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IN THE COMMUNITY

Charity golf outing raises money for the Iowa 4-H Foundation

Guthrie County REC CEO Cozy Nelsen, along with board members Bob Batschelet, Keith Peterson and Marcel Fett participated in a Charity Golf Outing July 30 sponsored by Central Iowa Power Cooperative.

The event raised more than \$12,500 for the Iowa 4-H Foundation, providing financial resources to support, develop and deliver quality 4-H youth programs throughout the state. ⚡



From left, Guthrie County REC board members Bob Batschelet and Keith Peterson, CEO Cozy Nelsen and Rod Nelsen participated in the CIPCO Charity Golf Outing.



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EXTEND A HELPING HAND!

Help us find these missing members

One of the biggest benefits of being a member of Guthrie County REC is sharing in its success. Every year, once all financial statements have been finalized and audited, the cooperative records the margin – revenue in excess of expenses. These margins are held for a set time before being dispersed to cooperative members, based on their electric

usage in the year the margins were recorded.

Several cooperative members have not cashed these checks. It's important to find these people as soon as possible so that we can forward payment. If you see your name or have information on the whereabouts of any of the members on the list, please contact us. ⚡

A

Allen, Timothy or Nancy
Allender, James R. or
Valerie J.
Amendola, James C.
Anderson, Helen C.
Anderson, Linda J.
Anderson, Mary Jean or
Richard
Annear, Robert B. or
Ruth K.
Ashby, Grover J. or
Sharon A.

B

Barnhill, Robert L. c/o
Robert Barnhill III
Baumgardner, Iola
Beattie, Collene or
Richard
Beaudoin, David D. or
Debra K.
Becker, John F. or Abby
Swartz
Biegler, Jr., Donald L. or
Emily
Bienvenue, Mary
Blattner, John W.
Bramer, Raymond A.
Bridges, Jennifer K.
Briggs, Sharon
Broderick, Charles W.
Bud Bernsmeier Estate
Buell, Leanne M.
Burger, Clarence H.
Busch, Alfred P.

C

Cadwell, Glen L. or
Beverly
Chambers, David J.
Cole, Fred
Collier, Robert L. or
Karen S.
Conway, Brian J. or
Terri L.
Cornelison, James M.
Cotton, Robert
Crabbs, Bruce
Crawford, Tom D. or
Raean
Cretsinger, Leah
Curler, Ralph

D

Danielson Gloria or
Clarence
De Boer, Casey W.
De Philips, Milo R.
De Rocher, Marie
Dean, Daniel V. or
Autumn Joy
Dodd, Helen E.
Downey, Joy I., c/o
Stacie Cox

E

Elifrits, Keith E.
Emerson, Roger
Espejo, Adolfo T.
Espy, August L. or Terry
Essy, George or Gloria
Feirick, Jeffrey A. or
Carol J.

F

Foresman, Helen L. c/o
Sherry Foresman,
Exec.
Fowler, Frank C. or Mary
Fox, W. F. or Marian B.
Francis, Stephanie or
Christopher
Fryman, Robert G.
Fuller, Donna R.

G

Gadberry, Delores A.
G Galicia, Alex R.
Gilbert, Michael D. or
Linda S.
Glass, Mitze or Danny
Good, Ron G. or Sue Ann
Grace, Colleen L.
Grossnickle, Donald I. or
Betty J.
Grubbs, Carrie or Ryan

H

Halterman, Amy L. or
Nick
Hamman, Robert D.
Hammer, Craig S. or
Lori L.
Hankinson, Richard L. or
Marilyn C.
Hanley, Mark W.
Harrison, Jennifer L.
Hartman, Robert
Helper, Ryan

Hendricks, Glenn L. or
Irene J.
Herron, David D.
Hesse, Richard A. or
Deborah J.
Hickman, Dan W. or
Susan M.
Hoffman, Robert
Holmes, Leroy or Lisa
Hudspeth, Toff R.
Hughes, Lloyd W. or
Joise D.

I

Israel, John D.

J

Jensen, George E. or
Elaina Joy
Jensen, Verle E.
Job, Pammie L.
Johnson, Howard, R.
Johnson, Jerry
Johnson, Johnny or
Kimberly
Johnson, Kurt
Johnson, Robert J.
Johnson, Terry L.
Johnson, Todd A.

K

Karstens, A.J.
Kaser, Peter G. or Becky
Khoundara, Misay or
Kongmala
Kirby, Chad
Kirtley, Michael G.
Kissel, Joseph B. or Karen
Knapp Jr., Walter

Last names from N to Z will be included in the October issue.

Has your information changed? Let us know!

It's important for Guthrie County REC to maintain updated contact information for our members. If you've had a recent change, contact the office at (888) 747-2206 with your new information.

Groundbreaking for wind project near Audubon



From left: Guthrie County REC Line Superintendent Elden Wolfe, Board Members Steve Bireline and Marcel Fett.



From left: Guthrie Board Members Don Schwartz, Steve Bireline, Bob Batschelet and Julie Kiley.

A portion of Guthrie County REC's service territory will be home to Iowa's newest, and one of its largest, wind farms by the end of the year.

NextEra Energy Resources and Guthrie County REC's power supplier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), broke ground on the Heartland Divide Wind Energy Center on Aug. 15. Turbines located in Guthrie and Audubon counties will have the capacity to generate 103MW of cost-effective, clean energy. CIPCO will purchase 100 percent of the energy produced at the site, making it CIPCO's largest wind energy project to date and one that will benefit Guthrie County REC members.

Heartland Divide is expected to generate approximately \$40 million in additional revenue for Audubon and Guthrie counties over the life of the project. Construction will create more than 200 jobs and provide an economic boost to local contractors and businesses. The project is slated for completion before the end of the year. ⚡

NOTIFY US

State law requires notification of alternate energy production

In 2012, the Iowa Legislature approved a bill that requires notification to electric utilities prior to installation of an alternate energy source. The notification requirement applies to any type of electric generating technology including:



- Solar
- Wind turbine
- Waste management
- Resource recovery
- Refuse-derived fuel
- Agricultural crops or residue
- Wood-burning facility that will be connected to an electric transmission or distribution line

Under this legislation, the owner of an alternate energy production facility must provide written notification to his or her electric utility at least 30 days before construction or installation of the alternate energy source. If you're considering installing an alternate energy system, please contact Guthrie County REC at (888) 747-2206. Let us provide information and assistance before you decide to purchase any type of alternate energy system that requires interconnection with the electric grid. ⚡

FAIR TIME

Guthrie County REC Staff at the Fair

Guthrie County REC Communications Clerk Rebecca Schwartz and Member Services Clerk Marlene Chalfant helped staff the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa booth at the Iowa State Fair.

For 11 days, hundreds of thousands of fairgoers learned more about the vital services provided by Iowa's electric cooperatives.

"Thank you for your sponsorship of 4-H Communications events at the Iowa State Fair. Your support inspires youth across the state to



Brad Chalfant marks his co-op on the map at the Iowa State Fair booth.

take part in communications events that help build life skills. I have been participating at the state fair in communications events for six years and am the vice president of my 4-H club." - Anna Campbell, 15, daughter of GCREC members Paul and Deb Campbell, Hamlin. ⚡

EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

Celebrate family meals with an electric skillet!

September is National Family Meals Month! The Cuisinart® Green Gourmet 14-inch Electric Skillet is a powerful, environmentally friendly electric skillet that lets you sear, fry, griddle, simmer or braise with little or no oil or butter for healthier family dinners. The suggested retail price is approximately \$130. For details go to: www.williams-sonoma.com/products/cuisinart-electric-skillet/

Enter the contest by visiting the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website at www.livingwithenergyiniowa.com no later than Sept. 30, 2018. ⚡



Nominating committee plans for 2019 board election

As a member-owned electric cooperative, Guthrie County REC is governed by a board of directors made up of local people from your community and elected by you. Democratic member control is one of seven cooperative principles that guide Guthrie County REC. It means every cooperative member has one vote, and every member is eligible to serve as a cooperative director representing their district.

On January 5, 2019, your cooperative will hold its annual meeting and board election. Members in Districts 1, 2 and 3 are eligible to run for a position on the board of directors and get involved in cooperative decision-making. Directors serve 3-year terms and represent all co-op members at monthly meetings.

Meet this year's nominating committee

The nominating committee begins the process of electing directors each year. If you reside in District 1, 2 or 3 and would like to recommend a candidate for your district, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee.

District 1: Julie Kiley
Teresa Neal, 13981 T Ave.,
 Woodward, IA 50276, 515-229-5838
Lanita Cavanaugh, 4082 T Ave.,
 Woodward, IA 50276, 515-360-6298
Julie Achenbach, 31165 155th Place,
 Woodward, IA 50276, 515-438-2567

District 2: John Masmar
Paul Warnex, 8112 Lakeshore Dr.,
 Dexter, IA 50070, 515-478-4527
Dennis Van Pelt, 8444 Lakeshore

Dr., Dexter, IA 50070, 515-705-9182
Jim Mazour, 9179 Diamondhead
 Dr., Dexter, IA 50070, 515-321-1809

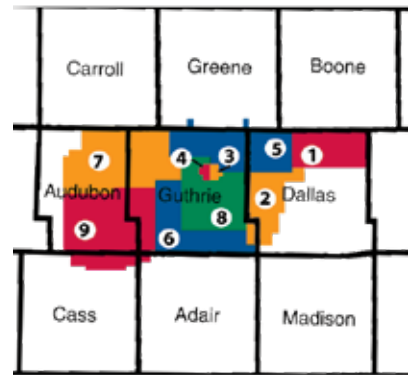
District 3: Keith Peterson
Ed Buchanan, 5118 Panorama Dr.,
 Panora, IA 50216, 641-755-4241
Dale Grotjohn, 5219 Bean Bend,
 Panora, IA 50216, 641-755-2662
Ted Erickson, 5050 Panorama Dr.,
 Panora, IA 50216, 641-755-2469 ⚡

These districts will hold elections

District 1: Beaver, Des Moines, Sugar Grove, Grant, east one-half of Spring Valley, and sections 1-3 and 10-12 of Washington Townships in Dallas County.

District 2: Linn, Union, south one-third of Lincoln, and south one-third plus sections 13-15 and 22-24 of Washington Townships in Dallas County. Southeast corner with sections 1-2 of Jackson, and Sections 11-14 and 23-24 of Penn Townships in Guthrie County.

District 3: East Lake Panorama, excluding the 5200s on Panorama Point and Panorama Terrace, all 5300s and 5400s in Cass Township in Guthrie County.



Reminder to electric heat users:

Heat rates go into effect October 1

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Entering grain storage bins is extremely dangerous!
Moving grain acts like quicksand and can bury and suffocate in seconds.

Always follow the safety rules to save lives during harvest season!

Guthrie County REC Board Member Marcel Fett

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