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CVEC's Annual Meeting Recap



Watch for the September issue of *Living with Energy in Iowa* magazine for the election results and prize winners from our 2018 Annual Meeting!

Iowa's "Move Over" law expanded

We are all aware that most drivers don't bother to move over or even slow down as they pass you by on the side of the road. But as of July 1, Iowa's newly expanded move over or slow down law – Iowa Code section 321.323A – now requires motorists to move over or slow down when approaching ANY stationary vehicle with flashing lights activated, including passenger vehicles with hazard lights. Those who disobey the law could receive a hefty fine or potentially lose their driver's license.

This law is particularly important to Chariton Valley Electric because it helps keep our line workers and maintenance workers safe as they often need to perform difficult and dangerous work with electric equipment on the shoulder of road. Even though our employees set out caution signs, orange cones, wear high visibility gear and turn on their vehicles' emergency lights, other

motorists often fail to give them the room they need to do their job safely.


This law will help keep Iowa's roads safe for everyone – drivers, emergency responders, utility workers and others. But the law doesn't do much good if motorists don't know about it. Please share this safety message with other drivers in your family, especially younger drivers who don't

have as much experience behind the wheel. We can each do our part to keep Iowa's roads safe by simply moving over or slowing down (preferably both) when we see stopped vehicles on the side of the road.

We encourage you to visit www.MoveOverIowa.com where you can sign a simple pledge in support of this law and to keep our line workers safe! ⚡



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Local students representing CVEC see inner workings of nation's capital

Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., sponsored two outstanding students this year on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C., in June:

- **Jenah McCarty**, a student at Albia Community High School, and the daughter of Mark and Karen McCarty
- **Kaitlyn Faber**, a student at Albia Community High School, and the daughter of Joe and Sarah Faber

They joined 35 other students from Iowa and more than 1,800 from across the U.S. on the trip to participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network, learn more about electric cooperatives and tour Washington, D.C.

The Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C.,



Caption: Jenah McCarty (left) and Kaitlyn Faber stand on the steps of the U.S. Capitol during the Youth Tour.

for more than 60 years, and nearly 50,000 students have participated in the program. Students apply and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperatives, which pay for their expenses. ⚡

No more



As of June 1, 2018, a convenience fee no longer will be charged to members paying with a credit card, debit card or e-check. This is just another example of how CVEC is listening to our members and working to meet your wants and needs. ⚡

EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

Win an Amazon Echo Show!



Amazon's Echo Show brings together what people love most about Alexa, but now she can show you things, too! Watch video flash briefings, Amazon Video content, see home security cameras, view photos, catch weather forecasts, and create to-do and shopping lists. With Amazon-supported devices you can be more efficient with your energy use by turning on and off lights or setting the thermostat.

Enter the contest by visiting www.livingwithenergyiniowa.com no later than Aug. 31, 2018. ⚡

Dear Chariton valley Electric Co-op,

Thank you so dearly much for this trip. No one will ever quite understand all the opportunities this trip gives you until you actually experience it. I am beyond grateful for all you guys have done for me and will never forget.

Thanks,
Kaitlyn Faber



Dear Chariton Valley Electric Co-op I would like to send my sincerest thank you for sending me on the Iowa Youth Tour. I experienced so many new things, cultures and even came away with some amazing new friends! Not only did we experience all DC has to offer, but we also participated in a mock cooperative. I learned so much about how a co-op works and the values surrounding it. Thank you all again for making this trip possible for me. I will cherish it ALWAYS!

Sincerely,
Jenah McCarty



OFFICE CLOSING

Our office will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I'm a product of rural Iowa, and I'm driven to create opportunity throughout this state. I believe the heart, soul and spirit of Iowa will always remain in our small towns and rural communities. That's why I'm creating the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative. I want concrete solutions for the unique challenges of rural Iowa in order to maintain its vibrancy and ensure there is opportunity everywhere."

Governor Kim Reynolds made this statement on July 18 when she announced the new initiative, which establishes a partnership with the Iowa Rural Development Council to identify challenges facing rural Iowa and recommend solutions to state policymakers.

The recommendations will be provided by an executive committee and three task forces. The Investing in Rural Iowa Task Force will focus on improving access to quality housing in rural Iowa; the Growing Rural Iowa Task Force will identify ways to encourage leadership development and strategic development in rural communities; and the Connecting Rural Iowa Task Force will look into effectively and sustainably financing broadband connectivity.

EXTEND A HELPING HAND!

Give to RECare

Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., always has extended a helping hand to people in need. That's why we've established RECare, a program of members helping members. You can help needy people weatherize their homes and pay their winter heating bills. If you're interested, please complete and return this form to our office. Any amount you give will be greatly appreciated!



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Yes, I want to contribute to RECare.

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Be wise to guy wires.

Did you know that guy wires on power poles provide grounding as well as support? Damaging a guy wire can cause an electric current disruption, creating a dangerous situation.

Observe the 10-foot rule to stay clear of guy wires and overhead power lines. If a guy wire is disrupted or broken, do not try to fix it yourself. Call the professionals at your electric cooperative.



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