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WISCONSIN ENERGY *Cooperative* June 2021 NEWS

A MONTH FOR MILK



**Drive-in Annual
Meeting Tuesday,
June 29**

TAYLOR ELECTRIC
Cooperative
Your Touchstone Energy Partner 





WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

By Kenneth Ceagslske, President/CEO

I am looking forward to seeing many of you later this month at the annual meeting. It will be much like it was last year, with the drive-in outdoor format in the Centennial Community Center parking lot. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the evening. The meeting will also be broadcast on WKEB. If you have interest in participating in any voting, you must be at the meeting to vote in person.

Speaking of voting, we have a slate of five candidates for three open seats. The seats currently occupied by Brian Hallgren and Cheri Klussendorf are

open, as well as the seat that was held by Dean Tesch. Both Brian and Cheri are interested and eligible to run for re-election, and there are three additional candidates running: Lisa Kohn, Cindy Pernsteiner, and Sara Matyka.

Also up for consideration are the bylaw amendments that we have recommended. With recent legislation changes made at the State Capitol, we were able to slightly modify our election process to allow for a more rapid reduction of candidates from the full slate directly to two finalists on the first vote for each seat. In

the past we would have needed run-off elections to eliminate one candidate per runoff until there was a successful majority winner.

Look for your copy of the annual report to review both the candidates and the bylaw changes, and be sure to bring the report with you to speed up registration at the meeting and to receive your bill credit.

Our guest speaker, from Dairyland Power Cooperative, will talk about some of the new EV (electric vehicle) technology that is available.

BEST WISHES, RON

Lineman/meter technician retires after 45-year cooperative career

On May 4, after 45 years, Lineman/Meter Technician Ron Mayer retired from Taylor Electric Cooperative. Ron's career with the cooperative changed many times and on many different levels. In 1976 when he began his employment, he worked part-time cutting brush and plowing cable. In 1978, he took a groundman and equipment operator position and stayed in that post until 1985, when he entered his apprenticeship into the lineman program. Four years later, he graduated and became a journeyman lineman. In 1995, Ron took on the position of meter technician and remained there until his retirement.

Ron wore many hats throughout his career at the cooperative. From his responsibilities as a lineworker, to stray voltage checks, to the ever-changing meter world, he was involved with it all. He spent many late nights and early mornings restoring power after storms left our system deep in outages. Perhaps one of the biggest changes Ron was involved with was the upgrade from self-read meters to automatic meters.

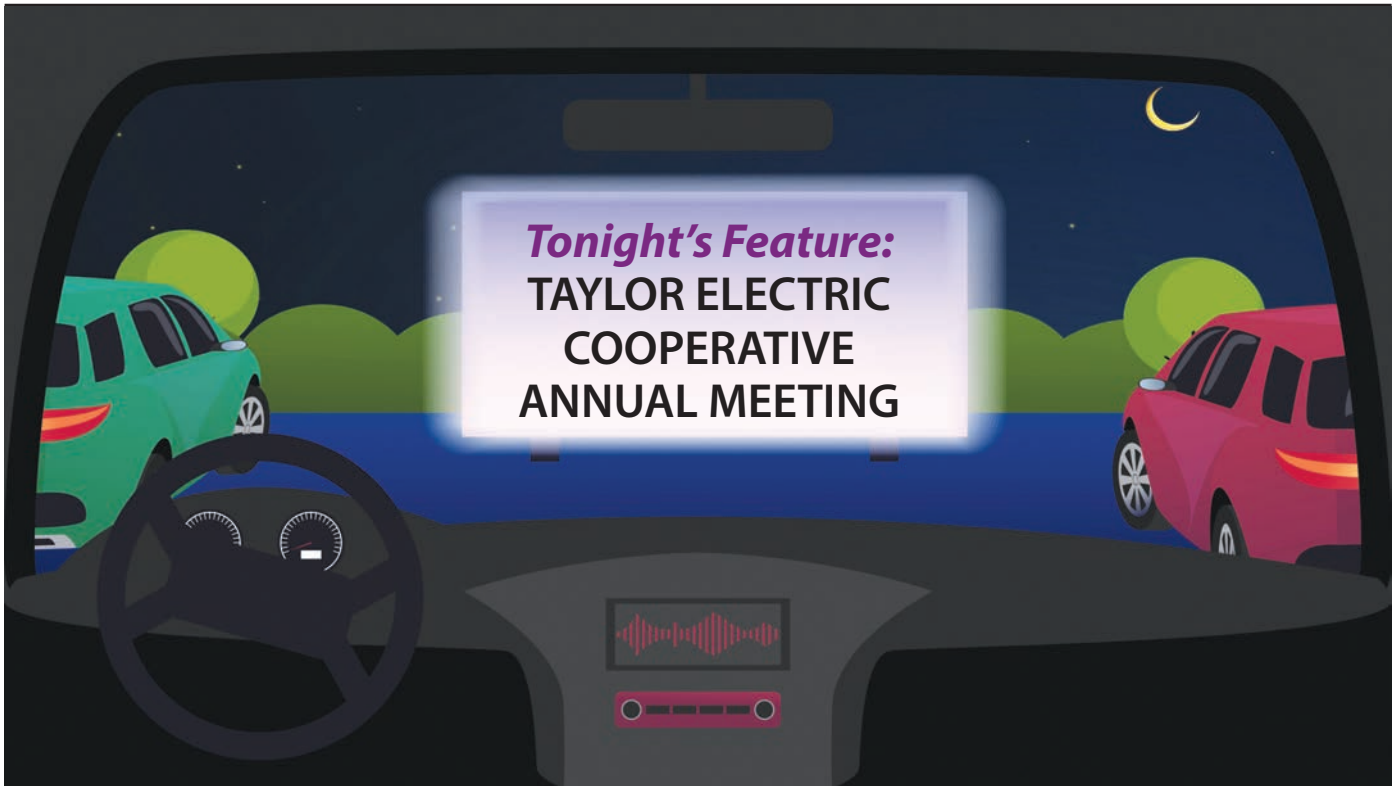
We will miss him at the cooperative but wish Ron and his wife, Lynn, all the best as they take some well-deserved R&R.



Ron Mayer performed many duties during his time at Taylor Electric, but he retired as meter technician.

President/CEO Kenneth Ceagslske presented Ron with a gift commemorating his 45 years of service to the members.





Our drive-in style annual meeting format is back this year by popular demand!

Due to positive feedback after last year's drive-in meeting, and also an abundance of caution in light of lingering concerns about public health and safety, Taylor Electric is holding its annual meeting outdoors once again.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 29, 2021

WHERE: Centennial Community Center, 412 E. Centennial Ave., Stetsonville, WI

TIME: 4:30 – Dinner and registration. Dinner will be served in your vehicle, picnic-style. Members will remain in their cars and be assisted with parking by Taylor Electric employees.

5:30 – The business meeting and live broadcast is scheduled to be on WKEB Radio, 99.3 FM

Please join us for our drive-in annual meeting!

Celebrate
JUNE DAIRY MONTH

**36th Annual
 Town and Country
 Dairy Breakfast**

Taylor County Fairgrounds
 Corner Highways 13 & 64, Medford, WI 54451

**DRIVE-
 THROUGH
 ONLY**

MENU: choice of omelet (plain, ham and cheese, or the works), sausage, fresh buttermilk biscuits and honey, milk, cheese curds, and ice cream.



**\$5 per person
 5 and under FREE**

**Sunday, June 13, 2021
 6:30 a.m. to noon**

Event sponsored by: Town & Country Dairy Breakfast Committee

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DAIRY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Serving 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

at **CIRCLE R DAIRY**

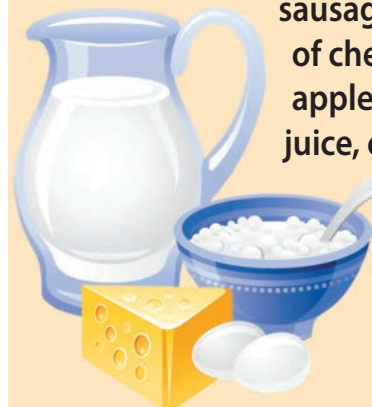
Dave & Becky, Logan, Mya, Calley Reusch

**232288 Pickard Ave.,
 Abbotsford, WI**

2 miles north of Abbotsford on Hwy. 13, 1 mile east on Holton Rd., then 1/2 mile north on Pickard Ave.

*There will be bussing to/from the Abbotsford School District's south parking lot and the farm.
 First bus leaves school at 7 a.m. • Last bus leaves farm at 12 p.m.*

Please enjoy this year's delicious menu consisting of pancakes, maple syrup,



sausages, variety of cheese, butter, applesauce, cookies, juice, coffee, white or chocolate milk & ice cream

PRICES

Adults.....\$6
 Kids (ages 6-10).....\$4
 Kids (0-5).....FREE

A variety of raffle prizes and door prizes will be given away!

Live on-site radio broadcasts throughout the morning!

Breakfast Sponsored by
Abbotsford FFA Alumni

MY CO-OP



WE'RE READY FOR STORM SEASON... ARE YOU?

Summer will soon be in full swing, and we welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of our favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but Taylor Electric crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. We encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the following items as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness. Visit www.ready.gov for more.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap, and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages, and other

medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.

- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener, and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers, and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

While we hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, we can't predict Mother Nature's plans. At Taylor Electric, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

BE PREPARED BEFORE A STORM STRIKES

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.

■ WATER

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.

■ TOOLS

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.

■ FIRST AID KIT AND PRESCRIPTIONS

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

Learn more at www.ready.gov

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.



Remember Dad on June 20!

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Where can I get a COVID vaccination?

Clark County

Clark County Health Department
517 Court Street, Room 105
Neillsville, WI 54456
(715) 743-5105
<https://www.clarkcounty.wi.gov/vaccine-information>

Transportation Services for Elderly and Disabled

Abby Vans Inc
(715) 743-3364
<https://www.abbyvans.com/>

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Clark County
(715) 743-5166
(866) 743-5144
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/clark.htm>

MTM, Inc.
(866) 907-1493
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/nemt/index.htm>

Lincoln County

Lincoln County Health Department
607 N Sales St
Merrill, WI
(715) 536-0307
<https://co.lincoln.wi.us/health/page/how-get-covid-19-vaccine>

Transportation Services for Elderly and Disabled

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin
(serving Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon and Wood Counties)
(888) 486-9545
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/central.htm>

MTM, Inc.
(866) 907-1493
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/nemt/index.htm>

Marathon County

Marathon County Health Department
1000 Lake View Dr Ste 100
Wausau, WI
(715) 261-1000
<https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/HealthDepartment/COVID19/VaccineInformation.aspx>

Transportation Services for Elderly and Disabled

Metro Ride
(715) 842-9287
<https://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/MetroRide.aspx>

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Questions about the vaccine? Call the Wisconsin Department of Health Services TOLL-FREE COVID vaccination hotline at 844-684-1064. And remember, COVID vaccinations are FREE!

Taylor County

Taylor County Health Department
845 E Broadway Medford
Medford, WI
(715) 965-8830
<https://www.co.taylor.wi.us>

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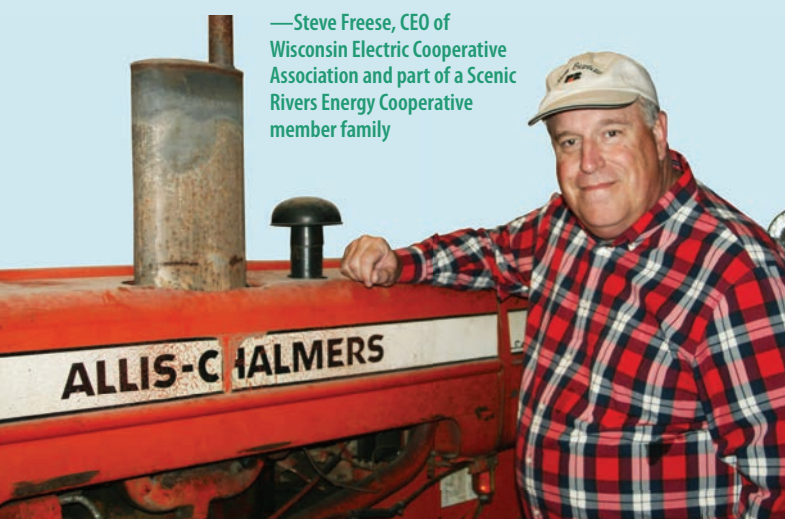
Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Northwoods (serving Forest County, Taylor County, Forest County Potawatomi Community)
(800) 699-6704
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/consumer/northwoods.htm#overlay-context=adrc/index.htm>

MTM, Inc.
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I got vaccinated because...

I want to spend as much time as possible with my 94-year-old mother. I lost a family member to COVID, and watched other relatives suffer severe illness from it, so I'll do all I can to make sure my family and I can safely enjoy more time together.

—Steve Freese, CEO of Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association and part of a Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative member family



Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Info

