

# Taylor Report



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## 25 years of granting wishes to those in need



The Christmas Wish Program is celebrating 25 years of granting wishes to those in need during the holiday season. Taylor Electric Cooperative, WKEB 99.3 FM—WIGM 1490 AM, Touchstone Energy, and other area cooperatives are once again brightening the holidays for many in our community. Whether the need is financial, emotional, or physical, spreading holiday cheer and putting a smile on the faces of the families in our community has always been our mission.

The 25th annual Christmas Wish Program is brought to you by area Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, including Dairyland Power Cooperative, Taylor Electric Cooperative, Clark Electric Cooperative, Price Electric Cooperative, and Jump River Electric Cooperative. Also sponsoring are the Taylor County Association of Cooperatives, People's Choice Credit Union, Co-op Transport, River Country Co-op, Ag Country Farm Credit, Taylor Credit Union, The Medford Cooperative, Lakewood Credit Union, United Mutual Insurance, WIGM 1490 AM and WKEB 99.3 FM Radio, RCU, and Medford County Market. WISH REQUESTS Wish requests for area residents may be directed to WIGM/WKEB Radio; P.O. Box 59, Medford, WI 54451; phone, (715) 748-2566; fax, (715) 748-2752; or via the radio station's website, [www.k99wigm.com](http://www.k99wigm.com). Please include your name, address, and phone number as well as the name, address, and phone number of the individual you are making a wish for and the wish you would like granted. Requests are being taken now until December 17, 2021.

## Board Report – Oct. 2021

- Approved September disbursements totaling \$264,857. 21 new member applications, and September 2021 construction in the amount of \$118,290.
- Reviewed financial results for September, with \$494,387 Operating Margins and \$577,780 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 8 outages in September, with average YTD outage time per meter of .6393 hours.
- Five applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$1,074 to be paid out at the net present value of \$818.
- 19 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the October 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$6,775.
- The board reviewed policies on Deposits and Fees, Information Requests, Pay Stations, and Meeting Expenses.
- Discussion on a potential solar field at the office, CEO evaluation, Strategic Plan updates, and 2022 statewide training.
- Zenner updated the board on DPC activities including upcoming generation projects.

### **Shopping for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list?**

Shop local this year and give the gift of energy! Gift certificates are available for any amount at the office.



## Holiday Décor Tips for an Energy-Wise Home

*By Abby Berry*

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking—and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!

If you missed Santa's memo about energy-saving LEDs and your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer. Most models cost between \$10 to \$25 and can be purchased through online retailers like Amazon or at big box stores like Lowe's or Wal-Mart. With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which will save you time, money and energy. If you're using a timer for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof and intended for outdoor use.

If Clark Griswold's décor style is a bit much for your taste, consider a more natural approach. Many Christmas tree farms, and even retailers like Lowe's and Home Depot, give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows. To add extra twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new (essentially free!) greenery.

Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season.



*May the warm glow of Christmas bring joy and peace to you and yours this holiday season.*

*From the staff and board of directors of Taylor Electric Cooperative, we thank you, our members, for your support over the past year and through these challenging times.*

*The office will be closed December 24th and 31st for the holidays.*

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***