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Annual Meeting of Members

The saying, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb” perfectly describes how this past month has been for many lowans. We saw beautiful, sunny 60° days and then we saw record-breaking snowfall the next, with power outages across the service area.

Thankfully for our Annual Meeting, we had a beautiful evening on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, and this year’s theme was “Our Roots Run Deep”.

FORVIS-Mazars Managing Partner, Jeff Naig, reviewed the financial statement based on the 2024 audit. As usual he commented on a very strong balance sheet. He noted the changes due to the acquisition and purchase of 50% of the stock for ownership of Communications 1. This investment was a financially sound decision that geographically aligned us with Comm 1 and Winnebago Cooperative.

Marcie Boerner, new to her role of CEO & General Manager, kept with the theme and discussed in further detail the impact of the Universal Service Fund (USF) dollars used in our rural communities. If you want to learn more about the Universal Service Fund, please visit:

<https://www.ntca.org/advocacy/issues/universal-service-infrastructure>

During the meeting, time was taken to recognize Daryl Carlson and his retirement from Webster-Calhoun after 45 years of service. The Family of Harry Armstrong was also recognized for his 11 years of service.

BELOW: Daryl Carlson with Board President Alan Jacobson.



ABOVE: The Family of Harry Armstrong with Board President Alan Jacobson.

Annual Meeting continued

Board President, Alan Jacobson, spoke about the financial status of the cooperative including the forward thinking on investments, building, and expanding fiber. "We're building a future that stands on a strong foundation, our roots run deep," said Jacobson.

President Jacobson also echoed Boerner's statements about the importance of the Universal Service Fund and discussed that everyone should stay vigilant about interactions with scammers online and by phone.

Results from the mail ballots elected Steve Gustafson of Lanyon, Kim Quade of Knierim, and Shane Harrison of Vincent to three-year terms.

Mail-In Ballot & Door Prize Winners

Glen Westling, Badger, Picnic Basket with Lohrville Locker Gift Certificate & Yeti Cups

Sue Anderson, Gowrie, Oak Tree Poem, Windchime, Amazon Firestick & Yeti Cups

Adam Axness, Tree Puzzle, Blanket, Speaker & Yeti Cup

Jeff Marasco, Gowrie, Tree Wall Art

Derek Kennedy, Boxholm, House Plant & Webster-Calhoun Acct. Credit

Josh Carlson, Gowrie, 55" TV Door Prize

Steven Toyne, Pilot Mound, 55" TV Ballot Winner *not pictured

David Schreier, Knierim, 55" TV Ballot Winner *not pictured

Donald Kutz, Clare, 55" TV Ballot Winner *not pictured



Welcome!

Our team is growing, and we've recently added to both the office staff and the outside plant!

Join us in welcoming Keanna Klingson, Dan Johnson, and Taylor Ratzke to Webster-Calhoun.

Keanna is local to our area, growing up in Callender, a graduate of Southeast Valley and Iowa Central. She lives outside of Callender with her husband, Logan, on their farm.

Dan is also local, growing up on a farm near Gowrie and a graduate of Southeast Valley. He is excited to be moving back to the area.

Taylor is new to our area, a graduate of South Hamilton and Iowa State University. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, crafting, and cheering on the Cyclones!

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ABOVE: Keanna Klingson, Dan Johnson & Taylor Ratzke.