

# YOUR ANNUAL MEETING

## This Year Marks the 68<sup>th</sup> Year of the Cooperative

**M**arch is always a busy month at Clark Electric Cooperative, culminating with the annual meeting. This year marked the 68<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the cooperative. This year's meeting was once again held at the Loyal American Legion Hall, with more than 450 members and guests in attendance.

Members received updates concerning the cooperative and its financial status as well as information regarding what the future will hold for the cooperative and the electric industry as a whole. Bill Berg, CEO / general manager of Dairyland Power Cooperative, explained to the membership the hurdles that Dairyland will face in the future and how this will affect Clark Electric.

An important part of the meeting was the updating of the cooperative bylaws. Changes were made to bring the bylaws up to date and to effectively allow the board and management to operate the cooperative. After the bylaw changes, the elections of directors were held. Because one of the bylaw changes addressed increasing term limits from three to five terms, Wilmer Griepentrog was able to run again, and he ran unopposed. Wilmer was re-elected to another three-year term. Vern Kowalewski was up for re-election also; however, Jeremy Baxter was nominated to run against Vern. In a very close vote, the first ballot lead to a tie between the two candidates. The second ballot was cast; Jeremy was nominated by the membership in still another very close vote.

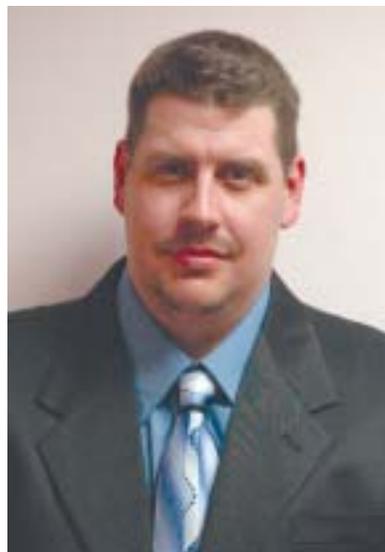
### Co-op Information Award

Another highlight was the presentation of an Honorable Mention Award to Director of Member Services John Knox from Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association/ Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives' Beata Kalies, director of government relations. The award was for "Co-op Information" as presented in the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*.

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CEO / General Manager Tim Stewart addresses the members at his first annual meeting at Clark Electric Cooperative.



### Clark Electric's Newest Director

**Jeremy Baxter—  
Township of Holway**

Jeremy is married to Tia, and they have two children, Cassidy, age 4, and John, 11 months. Jeremy works on the family farm as the assistant manager. Jeremy's father, Ron Baxter, was a past director of Clark Electric. In his free time, Jeremy likes to restore classic cars.

# NEW OPERATION POLICIES

## New Service, Upgrades, and Line Extensions Policies have Changed

A recent policy change that will help in meeting new codes and electrical inspections has been implemented. Cooperatives across the region have been meeting all winter to establish a common installation service and the use of a common metering pedestal. The changes are a result of the new statewide UDC codes. The pedestals used will meet code and electrical inspection, which will allow for power to be turned on for construction or new services.

The new policy changes will also help to reduce maintenance and repair costs due to damage by consumers or contractors. Clark Electric Cooperative's operations department is confident that in the long run these changes will be a big benefit to both the member and the cooperative. Recently, the cooperative held its annual wireman's meeting in Greenwood where the new policies were explained to the electricians who work in the area. State inspectors were also on hand to discuss the many changes in code that would affect the electricians and their work.

Clark Electric Cooperative will be working with the



Assistant Line Superintendent Kevin Sterland and Line Superintendent Rick Suda show the new metering pedestal that will be used for all new services.

members and the electricians to make sure this new process of installing services is handed smoothly. You can view all the changes to the policies on our web site at [www.cecoop.com](http://www.cecoop.com). ■

## TIME CLOCKS



Do you have a time clock controlling your water heater or your dual fuel equipment? If you're on our Time-of-Day Rate, you most likely do. Since we changed our clocks recently, you must change your time-of-day clocks also.

It is important that you make these changes or you could end up having a higher than normal electric bill. Why? Because if you are on Time-of-Day, your hours for control (where the clock shuts the device off) are different from what we would be billing by the meter. So in essence, you would be billed for two hours in the high-usage period.

Clark Electric Cooperative's Time-of-Day rate can save you money on your electric bill; however, you must be willing and able to shift your electric usage around so that you can utilize the lower cost of electricity. ■

## MAY IS...

### Electric Safety Month

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), faulty home electrical wiring is responsible for 40,000 fires a year and results in the loss of 350 lives, thousands of electrical shock and burn injuries, and more than \$2 billion in personal property damage. You can do your part by checking a few things.

Make sure electric cords are not damaged and lying around. Keep electrical appliances away from water and water sources. Make sure you have GFCI outlets installed on outdoor circuits or in areas such as kitchens and bathrooms. As always, we recommend that a qualified, licensed electrician perform any electrical work. Be safe, not sorry. ■



# MORE LOCAL NEWS

## Annual Meeting

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As always, the meeting ended with a tremendous lunch provided by the Loyal American Legion and their wonderful people. General Manager Tim Stewart was very pleased with his first annual meeting at Clark Electric Cooperative.

Stewart said "The annual meeting of the members provides tangible evidence of true ownership in their electric utility. Through the democratic process, members selected their representation on the board of directors and ratified new bylaw provisions that help determine how their utility operates. I am please that our membership is engaged in the cooperative business model." ■



Director of Member Services John Knox receives an award from WECA/WFC's Beata Kalies at the annual meeting.

## 2005 INCENTIVES...

Energy Efficiency Programs help save energy



### Energy Efficient Retrofit Lighting Program

Only on refitting of lights, no new construction.

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| 1. Electronic Ballasted Fluorescent Fixtures | \$ 6.50/ballast |
| 2. Metal Halide Fixtures                     | \$10.00/fixture |
| 3. Sodium Vapor Fixtures                     | \$10.00/fixture |



### Efficient Central Air Conditioner Program

To reduce summer peak controls – controlled

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| 1. Seer 12  | CEC Total | \$40/ton  |
| 2. Seer 13  |           | \$50/ton  |
| 3. Seer 16  |           | \$60/ton  |
| 4. All Earth Coupled Heat Pumps                       |           | \$120/ton |
| 5. Commercial Units EER 10.0 or higher                |           | \$40/ton  |
| 6. Heat Pumps Installed w/backup or T.O.D. controlled |           | \$60/ton  |



### Electric Thermal Storage

To replace uncontrolled electric heat with ETS.

ETS replacing uncontrolled electric heat or other installations of ETS units. **CEC \$25/kw**



### Water Heater

Must be controlled with LM Device

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