

## Board Approves Patronage Retirement

Since our members are our owners and investors, the co-op will periodically return dividends in the form of patronage capital retirements. Be sure to look on the December statement for your portion of the patronage retirement in the form of a bill credit.

In the last 85 years, your Cooperative has returned more than \$3.1 million to its member-owners. At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, we're proud of our rural heritage and the founding principles of our incorporating members. Eight decades later, those principles continue to guide us as we make long-term decisions to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable energy for our member owners. If you have questions about our policies or our cooperative structure, please don't hesitate to contact us.



**In the past 10 years, \$1.2 million has been returned to CCECA members.**

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## How capital credits work at-a-glance.



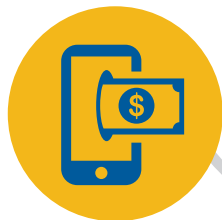
CCECA tracks how much electricity you use and pay for throughout the year.



At the end of the year, CCECA assesses the finances to see if there are excess revenues.



CCECA allocates the excess revenues as "capital credits" to the members, based on how much electricity you've used.



CCECA will notify you how and when you'll receive your capital credits.



If financial conditions allow, the board of directors will pay out the capital credits to members in the form of a bill credit or check.

## CCECA Honors 4-H Members

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative was privileged to award \$50 to Alex Nimke (Intermediate) and Karson Wuebker (Junior) who were the top 4-H achievers from Calhoun County. 4-H instills values in their members such as citizenship, responsibility, and loyalty. As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, we feel these types of values are a true asset to our local communities. We would again like to congratulate and commend the winners for their hard work and accomplishments.



*Karson Wuebker (Junior)*

*Alex Nimke (Intermediate)*

## Momentum is Building Conference for Contractors and Builders

Area builders and contractors are invited to learn about energy efficiency technologies at the 2022 Momentum is Building (MIB) Conference, scheduled for Feb. 3 and 4 at the Meadows Event Center in Altoona. A major draw for electricians, plumbers and HVAC professionals is the opportunity to earn CEU credits at the conference. MIB attendees can also network with industry professionals, hear from recognized industry energy efficiency and building trades experts and gain insight on trending technologies. Registration is now open at [www.MomentumIsBuilding.com](http://www.MomentumIsBuilding.com).

Sponsored and organized annually by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives® of Iowa, the Momentum is Building Conference also connects Iowa's construction industry with the local services and resources available from electric cooperatives, serving nearly 650,000 Iowans in all 99 counties.

Weldon Long, a bestselling author and sales expert, will open the conference on Feb. 3 as he talks about achieving personal and professional greatness in the face of adversity. Comedian Greg Warren will close out the conference on Feb. 4 as he shares humorous stories of overcoming setbacks throughout his life.

MIB 2022 will be held at the Meadows Event Center beginning at 8:00 AM on Thursday, Feb. 3 running through Noon on Friday, Feb. 4. Registration for the event is available online at [MomentumIsBuilding.com](http://MomentumIsBuilding.com). Early Bird registration is available until Jan. 19.

For more information about the conference, please contact Richard Hall, Member Services Representative, at 712-297-7112.

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## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative office  
 Friday, December 10th from 10 a.m. - Noon

*Refreshments will be provided*

### Recipe of the Month

## Texas Sheet Cake Peanut Butter Cookies

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Cookie:

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil

#### Peanut butter glaze:

- ½ cup butter
- 2/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 6 TB milk
- 2 ½ cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl or a stand mixer, combine all the cookie ingredients together and mix until just combined. Dough will be thick.
2. On a parchment lined cookie sheet, scoop cookie dough onto the cookie sheet. About 1 1/2 Tablespoon size.
3. Bake for 9-10 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool while preparing the peanut butter glaze.

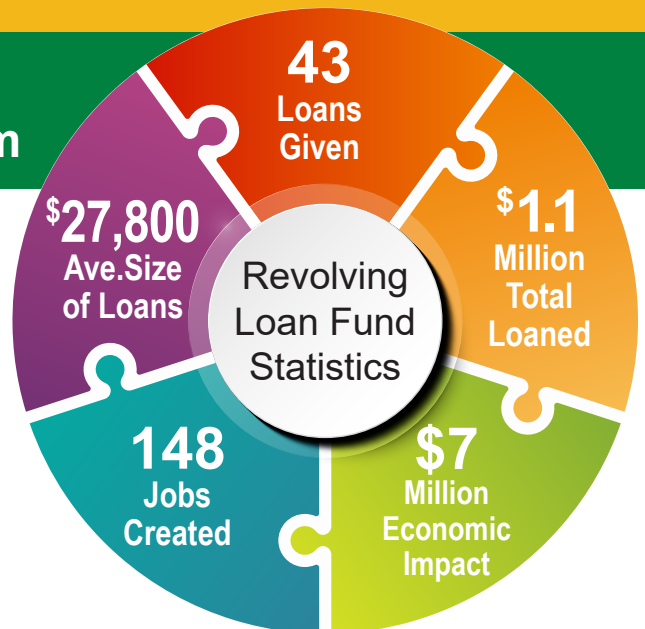


### Glaze

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, add the butter, peanut butter and milk and bring to a boil. Once boiling, remove from heat and add powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Whisk together until combined and smooth.
2. Spoon glaze over cookies making sure to cover the entire tops of the cookie. Let the glaze set and then dive in! Enjoy!

## Cooperative Operates Successful Economic Development Loan Program

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association has played an active role in the development of rural Iowa since 1936 and provided not only leadership but financial participation in economic and community development. With the creation of a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) in 1998, the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association seeks to improve the quality of life in rural areas by contributing to the long-term improvement in the economy, including job creation and retention, diversification of the economy, improving the education and skills of the rural workforce, and upgrading the public infrastructure to improve the health, safety, and/or medical care of rural residents.







WE WISH YOU  
*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*and*  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Closed for Christmas: December 23 & December 24**  
**Closed for New Year's: Noon on December 30 & December 31**

*Happy Holidays*

from  
**CCECA Staff & Directors**



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*Member Challenge...*



1. CCECA has returned more than \$\_\_\_\_\_ million in patronage to member-owners in the past 10 years.
2. What two 4-H members received the top 4-H award in 2021? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Cooperative's Revolving Loan Fund has given \_\_\_\_\_ loans.

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](mailto: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](http://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 January 1. 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 October's member challenge winners:  
 Roger & Linda Coon, Jim Rohe, and Joyce Anderson*



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