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the Cooperative difference

Cooperative Members Hanging Together

Benjamin Franklin put it eloquently during those trying times when America's forefathers were struggling for freedom and independence.

He understood how risky and perilous trying to overthrow an established ruling order would be. Therefore, he offered these words of caution for his associates. "We must all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

Franklin understood the value of "hanging together" and cooperating. It was the value he saw when he organized the first cooperative in the country, the Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Homes from Loss of Fire. Today, more than 39 million Americans enjoy the same values as members of electric cooperatives.

Electric cooperatives were established to provide electricity to people living in rural communities. The idea of providing federal assistance to accomplish rural electrification took shape when President Roosevelt took

office in 1933 and began his New Deal programs. After President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in 1935, electric cooperatives began to spread across the country. A year later, the passage of the REA Act marked the first steps in a public-private partnership.



The Pancake Brothers will once again be serving pancakes to our members.

Currently, more than 900 electric cooperatives are supplying power from fishing villages in Alaska to dairy farms in Vermont and the suburbs and exurbs in between. Electric cooperatives are different from other forms of business, and members of cooperatives notice this difference. Cooperatives put members first because the members are the owners. Co-ops are locally owned and operated and are committed to providing safe, reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

This October, your electric cooperative is joining all types of cooperatives across the country to celebrate National Cooperative Month. Cooperatives are about neighbors helping neighbors. "Hanging together"—that's the cooperative difference.

Come celebrate National Cooperative Month with us and our neighbor cooperatives on Saturday, October 7. Heartland Cooperative and North Hendren Cooperatives will be co-sponsoring a Membership Appreciation Breakfast at our Business Development Center located west of Greenwood.

Clark Electric is all about family, and what a better way to talk together than while around the breakfast table. A pancake breakfast with all the fixings will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. There will also be hot-line demonstrations to stress the importance of electric safety. Our local Fire and EMS Departments will provide blood-pressure checks, and they will also have a smoke house to teach fire safety at home. Our Lady of Victory Hospital will also be there to provide community health information. But the most important area will be for the kids, with pumpkin and face painting along with a giant inflatable to jump on for an extreme amount of fun.

We hope to see you and your entire family on Saturday morning, October 7, at the Cooperative Business Center for food, fun, and family friendship. ■

See you on the 7th!

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THE ROAD IS OPEN

Construction on Hwy. 73 through Greenwood is Complete

After a long summer of construction, traffic delays, reroutes, and a lot of inconveniences, Hwy. 73 is now open to traffic, which means the Clark Electric offices are now more accessible to our members.

A brand-new road, curb and gutter, and street lights give the Greenwood community a nice, updated look. Several other communities have also been getting “make-overs” over the last several years to help revitalize the towns.

Now that the inconvenience is over, come on over to our offices to say hi, stop by the Appliance & Satellite store to check out the great deals on GE appliances, or get DirecTV for those long cold winter months. ■



Clark Electric crews help the City of Greenwood install the final street lights on the north side of town.



CLARK ELECTRIC

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

NORTH HENDREN CO-OP DAIRY
Quality cheese since 1923
W8204 Spencer Road
Willard, WI 54493-9365

COOPERATIVE MONTH
KICK OFF

Heartland COOPERATIVE
P. O. Box 260
DORCHESTER, WI 54425
1-800-521-2021

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

7 AM TO 11 AM

AT THE CECO BUILDING, WEST OF GREENWOOD

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES...
COMMUNITY INFORMATION AVAILABLE...

FACE & PUMPKIN PAINTING

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, HOT LINE DEMOS, FIRE SAFETY WITH A SMOKE HOUSE, HEALTH SCREENING, WITH LOTS OF PRIZES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!



And The Survey Says...

Clark Electric Cooperative will be conducting a member survey this month. The survey will be conducted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

We ask for your assistance if you are randomly selected to answer all question. Surveys like these help the cooperative focus on member needs and plan for the future of your cooperative.

SAVING MONEY...SAVING ENERGY

Simple Things That are Easy, Inexpensive to Do

As homeowners, we are always looking for ways to save money and make our home a better place to live for our families. It seems that as winter approaches these concerns get even greater. Energy prices keep rising, but Clark Electric is interested in helping you save your energy dollars.

- Have your furnace system serviced to ensure it's working efficiently and not emitting carbon monoxide.
- Clean permanent furnace filters and replace paper or disposable filters.
- Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- If you have a wood stove or fireplace, have your chimney swept thoroughly. It should be cleaned before the soot build up reaches one-fourth inch thickness inside the chimney flue.
- Check your hot water heater for leaks and maintain proper temperature setting (120 degrees

recommended by Department of Energy).

- Check the attic to see if insulation needs to be added or replaced. This is the most signifi-



cant area of heat loss in many homes, so it is also important to see that it has proper ventilation. Inadequate ventilation could lead to premature deterioration of the insulation materials.

- Check all windows and doors for air leaks. Install storm windows and putty, caulk, or add weatherstripping as needed.
- Check basement and cellars for seal cracks or leaks in walls and floor.
- Make sure all vents are clean and operating properly.
- Clean and vacuum baseboard heaters, heating ducts, and vents.

As a new feature, you can go to Clark Electric's web site at www.cecoop.com and link onto several sites that will provide information on ideas to improve your energy use for your home or business. There is even an interactive site that will show you what you can do! Other sites included are:

www.touchstoneenergy.coop

www.energy.gov/yourhome.htm

www.energystar.gov

www.ase.org ■

Fall Load Management Test



Once a year Dairyland Power Cooperative tests the load management system to make sure that it is ready for the winter heating season.

On Wednesday, November 15, Dairyland will be conducting this test. The testing will start at approximately 5 p.m. and will last until 11 p.m. It will be conducted on several strategies; your heat will not necessarily be off during this

entire period. The test will allow you to make sure that your back-up heating system is operational and ready if a load management event is called for this winter.

If you have electric heat (geothermal, baseboard, ETS, ceiling cables, or any other type) you could receive a lower energy rate of \$0.04/kwh by allowing Clark Electric to control the load during peak periods of energy consumption. ■

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

October starts the winter heating season. It's important for you to make every attempt to keep current on your electric bill. We understand that things do happen that put financial burdens on people. Certain government organizations can offer heating assistance or put you in the direction of a group that can help.

Emergency energy assistance is sometimes available in addition to energy assistance because some winters are worse than others, and emergencies in certain regions may require additional funds in meeting needs beyond the levels established under the program authorization.

During the last four years, for example, funds provided heating assistance to offset extreme cold; price spikes in heating oil, propane, and natural gas; and to cover the additional cooling costs in the Midwest during a prolonged summer heat wave. To find out if emergency energy assistance is available, contact your county social services department.

LIHEAP

Number in household	Deposit Income Guidelines			Winter Shut-off Income Guidelines
	100% of Poverty	150% of Poverty	200% of Poverty	250% of Poverty
1	\$9,800	\$14,700	\$19,600	\$24,500
2	\$13,200	\$19,800	\$26,400	\$33,000
3	\$16,600	\$24,900	\$33,200	\$41,500
4	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000
5	\$23,400	\$35,100	\$46,800	\$58,500
6	\$26,800	\$40,200	\$53,600	\$67,000
7	\$30,200	\$45,300	\$60,400	\$75,500
8	\$33,600	\$50,400	\$67,200	\$84,000
	For each additional household member, add \$3,400 per year	For each additional household member, add \$5,100 per year	For each additional household member, add \$6,800 per year	For each additional household member, add \$8,500 per year
<i>Income figures are based on information published in the Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 15, pp. 3848-3849, January 24, 2006.</i>				

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) administers the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP and its related services help more than 100,000 Wisconsin households annually. In addition to regular heating and electric assistance, specialized services include:

- Emergency fuel assistance
- Counseling for energy conservation and energy budgets
- Pro-active co-payment plans
- Targeted outreach services
- Emergency furnace repair and replacement

Services are provided locally through:

- County social services offices
- Tribal governments
- Private non-profit or other government agencies

Important Numbers

*Clark County - 715-743-5233
Department of Social Services*

*Chippewa County - 715-723-2285
Department of Social Services*

*Jackson County - 715-284-4301
Department of Social Services*

*Marathon County - 715-261-7500
Department of Social Services*


*Taylor County - 715-748-3332
Department of Social Services*

*Wood County - 715-421-8600
Department of Social Services*



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