





**Employee Years of Service Awards** Clark Electric Cooperative recently recognized several employees for their years of service. Pictured back row, left to right: Mike Ruff, 25 years; Josh Burns, 15 year; and Kevin Sterland, 25 years. Front row, left to right: Scott Bailen, 15 years; Rita Sladich, 40 years; and Greg Shaw, 15 years of service. Congratulations for reaching these employment milestones, and thank you for your dedicated service.

**Director Years of Service Awards** Clark Electric Cooperative recently recognized Directors Herman Seebandt (left) and Marvin Verkuilen (right) for reaching five years of service on the Board of Directors. Congratulations for reaching these milestones and thank you for your dedicated service.

## DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE'S ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 6

We're looking for 11 delegates, four alternates

Representing your cooperative and your fellow members at various meetings is an opportunity that we ask our members to participate in every year.



The Dairyland Power Cooperative Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in La Crosse. We are seeking 11 delegates and four alternates for this meeting.

By attending this meeting and serving as a delegate for your cooperative, you help keep Clark Electric Cooperative strong and prosperous.

If you would like to represent Clark Electric Cooperative at Dairyland Power's annual meeting, please contact Tracy Nelson, administrative assistant, by Monday, March 26, 2018.

Tracy can be reached by calling the cooperative office at 715-267-6188 or at 800-272-6188.

**Daylight Savings Time March 11**  
Remember to move your clock forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10.



**REMINDER TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**



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# 2018 MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

Clark Electric is introducing our annual photo contest for members' photos. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters, cooperative publications, or displayed at the cooperative.

All entries for the month will be entered into a random drawing for a chance for one of the contestants to win a \$25 Energy Credit to be applied to their electric bill.

## Photo Contest Criteria:

- Photos must be taken within the Clark Electric Cooperative service area and surrounding communities.
- Photos should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, people, etc.).
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Only high-resolution photos can be used. Photos must be at least 300 dpi.

## Photo contest Rules and Details:

- Contest will run from March 1, 2018, until September 25, 2018; however, submitted photos can be taken outside of this date range.
- Three (3) photos per member will be accepted per month.
- All Clark Electric Cooperative members 18 years old and over are eligible to submit photos.
- A Clark Electric Cooperative member under the age of 18 years old is eligible to participate, but must submit a parent/guardian form with entry.
- A completed entry form must accompany each photo. The forms can be downloaded from our website [www.cecoop.com](http://www.cecoop.com).
- Member must own rights to photo.
- Original photos will not be returned.
- CEC employees will determine the winning photos.

## Photo Contest Entry Options:

- Email: Tracy Nelson, [tnelson01@cecoop.com](mailto:tnelson01@cecoop.com)
- Mail: Clark Electric Cooperative, Photo Contest Entry, P.O. Box 190, Greenwood, WI 54437. (Photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size, and 300 dpi.)
- Drop off at Clark Electric Cooperative Office – 1209 W Dall Berg Rd., Greenwood, WI. (Photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size, and 300 dpi.)

**For a complete set of rules as well as entry form and photo release forms, visit our website, [www.cecoop.com](http://www.cecoop.com).**



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- (3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## IN BRIEF

### U.S. slaps 30 percent tariff on imported solar panels, effects unclear

President Trump on January 22 moved to impose tariffs on solar panel imports, with the levy starting at 30 percent then dropping to 25 percent in year two, 20 percent in year three, and 15 percent by 2022. (According to GTM Research, a 30 percent tariff pencils out to roughly 10 cents to 15 cents per watt and would reduce utility-scale solar installations by 9 percent.) Solar cells would follow the same phasedown but would be exempt entirely from tariffs for the first 2.5 gigawatts of imports. The penalties chosen were one of three recommended last year by the U.S. International Trade Commission.

The case began when solar manufacturers Suniva and SolarWorld Americas filed a petition last year under the rarely used Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 alleging that rampant imports, primarily from Asia, had taken market share from domestic producers and led to bankruptcies, plant shutdowns, layoffs, and a severe deterioration of financial performance. Suniva and SolarWorld are the two largest U.S. makers of crystalline silicon photovoltaic components.

Combined, they produced 1.5 gigawatts of solar modules and cells in 2016, accounting for 65 percent of U.S. output.

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