



## Calhoun County Electric Cooperative offers Basin Scholarship



Dependents of members of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative are eligible to **apply for a \$1,000 scholarship** to be provided by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Corn Belt Power Cooperative, power suppliers of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative.

The scholarship program is designed to encourage and recognize the achievements of a student living on electric cooperative lines. The scholarship must be used for educational costs and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given.

The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school.

This scholarship is awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained. Award of the scholarship is based on the following criteria: SAT/ACT scores, grade-point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a statement by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals, essay and an appraisal completed by a third party.



Applicants for the scholarship will first be screened by their cooperative. Each member cooperative may also forward one finalist to Corn Belt Power Cooperative to be considered for the scholarship.

**Deadline is on or before February 4th** at the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative office. To obtain an application contact our office at 712-297-7112 or go to our website at [www.calhounrec.coop](http://www.calhounrec.coop) to find the application.

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# Line Crews Begin Annual Line Patrol

Line patrol involves line crews driving line in selected townships and taking note of how lines, poles and equipment are holding up. Trouble areas then get marked down as potential candidates for repair during construction season. So, if you see electric cooperative vehicles come into your yard, they are likely checking equipment up to the meter and transformer.

Likewise, if you see line trucks driving slowly on the road, take care when you pass, your linemen are ensuring that you have the most reliable service possible by making sure the lines, transformers and equipment on your distribution system are in working order. Line patrol is another duty performed by your electric coop to show how they work to serve you winter, spring, summer, fall plus every day and night in between.

## 2022 Youth Tour

### Accepting Applications for High School Leadership Trip to D.C.

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative will send one student on an all-expenses Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C., in June.

At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, one way we invest in the next generation of rural Iowa leaders is by participating in the national Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program. We're looking for high school sophomores and juniors with a passion for government and public service to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to our nation's capital in June.

One student will be selected from eligible candidates to attend the 2022 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 18-24 along with 40 other student leaders from Iowa. The Iowa Youth Tour group will join with hundreds of students from across the country as they learn more about electric cooperatives and American history and come home with a greater understanding of their role as an American citizen. Students will also learn about U.S. government and meet with their members of Congress. On the trip, students take in the sights of D.C. as they visit monuments, museums and historical landmarks. Students who go on Youth Tour often call it the trip of a lifetime!

We are accepting Youth Tour applications until March 2, 2022. High school students in our service territory are eligible to apply; the student must be a current sophomore or junior high school student. The application process consists of completing our application form which includes essay questions. We will conduct in-person interviews with the top three applicants. You can download our application form at [www.calhounrec.coop/youth-tour-washington-dc](http://www.calhounrec.coop/youth-tour-washington-dc) or stop by our office for a printed copy. Guidance counselors at our local schools also have applications



**Students can apply now for a trip to our nation's capital from June 18-24!**

**Area high school students interested in government and public service are encouraged to apply! Learn more at [IowaYouthTour.com](http://IowaYouthTour.com)**



available. Contact Kayla Wiederin at [kwiederin@calhounrec.coop](mailto:kwiederin@calhounrec.coop) or 712-297-7112 if you have more questions.

For more than 60 years, Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives have been sending deserving students to D.C. This program is a great resume builder for student leaders and a wonderful opportunity to kickstart one's passion for government affairs or advocacy. ***Make sure to apply for Youth Tour 2022 by March 2, 2022.***



# Recipe of the Month

## Fried Pickle Ranch Dip

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 block (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 packet powder Ranch dressing mix
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 small jar (10 ounces) dill pickle relish
- ½ cup panko breadcrumbs
- 2 TB vegetable oil

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium mixing bowl, add the cream cheese, sour cream, ranch mix, garlic and relish. Mix together until combined.
2. In a small skillet heat the vegetable oil on medium high heat. Add panko crumbs and stir continuously until they get nice and golden brown.
3. Add the toasted panko to the pickle dip, stir to combine.
4. Serve with potato chips, pretzels/pretzel chips or veggies.
5. Store covered in the fridge until serving and after.



## RECare Members helping Members

In response to actions by the Iowa General Assembly, your REC has established RECare, a program of members helping members. RECare will provide funds to be distributed by local community action agencies to help pay winter heating bills and to assist in weatherization of homes of low income consumers. You may make a onetime contribution or a monthly pledge that will be automatically added onto your monthly electric bill.

### RECare Consumer Authorization Form

- I will contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month. I understand this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.
- I will make a one-time contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to RECare. My check is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Special appreciation goes to two of our very own employees, **Doug LeMonds** and **Richard Hall**, who serve on the Rockwell City and Manson fire departments. We appreciate the time and effort you donate to the communities you serve!



# THANK YOU

Thank you for your patience to restore power after the two storms in December. Here are some photos of the damage caused by the December 15th storm. We had about 50 poles broken throughout our service territory. Special appreciation goes to our linemen for working tirelessly to repair damaged areas. We are also extremely thankful for the assistance we received from Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative's line crew. RVEC is headquartered in Glidden.



## Text Message Notifications & Paperless Billing Update

We are working hard to get those that have signed up for these options registered on our system. If you would like more information on these options or have questions, please call our office at 712-297-7112 and ask for Kayla.

Sign up here on our website at [www.calhounrec.coop/text-message-alerts-email-notifications-sign](http://www.calhounrec.coop/text-message-alerts-email-notifications-sign).

*Please be aware that the text message notifications are not automated for outages and restoration but will be sent during major and planned outages.*

## Member Challenge... ???

1. What is the deadline for the Basin Electric Power Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ high school students are eligible to attend the 2022 Youth Tour.
3. Two of our employees serve as volunteer \_\_\_\_\_.

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 February 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 November's member challenge winners:  
Thomas & Kim Porteous, Lory Jackson and Renee Mosbach*

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