CEO Comments: Hildreth Begins Role as CEO

I am honored by the Board’s decision to select me as the next CEO of Calhoun County REC. Our focus here at the Cooperative will continue to be providing our member-owners safe, reliable, and responsible electric service at a fair price. With our experienced, talented employees, the vision of the Board, and your participation, I know we can meet the challenges and opportunities brought by an ever-changing electric industry. We will continue to deliver the excellent energy services that you, our member-owners, have come to expect from us.

I want to sincerely thank Roxanne Carisch, outgoing CEO, for her mentorship during my five years with the Cooperative. She has generously shared her experience and knowledge of the industry with me and left an excellent foundation for my transition to CEO. I am also thankful for the Board’s investment in my professional development and training through National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association’s (NRECA) Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP). MIP is a comprehensive, six-week program, broken into three two-week units, that provides in-depth analysis of the functions and processes of co-op management. I have successfully completed the first two units and will travel back to the University of Wisconsin in Madison in February to complete the program. My time at MIP has been extremely valuable and I hope to use what I’ve learned to better serve the Member-Owners and employees that make up our Cooperative.

As we enter December, I want to wish you and your family Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

-- Patronage Retirement --

Calhoun County REC to retire over $86,000

Member-owners of Calhoun County REC will be receiving their share of the $86,013.81 in December. “This is the members’ share of the profits as owners of their cooperative,” explains CEO Keaton Hildreth.

Your share of the patronage dividends represents 100% of the cooperative’s 2001 margins. If you were a member of the REC in 2001, you will receive a credit on your billing statement.

Allocation of dividends is based on the amount of electricity members use. The more electricity used, the greater their share of the dividends.

Members of Calhoun County REC have received over $2.5 million in patronage dividends since the Cooperative began in 1936.

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Holiday Member Appreciation

Friday, December 14th
at the
Calhoun County REC office
Please stop in and enjoy refreshments!
SCC Diversity in Ag Class Visits REC

*Future careers in the industry discussed*

South Central Calhoun’s Diversity in Ag class, headed by Mr. Carlson, joined the REC on Friday, October 5th to learn more about what the Calhoun County REC does. Staff of the coop spoke to the Class explaining the different jobs that are performed on a regular basis and CEO Rox Carisch presented information on how the cooperative works.

4-H’ers Are Honored

Calhoun County REC was privileged to award $50 to Alicia Westering (Senior), Ashley Westering (Intermediate) and Adrianna McCusker (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 three winners for their hard work and accomplishments! 02C36BB

Scholarships available from Corn Belt Power

Corn Belt Power Cooperative partners with Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa, to offer four separate $500 scholarships. Recipients may be either first or second year students at Northwest Iowa Community College studying in the programs of Electrical Technology, Powerline or Powerline Technology. Students must maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA. Applications must be filed with Northwest Iowa Community College Foundation by March 1, 2019.

For an application or more information, contact Sheila Van Engen, foundation secretary, Northwest Iowa Community College Foundation, 603 West Part Street, Sheldon, IA 51201-1046, (800) 352-4907 ext. 246, svanengen@nwicc.edu.

Corn Belt Power partners with Iowa Lakes Community College to offer one $500 scholarship. To qualify, the recipient must be enrolled in the Wind Energy and Turbine Technology program; a first or second year student at Iowa Lakes Community College; maintain 2.5 minimum GPA, and be an Iowa resident.

For an application or more information, contact Alison Mason, Iowa Lakes Community College, 712.362.0491 ext. 4491 or amason@iowalakes.edu. Applications due by April 1, 2019.
**Recipe of the Month**

**Cheese Puffs**

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/4 cups shredded Gruyere or Swiss cheese
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

**DIRECTIONS:**
In a large saucepan, bring the water, butter, salt and cayenne to a boil. Add flour all at once and stir until a smooth ball forms. Remove from the heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is smooth and shiny. Stir in Gruyere and mustard. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 425° for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm or cold.

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**In Memory of Director Finley**

Calhoun County REC lost a leader and a friend Friday, October 26, when Director Terry Finley passed away. Terry is survived by his wife Nila of Lake City, daughter Corey (John) Sebetka and their children, Davis, Lila, Sophia and Bristol of Audubon, and son Neal and his children Ava, Adam and Abram of Lake City. He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd and Lila Finley and son Adam Ray Finley in 2007.

Terry’s memberships include the Corn Belt Energy Board, Calhoun County Conservation Board, Calhoun County REC Board where he was elected to the Board of Directors in Sept 2007, served as Secretary from 2008-2012, and was elected Vice President in 2012. In February 2013, he was unanimously appointed as Calhoun County REC’s Representative on the Corn Belt Board of Directors, the Cooperative’s wholesale power supplier.

Rox Carisch, previous CEO Calhoun County REC, says, “Terry’s leadership on the Cooperative’s Board of Directors was always focused on integrity and guided on the principle that we are an organization that is directly responsible to the members we serve. His leadership, guidance and friendship will be greatly missed.”

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**Spot Your Number**

Brandon Kies spotted his location number to receive a $10 credit. Amanda Buenting and Tim Galbraith missed their opportunity to receive a $10 credit.

Don’t forget to read the newsletter and check for your location number. If your location number is spotted, call Calhoun County REC by the 15th of the month.

*Location numbers are located on billing statements.*
Employees Recognized for Service

Calhoun County REC recently honored First Class Linemen Chad Krukow and Jared Kuhlers with an appreciation gift and certificate for their ten years of service. Thank you for your dedication to the Calhoun County REC and its members. 11C15CA

Chad Krukow  Jared Kuhlers

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Happy Holidays from Calhoun County REC

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Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don’t let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

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WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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