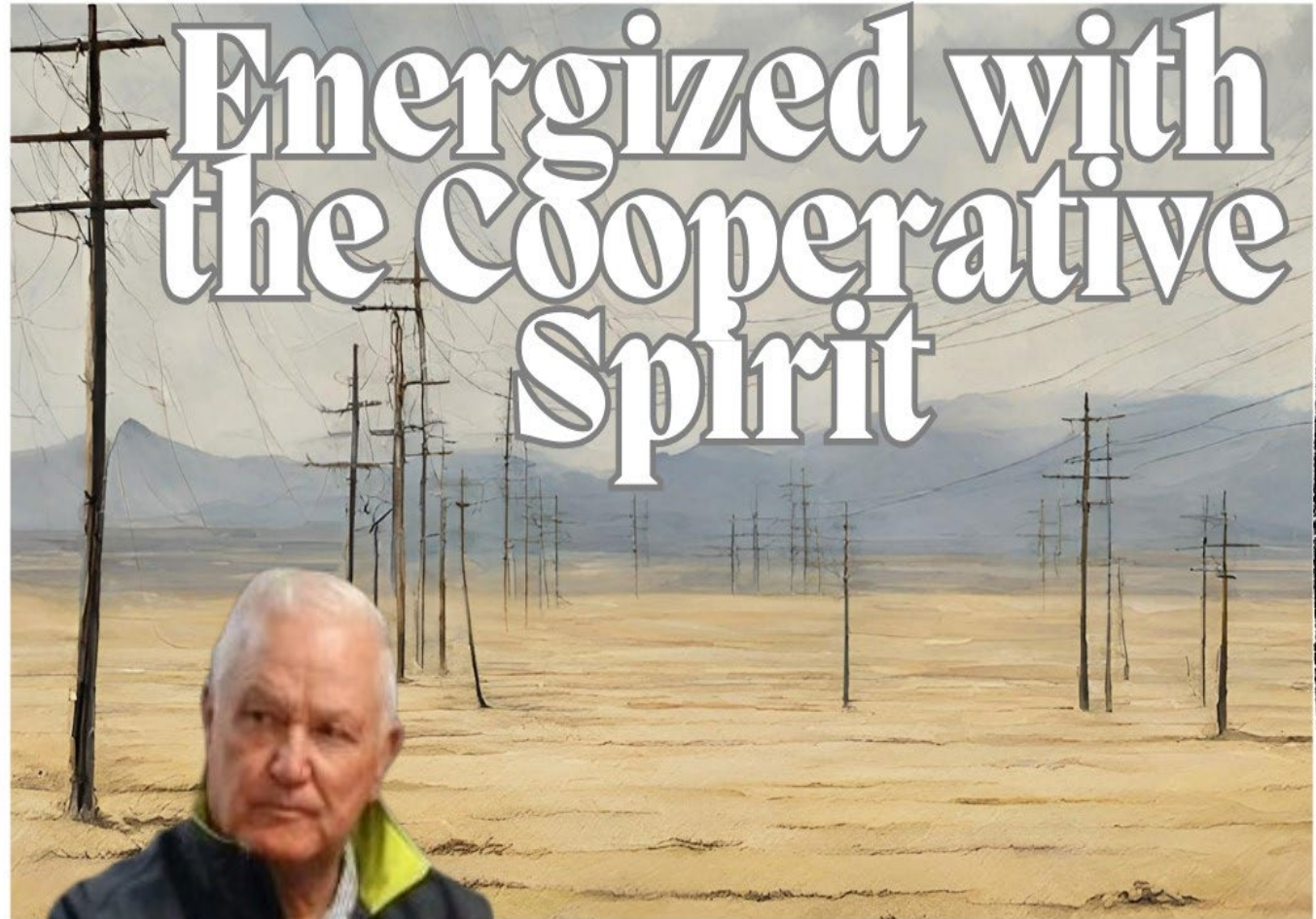




The “Energized with Cooperative Spirit” in memory of Clarence (Fritz) Keller.



Energized with the Cooperative Spirit

Clarence "Fritz" Keller was a dedicated and deep advocate of Montana Cooperatives. A champion of MCDC and the Council, Fritz served on both boards through tough transitions and growth. His legacy remains a key aspect of the work both organizations continue to do. In honor of his memory, MCDC and the Council are opening nominations for the "Energized with Cooperative Spirit" Award.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2024 Energized with Cooperative Spirit Award, please complete the nomination form found on www.mcdc.coop and www.montanacouncil.coop. Return it by December 1st, 2023 to tracy@mcdc.coop. The Award will be presented on January 29th, 2024 at the Montana Council of Cooperatives Annual Meeting and Conference.



CLARENCE “FRITZ” KELLER AWARD



This award recognizes a member of any cooperative, in the state of Montana, whose actions in their community represent an “Energized with Cooperative Spirit”.

- ***Does not have to be an employee or board member of a cooperative; an active member of a Montana Cooperative is eligible.***

Complete the form and submit by **January 12th, 2024**

Please send your nomination form to Executive Director/Administrator Tracy McIntyre at tracy@mcdc.coop. Put “**Energizing with Cooperative Spirit**” in the subject line.

Nominee Information

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Member of what Cooperative?:

Nomination Submitted by

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Recommendation Information

1. Briefly describe the how the nominee has advocated for the cooperative principles in Montana.



2. Please provide a history of the nominee's engagement in their community and cooperative that the nominee has participated in. May include overall history of volunteering in their community, region or state.

3. Provide three qualities of your nominee and describe why these make the nominee stand out and deserving of this award.

a. Quality #1

b. Quality #2

c. Quality #3

Optional Recommendations

4. What do others say in support of this nominee? Provide statements from three people who are knowledgeable about your nominee's qualifications for this award.

Additional supporting materials

You may submit supporting documentation with this nomination (such as photos, articles, letters of support).

How to Submit Your Nomination

Email this form and any supporting materials to: tracy@mcddc.coop