

Shine the Light – Lohrville Visions Nominees Recognized



Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, the statewide Shine the Light contest celebrates our cooperative commitment to community.

During the month of June, member-owners and employees of Iowa’s electric cooperatives were invited to nominate local volunteers who are making a positive difference in their communities at IowaShinetheLight.com.

The judging committee had the difficult task of narrowing down from 68 outstanding nominees to select three contest winners

Congratulations to Deb Johnson who is recognized for her work with Greater Fairfield Area Habitat for Humanity; Nicole Low who is recognized for her work with the Eldora Community Garden; and Sharon Van Beek who is recognized for her work with Buckets of Joy. These three winners have been awarded a \$2,000 donation to their charity or community organization of choice.

While no entries within Calhoun County Electric Cooperative service territory were selected as one of the three statewide winners, we would like to showcase the volunteers who were nominated for serving their community. We are happy to provide a donation of \$1,500 to Lohrville Visions. We were able to make this donation by partnering with CoBank and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Congratulations to Calhoun County Electric Cooperative’s Nominees:

1. Presley Vogel.....Lohrville Visions
2. Joe BergerLohrville Visions
3. Mike MoranLohrville Visions



L to R: Joe Berger, Lohrville Visions, Kayla Wiederin, CCECA Communications Manager, Presley Vogel, Lohrville Visions, Mike Moran, Lohrville Visions

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Director Introductions



Joe Parker

Joe is the new director for District #6. He lives near Lohrville with his wife Heather. They have three children – Ayden, Ayla and Adalynn. Joe works for NEW Cooperative as a Sales Agronomist.

"I am interested in learning more about how the electric cooperative system works and how to continue providing sustainable power for local members. I'm grateful for the opportunity!"

– Joe Parker, District #6 Director



Darcy Maulsby

Darcy is the new director for District #4. She lives in between Lake City and Yetter with her husband J. Darcy owns her own business doing various marketing and communications work.

"For decades, our rural electric cooperative has provided an essential service that touches our lives daily.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board, which is dedicated to putting our members' needs first. I'm also excited to work with the other directors and the staff to help the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association remain a reliable energy provider and a local economic development engine."

– Darcy Maulsby, District #4 Director

Why Does It Matter When I Use Electricity?

Most people use electricity in different amounts throughout the day. Your home's electric use will likely be lowest during the middle of the night, and you likely use more electricity in the morning and evening. Businesses typically have low electric consumption during the night as well.

Avoiding Peaks

Due to these common patterns, there will be certain times where the total electric use of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is highest. These "peaks" are the most expensive times to use electricity. Cooperatives and other electric utilities must use costly electricity from our generation and transmission provider to supply power during peaks, so all consumers have enough power. These times also strain the infrastructure that delivers power to homes and businesses on the grid. If we avoid those peaks, we can avoid those expensive times and reduce costs for everyone.

It is common for electric utilities to charge different rates for customers depending on how they use electricity. Along with a basic customer charge –called the Facility Charge, most consumers pay for the energy they use measured in kilowatt-hours or kWh. Larger users of electricity are also charged for something called demand, which is measured in kilowatts or kW.

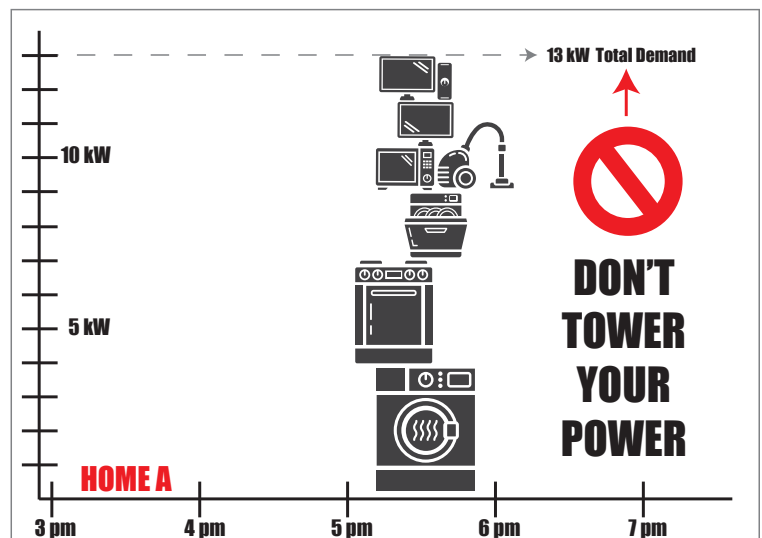
Peak Demand Charges

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, like many

utilities, charge for electricity demand to commercial members based on peak demand, which is the highest average demand during a specific period in a monthly cycle, typically a 30-minute interval. For example, if a commercial member's demand profile is usually around 100 kW, except for one 30-min interval when the demand was 200 kW, Calhoun County Electric Cooperative would base our calculations on 200 kW. This helps CCECA cover costs to be able to deliver electricity to meet that member's peak demand and maintain reliability on the grid.

Spreading Electric Use to Level the Load

Because Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is



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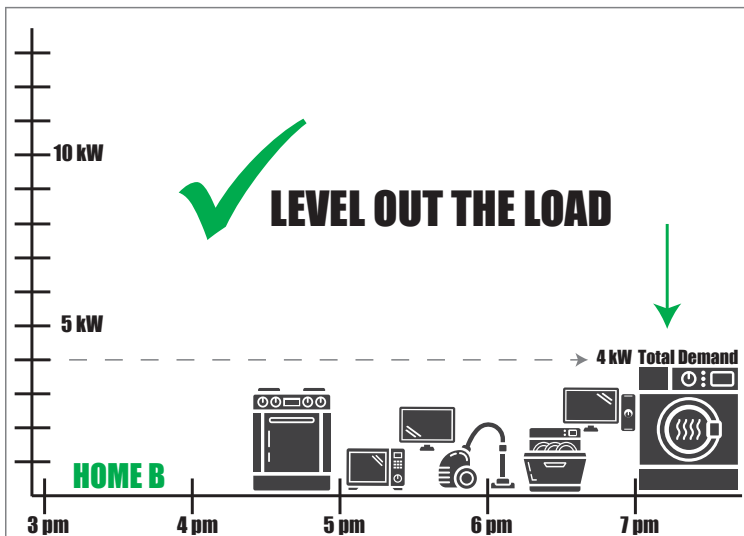


Welcome, Charlotte!

Charlotte True joined our team on September 26. True will be working as the Member Account Manager which is responsible for the monthly billing and accounts receivable process and new services inquiries. Charlotte resides near Lohrville with her husband Jeff. They have 3 children – Ryan (26), Aaron (24) and Allison (22). Join us in welcoming Charlotte to the Cooperative family!

member owned, when the Cooperative saves money, the members save, too. Avoiding peak demand times from our generation and transmission provider means our members are using energy wisely, and total costs to the Cooperative remain low.

In the past you have been able to save money by turning off the light or taking advantage of our energy efficiency programs. In the future, you may be able to lower your bill by coordinating the number of appliances you operate at once. Staggering the use of major appliances throughout the day reduces the demand at your location and throughout the cooperative system.



CHICKEN BACON RANCH BAKED PASTA

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 ounces penne pasta, cooked to al dente
- 1 pound boneless, chicken breasts cut in to 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon ranch powder dressing mix

Sauce:

- 1 tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons ranch powder dressing mix
- ½ tablespoon flour
- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Toppings:

- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 4 slices cooked bacon, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare a 9x13 baking dish with nonstick spray and set aside.
2. Cook the pasta according to package directions until done. Drain and set aside.
3. Cut the chicken into about 1-inch pieces. Sprinkle the ranch powder over top the chicken to cover.
4. In a large skillet sprayed with nonstick spray, cook chicken until cooked and no longer pink. Once cooked, put on a separate plate and set aside.
5. Wipe the skillet out, then add butter to the skillet on medium-high heat.
6. Once melted, add the minced garlic and cook for about a minute. Then add the flour and ranch powder and whisk together. Cook for another minute or so.
7. Slowly add in the heavy cream and whisk to combine. Bring to a low boil and then remove from the heat. Add the parmesan cheese and pepper then stir until melted.
8. Add back in the cooked chicken plus cooked pasta. Stir until all is mixed and combined.
9. Add the creamy chicken pasta mixture into the prepared baking dish and spread out evenly.
10. Sprinkle the chopped bacon and the shredded mozzarella cheese over the top.
11. Bake uncovered for about 20 minute or until cheese is all melted and slightly browned.
12. Remove from the oven and serve! Great with a side of bread or a salad.

DON'T MISS THE RED FLAGS!

If a salesperson says, "You won't have an electric bill!" It's a **RED FLAG!** ▶
Owning distributed generation can help offset your kilowatt-hour needs, but the fees to be connected to the grid remain. By working with Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, we can help you understand rate structures and special load control rates as well as how you will be compensated for excess energy you don't use.

"YOU WON'T HAVE AN ELECTRIC BILL!"

Smart energy solutions start with smart energy decisions! Don't miss the red flags and work with your local energy experts at



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Electric Heat Rate

The electric heat rate is for members with electric heating systems. These systems include geothermal heat pumps, air source heat pumps, baseboard, electric boilers, an electric furnace, electric in-floor or ceiling cable. To take advantage of this rate, permanently installed electric space heating equipment must be metered separately. The effective rate is 5.3 cents per kilowatt hour during the October - April heating season. The rate is offered to electric accounts with approved, separately metered electric space heating. Metering equipment is required before the rate is issued. Contact Richard Hall, Member Services Rep, with any questions.

November Member Challenge

1. The electric _____ rate began October 1.
2. True or False – You won't have an electric bill if you install solar generation.
3. The _____ Visions group is raising money for a community splash pad.

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 December 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 September member challenge winners:
Randy & Kathy Hammen, Gerald & Marnie Hansch, Randy Hildreth*

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