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OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Prairie Energy Cooperative office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. To report an issue with your service, call 800-728-0013. Phones are answered 24/7. We will open at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5. Have a fun and safe holiday!



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Closed Saturdays, Sunday and holidays

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JOIN US JULY 19 FOR MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

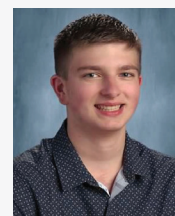
We are thankful for our members! Make plans to swing by The Red Shed Event Center in Clarion between 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, for our Member Appreciation Day.

Dinner will be provided by Smokee Heights BBQ out of Ventura and dessert will be from The Olde Creamery's ice cream truck out of Garner. While you're there, check out our virtual reality Lineman 360 goggles, take a bucket ride with a Prairie Energy Cooperative lineman, and enter to win prizes, such as a Blackstone grill, RTIC cooler and more. We can't wait to see you!



Wednesday, July 19 ■ 4-7 p.m.
The Red Shed Event Center ■ Clarion

YOUTH TOUR WINNER: LUKE ROYSTER OF DUNCOMBE



Luke Royster, a sophomore at St. Edmond Catholic School, has been selected as Prairie Energy Cooperative's Youth Tour contest winner. He will experience an educational-filled week of adventure in Washington, D.C., alongside 1,900 students sponsored by electric cooperatives nationwide. This year's Youth Tour will be held June 17-23.

The Youth Tour was inspired in 1957 by Lyndon Johnson, then a U.S. senator from Texas. He called on electric cooperatives to send young people to Washington, "to see what the standing flag represents."

"I am excited to go on the Iowa Youth Tour because I have always enjoyed learning U.S. history," says Royster. "I think it will be fun to see the sites that are so much a part of our history with a group of my peers. I am especially looking forward to going to Mount Vernon. George Washington played an integral role in establishing early U.S. history. I am looking forward to seeing his estate and walking the same grounds that he once walked."

The students will meet with state and federal legislators to get an up-close look at how our government works, along with experiencing the monuments, museums and history of our nation's capital.

Luke is the son of Adam and Heather Royster of Duncombe.



NOMINATE A LOCAL VOLUNTEER BY JUNE 30



Do you know someone in our community who deserves to be recognized for making a difference?

Nominate them for the Shine the Light contest by June 30 and they could win \$2,500 for their local charity or nonprofit of choice.

Sponsored by the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa, this is the third year of the Shine the Light contest, which celebrates the people who make our communities better. Three winners will be announced in September, and each will receive a \$2,500 donation for their charity or nonprofit. The winners will also be featured in the September issue of *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine.



HELP US SHINE THE LIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. MAKE A NOMINATION BY JUNE 30!

How to nominate

Member-consumers and employees of Iowa's electric cooperatives are eligible to nominate local volunteers. If you receive electricity from Prairie Energy Cooperative, you're a co-op member-consumer and we encourage you to nominate someone who is making a positive impact in the community. The volunteer being nominated does not need to be a co-op member-consumer. Minors may be nominated with consent from their parents or legal guardians.

Step 1:

Go to www.IowaShineTheLight.com by June 30 to make a nomination and to review the contest rules.

Step 2:

Nominators will need to provide basic contact information and answer this question in 500 words or less:

How has your nominee made a difference in the community, and how might their local charity/nonprofit use the \$2,500 donation?

PECO DIRECTOR ACHIEVES EDUCATION CREDENTIAL



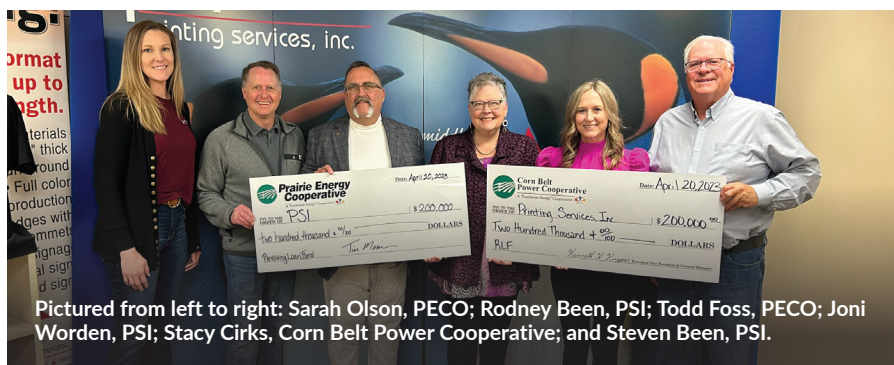
Ryan Eekhoff,
District 2
director for
Prairie Energy
Cooperative
(PECO),
recently
received the
Credentialed

Cooperative Director (CCD)
certification from the National
Rural Electric Cooperative
Association (NRECA).

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric co-op directors. It is critical that directors have an increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. PECO has a commitment to work through our statewide association, the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of our member-consumers.

The NRECA CCD program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses. These include director duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business, board operations and process, strategic planning and financial decision making.

**Congratulations on this
achievement, Ryan!**



Pictured from left to right: Sarah Olson, PECO; Rodney Been, PSI; Todd Foss, PECO; Joni Worden, PSI; Stacy Cirks, Corn Belt Power Cooperative; and Steven Been, PSI.

CO-OPS' LOAN FUND HELP PRINTING SERVICES, INC. PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

Printing Services, Inc. (PSI) is purchasing a Canon Flatbread System to become a more competitive producer within the growing large-format signage and packaging markets. It is an ideal piece of equipment for fast-turn

production with capabilities for both small and large quantity orders. Prairie Energy Cooperative (PECO) and Corn Belt Power Cooperative helped PSI fund the equipment through the co-ops' Revolving Loan Fund.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Wednesday July 19, 2023

4:00 - 7:00pm

The Red Shed Event Center
908 2nd St NW Clarion, IA 50525



ENJOY A MEAL ON US

Smokee Heights BBQ



OR STOP BY FOR DESSERT

The Olde Creamery
Ice Cream Truck



ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

- Blackstone Grill
- 32 QT Cooler
- Inflatable Bounce House
- Kids' Bikes

Bucket truck rides, Live Line demonstrations & more!

Visit our website at www.prairieenergy.coop

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the power of human connections.



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