

THE CONNECTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES ALLOCATION

For the year 2016, Consumers Energy reported margins totaling \$2,755,502. At the May 2017 board meeting, the Board of Directors voted to allocate \$1,839,502 of those margins to the deferred patronage capital credits and credited on the books of the cooperative to each member in proportion to the total electric revenues of the cooperative for the year 2016. The remaining \$916,000 of margins was allocated to the contingency reserve and statutory surplus accounts. This will allow Consumers Energy to rebuild these reserve accounts.

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Consumers Energy's Board of Directors front row from L to R: John Ripley, Pat VonAhnen, Jeff Edler, Bill Hobson; back row: Mark Wampler, Bob Meimann, Allan Armbrrecht, Terry Benskin, Arden Greiner

WIN

ONE OF TWO MONTHLY \$5 BILL CREDITS

THIS MONTH'S CONTEST:

**Caption the
photo on page 8-H!**



Winners for the month of May:
Annalee Buffington, Marshalltown
Marla Grossman, Marshalltown

Here's how to enter:

1. Answer the question or challenge posed each month.
2. Send answers to Consumers Energy with:
 - . Name
 - . Service address
 - . Account number
 - . Phone number
 - . Email address

Email to: kglenney@consumersenergy.coop
Subject line: Contest

Mail to: Consumers Energy
2074 242nd Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158
3. Winners' names will be drawn at random and published in upcoming issues of *The Connection*.

July 2017

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Dates To Remember:

June 30	Read Meters
July 3	Bills Due
July 3	Automatic Payments Deducted
July 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
July 11	Mail Bills
July 25	Automatic Payments Deducted
August 1	Read Meters
August 3	Bills Due

Members Save with 2016 Energy Efficiency Incentives

Cooperative members saved electricity AND received incentive dollars from the 2016 Energy Efficiency Incentive Program. The filing deadline for all 2016 Incentives was June 30. Members saved energy primarily from improvements in heating and cooling equipment and lighting.

As the graph shows, 88% of the 1.16 million kilowatt hour (kWh) savings through energy efficiency efforts of members resulted from the listed programs.

2016 Energy Efficiency Program	Energy Saved in kWh	% of Total Energy Saved
Be Bright Retail - Residential	530,774	45.73%
Commercial Lighting	172,908	14.90%
Geothermal Heat Pump	135,532	11.68%
Be Bright Retail - Commercial	115,890	9.99%
Air Source Heat Pump	67,444	5.81%
Total	1,022,548	88%

How can YOU benefit from the incentives Consumers Energy offers?

If you have not recently looked at your lighting or heating and cooling needs at home or around your business or farm, now would be a great time to check into what you can save in energy and if you qualify for any incentives offered through Consumers Energy. Details are available at www.consumersenergy.coop. From the home page, click on the *Incentives* button, select the class of incentive, then choose the relevant form. You may also call the co-op at 800-696-6552. Energy Advisors C.D. Kendall and Jeff Lanning are here to help you understand your energy use and to help you find ways to save on your monthly electric bill.



Consumers Energy Presents Scholarships at Area Schools

Several of Consumers Energy's directors and employees participated in the May award ceremonies for some of the cooperative's scholarship recipients at their respective schools. For more information on Consumers Energy's Scholarship Program, please call 800-696-6552, visit www.consumersenergy.coop, or email info@consumersenergy.coop.



Annual Business Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017
CONSUMERS ENERGY
2074 242ND STREET
MARSHALLTOWN, IA 50158

& Member Appreciation Breakfast



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Attend YOUR Annual Meeting for:

PANCAKE
breakfast

FUN
& games

ELECT
directors

attendance
PRIZES

ANNUAL
report

win
CASH

and more!



8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Registration & Pancake Breakfast
10:00 a.m.
Annual Business Meeting &
Election of Directors

Special visit from our friends at the



IOWA'S WILDEST ADVENTURE

Marshalltown Gateway Centre Solar Array Unveiling Held

Central Iowa Power Company (CIPCO), Consumers Energy's power provider, has five solar sites across the state of Iowa that generate 5.5 megawatts of utility-scale solar power. CIPCO's solar site locations include Marshalltown as well as Urbana, Wilton, Pella, and Osceola. All of the sites have been fully energized since December 2016, providing electricity to members.

The Marshalltown Gateway Centre (MGC) Solar Array is made up of 1,188 solar panels and 33 racking tables. This site has the ability to generate 441,340 kWh of energy in its first year, which is enough to fully power 44 homes for a year.



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 For more information, contact Member Service Representative Kim Meyer at
 800-696-6552 or info@consumersenergy.coop.

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Nevada Outpost
 819 SW 3rd Street
 Nevada, IA 50701

Ity-Vee
 802 S. Center Street
 Marshalltown, IA 52558

Main Office
 2074 242nd Street
 Marshfield, IA 50158
 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
 800-648-6552 or 641-752-1563

Billing Date: 06/09/2017
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Message Center

Mark your calendar! Attend the 2017 Member Appreciation Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, August 26th. Potluck breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Account Number	Description	Property Address
Account Transactions		
This Month: 24	Previous Balance	294.25
Last Month: 22	Payment Received - Thank You	-204.25
Last Year: 60	Balance Forward	0.00
	Temp. Electric Charges	253.81
	Total Due	343.81

Notice of Patronage Capital Credit Allocation

Patronage Capital Credit Statement For:

Member #:	Year:	Allocation:
22798	2016	\$439.86
Total Unretired Capital Credits:		\$851.41

Each year revenues over and above expenses, called margins, are allocated first to statutory reserve accounts and then to each member in the form of capital credits. The amount of each member's allocation is determined by the total dollar amount of energy used during the noted year. The capital credits reflected above as "Allocation" represent your share of the margins for the year indicated.

The decision to refund these capital credits rests solely with your Board of Directors and is dependent on the financial condition of the cooperative, the provision of its By-Laws and subject to the cooperative's mortgage requirements.

See Reverse Side for Important Information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES ALLOCATION (continued from Page 8-A)

Allocation notices appeared on members' billing statements received in the month of June. This is only a notice that shows the dollar amount each member is allocated for the year 2016 as well as the total balance in each member's unretired patronage capital credit account. The board may decide in the future to retire a portion, and at that time members would be eligible for a percentage of their patronage capital credit balance.

Notice of Patronage Capital Credit Allocation

Patronage Capital Credit Statement For:

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Total Unretired Capital Credits:		\$851.41

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OPEN HOUSE FOR RETIRING LINEMAN KEN DOWNS



Consumers Energy invites you to a retirement open house in recognition of Ken Downs for 27 years of service as a journeyman lineman. Ken's last day of employment will be August 4. Please join us on Friday, August

4, 2017, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the co-op's office to congratulate Ken and extend thanks for a job well done.



Tami Kerwood Joins Consumers Energy Staff



Tami Kerwood

Consumers Energy welcomes a familiar face as a new staff member. Tami Kerwood is a new Member Service Representative, and she began her responsibilities on May 30, 2017. Tami joins the staff after working at the co-op as a temporary employee. She brings with her a diverse background in customer service, marketing, and

event planning. Tami recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management with an emphasis on Human Resources.

Tami is originally from Ankeny and currently lives in State Center. She is a steward of a Dr. Seuss-themed Little Free Library and enjoys sharing books with the community.

Tami is looking forward to continuing to serve Consumers Energy's members. Please join the cooperative in officially welcoming Tami to our staff!

Consumers Energy Hires Summer Intern



Engineering intern Clayton White working with General Manager Jim Kidd.

Consumers Energy has had the privilege to have an engineering intern for much of the summer! Clayton White will graduate from Iowa State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He will be helping Consumers Energy with its engineering model which is used for planning purposes for future load, line build, and continued reliability.

Welcome, Clayton, and thanks for the assistance!

THE POWER OF MEMBERSHIP

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Login to your SmartHub Account on a Computer.
(Feature is not available in the app yet.)

To access, go to "My Profile," then "Update my Printed Bill Settings."

For more information, call 800-696-6552 to speak with a Member Service Representative.



INDEPENDENCE DAY WORD SEARCH



Energy Explorers

Can you find the words associated with Independence Day in the puzzle? Use the word bank below to check your work.

AMERICA
CELEBRATION
FIREWORKS
RED
WHITE
BLUE

INDEPENDENCE
PICNIC
STARS
STRIPES
FLAG
FREEDOM

X	E	D	F	J	J	I	B	V	K	U	D	W	S	Z
K	G	A	L	F	S	N	B	A	Q	Z	B	E	Z	N
P	I	C	N	I	C	D	M	W	C	J	P	I	R	R
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SAFETY TIP: Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.



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7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday

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Caption this photo!
See contest details on page 8-A.

If you have an idea for a topic for The Connection, please contact Kippen Glenney at 800-696-6552 or kglenney@consumersenergy.coop.

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