

THE CONNECTION

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS TO DEVELOP SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee met on May 16 to develop a slate of candidates to run for Consumers Energy's Board of Directors. The election of three directors will be held at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, August 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

In July, the Nominating Committee will finalize the ballot for the director election and post its list of nominations for director candidates at Consumers Energy by July 12. Cooperative members have the ability to petition candidates on the ballot as stated in the cooperative's By-Laws as follows:



Pictured at the May 16 meeting are (L to R): Front: Carmen Rosburg, Larry Swift, General Manager Jim Kidd, Loyd Nelson, Jan Paper, Tony Lem. Not pictured: Deanna Adams and Steve Salasek

The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors.

Such nominations shall be made by districts as herein prescribed to succeed the directors whose terms will expire at the meeting of members for which such nominations are made, and the members so nominated shall be bona fide residents of the district from which they are nominated and meet all other qualification requirements as set forth herein. Any fifty (50) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting at which directors are to be elected, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted; such nominations so made by such members to be subject to the same qualifications, district, and residence requirements as nominations by the nominating committee heretofore prescribed.

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ONE OF TWO MONTHLY \$5 BILL CREDITS

THIS MONTH'S CONTEST:

What do you enjoy about Consumers Energy's Annual Meeting, or what would entice you to attend?



Winners for the month of April:
Merrell & Mona Kilborn
Chris & Darci Buffington

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*.

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Dates To Remember:

June 1	Read Meters
June 3	Bills Due
June 5	Automatic Payments Deducted
June 9	Mail Bills
June 18	Father's Day
June 26	Automatic Payments Deducted
June 30	Read Meters
July 3	Bills Due
July 4	Independence Day – Office Closed

Consumers Energy Announces Scholarship Winners

Ten outstanding high school seniors are the recipients of 2017 Consumers Energy scholarships. Each student will receive \$1,000 to help with ongoing education at a college or vocational school. Congrats to them!

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Samantha Amundson is the daughter of Donald and Arlette Amundson. Samantha has been busy with sports, band, choir, Speech/drama, volunteering at Marshalltown Public Library and Lenihan School as well as working at Fareway. She will attend the University of Iowa.

Grace Bandstra is the daughter of Matthew and Charity Bandstra and attends East Marshall High School. Grace has participated in various plays and sports in addition to Speech contests. She is her Class President as well as Student Council President, a member of the National Honor Society as well as a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society through MCC. Grace plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa.

Gabrielle Cole is the daughter of Kevin and Kathy Cole. Gabrielle loves to dance and read; she also participated in band, Writer's Club, Battle of the Books, various contests, is a member of National Honor Society and is employed at Center Grove Orchard. This fall, Gabrielle will be going to the University of Iowa.

Mikayla Eslinger is the daughter of Dale and Renee Eslinger. Mikayla is involved in many activities including various sports, National Honor Society, and mentoring elementary school students as well as babysitting, working at Hansen Ag Services, and volunteering to help people with special needs. She was named valedictorian of her class, and she plans to attend Mercy College of Health Sciences.

Ian Fletcher is the son of Matt and Carol Fletcher. Ian has been involved in many sports, being team captain of several teams, as well as Speech and plays. He also mentored new students, is a member of Student Council and National Honor Society, and started a

lawn care business. Ian will be going to Iowa State University this fall.

Wilson Mulder is the son of Jon and Marilyn Mulder. Wilson has been involved in basketball, church choir, and volunteering. He has served on the Student Senate at MCC and is a representative for the student Christian club on campus as well as working at Fareway. Wilson will attend the University of Utah.

Kaleb Odden is the son of Neal and Tonia Odden. Kaleb participates in football, basketball, and track, being team captain for those sports. He is a member of the High Council on Student Council, is a member of National Honor Society, tutors, and played in band while working at Center Grove Orchard and All Iowa Attack. Kaleb will be going to Creighton University.

Georgia Porter is the daughter of Rodney and Stacy Porter. Georgia is involved in many various sports, Student Council, yearbook, choir, drama, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, and math tutoring. She will attend Simpson College in the fall.

Conner Stonewall is the son of Tim and Jackie Stonewall. Conner has earned a Life Rank in the Boy Scouts, is class president, and is a member of National Honor Society. He has many outdoor hobbies, began his own bait business, and participates in band and sports. Conner will be attending Iowa State University.

LINeworker SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Ross Randall is the son of Stan and Krissy Randall. Ross participates in many sports and was varsity team captain in both baseball and football. He has volunteered his time to coach AAA youth baseball, serve meals for Lion's Club, and help teach youth wrestling. Ross is enrolled in the Powerline program at Northwest Iowa Community College.

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MEMBERSHIP PAYS OFF!

Consumers Energy members, Sonya & Tom Colvin, are the winners of a package from the Arbor Day Foundation just for entering the *Living with Energy in Iowa* monthly Editor's Choice Contest. Sonya was especially excited to pick out her 10 free trees! Pictured at right, Member Services Manager Gail Hull is presenting some gardening tools and information on this prize to the Colvins.

For **YOUR** chance to win the Editor's Choice Contest, check out page 5 of this magazine!



Consumers Energy Announces Scholarship Winners *(continued from Page 8-A)*



SAMANTHA AMUNDSON
West Marshall High School



GRACE BANDSTRA
East Marshall High School



GABRIELLE COLE
Ballard High School



MIKAYLA ESLINGER
Baxter High School



IAN FLETCHER
Ballard High School



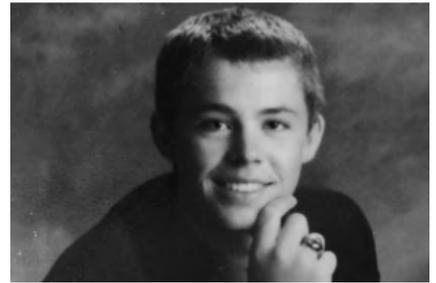
WILSON MULDER
Mulder Homeschool



KALEB ODDEN
Ballard High School



GEORGIA PORTER
West Marshall High School



CONNER STONEWALL
GMG High School



ROSS RANDALL
West Marshall High School

*Congratulations to all
our 2017 graduates!*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS *(continued from Page 8-A)*

Each co-op member will receive information on the director candidates in the Annual Business Meeting Notice and Ballot Mailing to be mailed in early August.

This Nominating Committee will serve as the Election & Credentials Committee for the 2017 Election of Directors at the Annual Business Meeting on August 26. Committee members include Deanna Adams, Tony Lem, Loyd Nelson, Jan Paper, Carmen Rosburg, Steve Salasek, and Larry Swift. The committee elected Loyd Nelson as Chairperson and Tony Lem as Vice Chairperson. Sincere gratitude is extended to these committee members for their dedicated service to Consumers Energy and its membership.

For more information, contact Kippen Glenney at kglenney@consumersenergy.coop or 800-696-6552.

Spring Legislative Conference at Nation's Capital

Director Pat VonAhnen of Consumers Energy, along with more than 35 representatives from dozens of Iowa's not-for-profit electric cooperatives, recently returned from a successful trip to the nation's capital. While in Washington, D.C., the advocates attended high-level briefings on key issues impacting the electric industry and met with Iowa's congressional delegation to discuss priorities.



Criss Cross
Fit the words into the squares.

love	laugh	best	daughter
silly	jokes	son	greatest

Happy Father's Day

Annual Audit of Co-op Financials Complete

In March, Eide Bailly, LLP completed the Annual Audit of the balance sheet of Consumers Energy Cooperative and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2016, and 2015, and the related statements of operations, member patronage capital credits, and other equities and cash flows for the years then ended. The audits were conducted according to the generally accepted auditing standards. The purpose of an audit is to provide reasonable assurance the financial statements are presented fairly and are free of material misstatement. Eide Bailly, LLP's Aaron Clayton, Partner, presented a clean opinion to the Board of Directors at their March meeting, stating that the financial statements are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements will be presented to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

Consumer Energy's Round-Up for Renewables Program

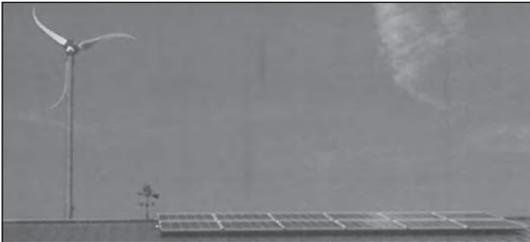
Every year Consumers Energy distributes funds from the Round-Up for Renewables Program to members who construct renewable energy projects in the cooperative's service territory. The Round-Up for Renewables Program is a voluntary program for members who wish to donate specific dollar amounts each month to the cooperative's Renewable Energy Fund. In 2016, Consumers Energy had twelve members who constructed wind or solar energy projects, and each received a check from the co-op. The members' names are listed below along with a few pictures of the projects. For details on how to participate in the Round-Up for Renewables Program, contact the Member Services Department by calling 800-696-6552 or by email at info@consumersenergy.coop.



Blue Sky Doosan
 Dave & Brenda Janson
 Matt & Heidi Lenaghan
 Dennis Skinner

Chris & Mary Clover
 Dave Jensen
 Mark & Jana Lyle
 David Toot

Craig & Lavon Griffieon
 Allen & Kathy Kockler
 Gene & Marita Rouse
 Nick Volz



HELP US FIND THESE MEMBERS

Consumes Energy is holding unclaimed property resulting from Patronage Capital Credit Payouts due to the persons listed below. The list below is for checks that have been returned to the cooperative due to outdated mailing information. If you know any of the people below and their correct mailing information, please contact Billing Coordinator Brenda Hedum at 800-696-6552 or bhedum@consumersenergy.coop.

William F. Tomlinson
 Craig Hanner
 Christopher Lowe
 Chris Marlatt
 Russell Wilson
 Laura Bragg
 Deaners Real Estate Solutions, Inc.
 Lisa Hartz
 Minna Khounlo-Sithet
 Daniel Kramer
 Rachel Erickson

St. Anthony, IA
 Ankeny, IA
 Ames, IA
 Nevada, IA
 Nevada, IA
 Nevada, IA
 Ankeny, IA
 Ankeny, IA
 Ankeny, IA
 Ankeny, IA
 Cambridge, IA

Real Estate Owned, LLC
 Eugene Mohr
 Martha Vajgrt
 Glem Homes, LLC
 Erica Morris
 Betina Balli
 Ben Conkey
 Allison Czer

Marshalltown, IA
 Nevada, IA
 Windsor Heights, IA
 Fort Dodge, IA
 North Liberty, IA
 San Antonio, TX
 Henderson, NV
 Pekin, IL



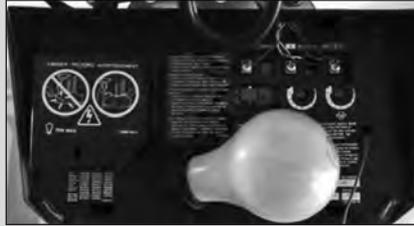
Problems with your garage door opener?

Your BULB may be to blame!

If you've been experiencing problems with your garage door opener remote unit – sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't – and can't track the problem down, you might look to the type of light you're using in your garage door opener for the culprit.

LED (light emitting diode) light bulbs are gaining in popularity as pricing comes down. Many homeowners are slowly acquiring them as they retrofit existing lighting in their homes. The garage is no exception.

LED light bulbs can cause wireless interference with garage door opener remotes. This interference will reduce range and sometimes make the remote unusable. The electronics used in these light bulbs can emit frequencies that will interfere with remotes, keypads, and gateways connected to your system. The heart of the problem lies in the control circuit that provides the long life that LED lights are known for. LED lights get their efficiency from something called pulse width modulation, or PWM, which turns the



light off and on more than 15 times per second. The energy savings comes from the fact that the light is actually on for only half the time. You don't realize that the light is off part of the time because of the phenomenon of persistence of vision.

Government guidelines for LED manufacturers require these control circuits to operate on frequencies between 30 and 300 MHz. By coincidence, most garage door opener remotes have been assigned frequencies between 288 and 360 MHz.

What's the solution? Try a different brand of bulb or go back to using traditional incandescent light bulbs. Many manufacturers have released LED compatibility charts to show which light bulbs are approved for your specific garage door opener. Referring to your garage door opener installation manual may also be a resource.

For more information, contact one of the co-op's Energy Advisors, C.D. Kendall or Jeff Lanning, by calling 800-696-6552.

Annual Business Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

**CONSUMERS ENERGY
2074 242ND STREET
MARSHALLTOWN, IA 50158**

& Member Appreciation Breakfast



**8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Registration & Pancake Breakfast**

**10:00 a.m.
Annual Business Meeting & Election of Directors**



Safer Water

What's wrong with this picture?

Find 3 things...



Sammy Starfish

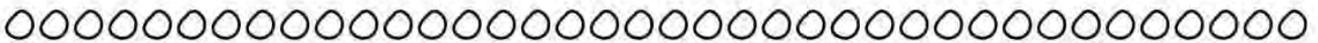
says...

an unsecure pool is an unsafe pool!



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1. The gate is open.
2. There are toys left in the pool area.
3. There is a chair next to the fence (allowing a child to climb the fence).



Safer Kids

Fill in the blanks:



Timmy Tadpole

says...

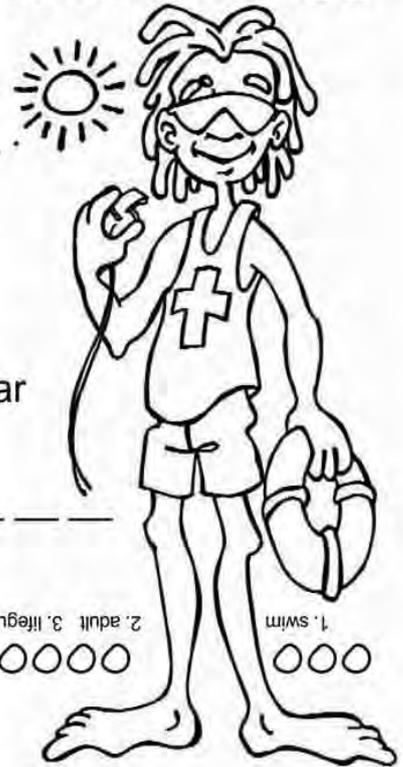
it's not cool to be alone near a pool!

1. Learn to _____

2. Swim with an _____

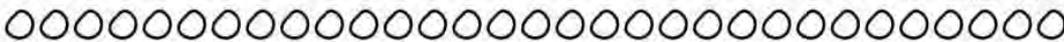
3. Never swim or go near the pool without a _____

_____ or adult supervision.



1. swim 2. adult 3. lifeguard

1. swim



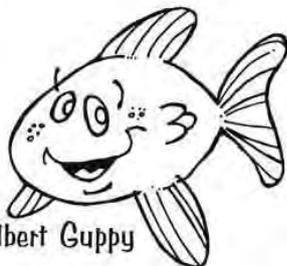
Safer Response

Fill in:

In case of emergency, call:

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What should you **always** have next to the pool?



Gilbert Guppy

says...

have a plan and know what to do should an emergency occur.



1. 9-1-1 2. Telephone



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

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It's Too Hot to Leave Me Behind!

#LookBeforeYouLock

LOOK
BEFORE YOU
LOCK

Consumers Energy staff had CPR training at their monthly safety meeting in April.

