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# BUSY SEASON IS HERE

## Cooperative Involved in Many Activities This Summer

**S**ummer is finally here, and operations at your electric cooperative are in high gear. Cooperative construction crews are extremely busy with multiple projects, including the completion of 11 miles of

distribution line conversion, new service installations, line inspections, and system upgrades. Vegetation management crews are working on right-of-way maintenance to help keep trees and brush away from power lines, pole-testing crews are inspecting poles and identifying weak or damaged structures, and breaker maintenance has been completed as part of our ongoing rotation.

In addition to our “routine” maintenance and capital improvement projects, this year we are embarking on a new and exciting initiative. For the past several months I have talked to you about the new Turtle Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system from Hunt Technologies. The installation process has begun. Crews from Chapman Metering will be installing the new AMR system. Changing out the old meter and installing a new AMR meter is a fairly quick and easy process. Chapman Metering crews will remove your old meter, record the kwh register, test the old meter, and install the new AMR meter. The new meter will have a beginning reading of 00000. You will need to continue to read your meter until you are notified that it is no longer required (approximately 30 to 90 days following installation of the new meter).

We will begin changing out meters on a substation-by-substation basis and will be in the substation areas listed in the accompanying box. To help our members identify the Chapman Metering crews, the Chapman Metering Company vehicles will be readily identifiable as they will be marked as “Contractor Clark Electric.” In addition, the crews carry an identification letter that further identifies them as a contractor for the cooperative.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office staff. ■

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### Substations Schedule

#### *Sherwood Substation Area*



**Clark County:** Fremont, Grant, Lynn, Sherwood, and Washburn townships.

**Wood County:** Lincoln, Rock, and Cary townships.

#### *Granton Substation Area*

**Clark County:** Eaton, Loyal, Sherman, Fremont, York, Weston, Grant, and Lynn townships.

#### *Loyal Substation Area*

**Clark County:** Unity, Beaver, Warner, Eaton, Loyal, Sherman, Fremont, and York townships.

The Spencer, Pine Valley, and Willard substations are scheduled for turtle installations later this year.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

*“Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”*

– words written on the Liberty Bell



# THROUGH THE RANKS

## Retiring Line Foreman Ready For This Next Assignment

**R**etirement is the beginning of a new career—one of not having to worry about getting up in the middle of the night in all types of weather. June marked the end of a great career as a lineman for Richard “Braunie” Braun. Clark Electric is known for having long-term employees, and Braunie is right up there with 36 years of service.

He started in May of 1969 as an apprentice lineman and ended his journey as the line foreman. Many changes have occurred during Braunie’s career, but building lines and taking care of outages are still the same—they’re just done a little differently now. ■



**(Above)**  
*Dick watches over his crew on a jobsite one recent summer day.*

**(Left)**  
*On the left is Leon Kuester and in the middle is Larry Dallman. At the right is Apprentice Lineman Richard Braun at the start of his career here at Clark Electric.*

**(Below)**  
*As a foreman, Dick spent his days on the job making sure that everyone was safe, teaching the apprentices, and last and most important, making sure that the members had well-built electric distribution lines and great service.*



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

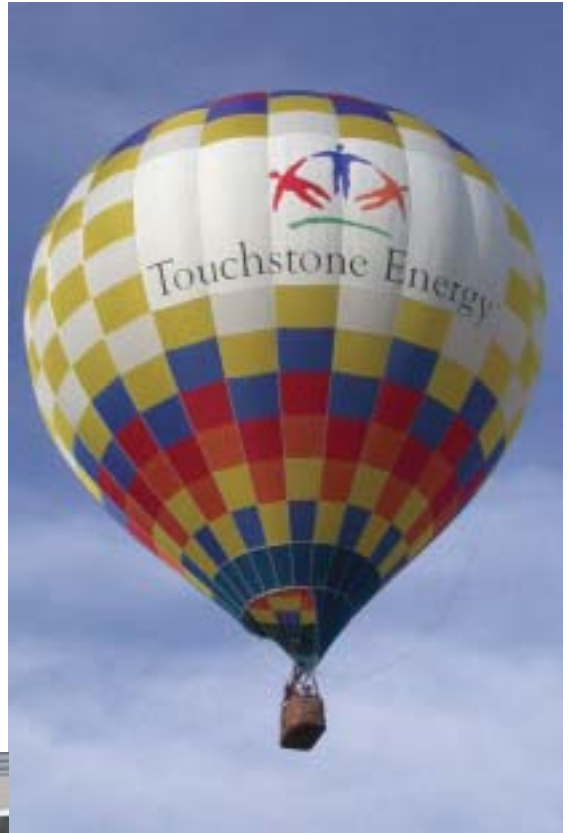


## FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS One Of The Biggest Events In Cooperative History

**F**arm Technology Days (FTD)—these are three very important words to Clark Electric Cooperative and to the surrounding area. On July 12, 13, and 14, more than 30,000 people will be visiting Clark County to view one of the largest farm shows in the country, but it's a lot more than just a farm show.

As the host utility, Clark Electric Cooperative has been very busy since the first of the year building the distribution system for FTD at Malm's Rolling Acre farm, where FTD will be hosted. Many of our employees and their family members, along with hundreds of other community members throughout the county, have been working hard to help make this FTD a success.

Clark Electric Cooperative and Clark Electric Appliance & Satellite, Inc. will be in tents 274/275; make sure you stop by and say hi to us. The highlight of the week will be the unveiling of WildBlue High-Speed satellite Internet service. WildBlue will also be made available for the UW-Extension tent and the media tent. Vendors can come to our tent and access the Internet with WildBlue service to check their e-mail and web sites. You, however, will be able to come to our tent and play and see how fast and easy the Internet can be with WildBlue, especially when you have it installed at your house. ■



*The Wisconsin Touchstone Energy Balloon will be flown if weather permits. The balloon was last flown here in Greenwood during the Fourth of July celebration in Greenwood in 2003.*



*"Speedy," the WildBlue Internet trailer used to demonstrate WildBlue, will be on hand. Stop in and see for yourself how good WildBlue Internet service is.*

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