been inspected and 1,289 have been replaced.

Beschorner Receives CCD and Boedecker BLC

Two Directors Obtain National Recognition Certificates

Director Duane Beschorner recently received the Credential Cooperative Director certificate (CCD) from the National Rural Electrical Cooperative Association (NRECA). Directors who have attained the CCD have completed 5 credits on basic governance knowledge and the essential skills required of cooperative directors. Congratulations, Duane!



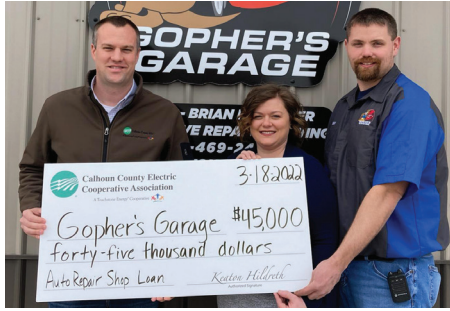
Director Steve Boedecker recently received the Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) from the NRECA. This recognizes Directors who have continued their professional development after becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director. Directors who have attained the BLC have completed 10 credits in advanced, issues-oriented courses. Congratulations, Steve!



Gopher's Garage – Revolving Loan Fund

Gopher's Garage, LLC recently purchased Craig's Service located in Manson with assistance from our Revolving Loan Fund program. This purchase included the property, shop, inventory, equipment and tow truck. Gopher's Garage plans to continue to offer auto repair and tow truck services.

CCECA is committed to enhancing the communities we serve and are proud to support growth and development by partnering with Gopher's Garage.



From L to R: Keaton Hildreth, CCECA CEO, Kayla and Brian Hoepfner, Owners of Gopher's Garage

The Little Farmer Toy Box

In correlation with Iowa Select Farms, CCECA was able to nominate Little Feet Learning Center (LFLC) for a Little Farmer Toy Box, the most recent addition to the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation – Henry's Heroes program. Each year the program selects



From L to R: Kayla Wiederin, CCECA Communications Manager with son Cam who attends LFLC, Rebecca Thompson, Owner of LFLC and Preston, Son of Rebecca who also attends LFLC

a new initiative and for 2022 the goal was to support the unsung heroes of our society – childcare workers. This was one small way to say thank you for all daycare providers do to educate, develop and protect our littlest Iowans!

CCECA chose to nominate LFLC in Rockwell City for the impact they have made to the community since opening last fall. The center, owned by Rebecca and Andy Thompson, has provided childcare services for many families – including curriculum driven lesson

plans. CCECA also worked with LFLC on a Revolving Loan in 2021 to assist in the purchase of the former childcare building. CCECA is proud to support LFLC. Enjoy the toys, kiddos!



The daycare kids are so excited to start playing with their new toys!

Member Challenge



1. What is the name of the most recent business that utilized our Revolving Loan Fund? _____
2. April ____ is Lineman Appreciation Day.
3. Star Energy Services will be testing about _____ poles for the Cooperative.

Name _____

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. Send your answer to kwiederin@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 **May 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's member challenge winners:
Ron Essing, Lambert Klocke and Michael Gimer

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