

Taylor Report



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Join us for Taylor Electric's annual meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Centennial Community Center

412 E. Centennial Ave, Stetsonville, WI

- **Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Dinner served starting at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Business meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.**

There are five candidates for two open seats on the board. Lisa Kohn-incumbent, Catherine Lemke, Sara Matyka, Dave Makovsky, and Paul Woods are in the running. With the bylaw changes last year to the voting process, there will be only one ballot. The highest two vote getters will be the newly elected board members. There will also be additional bylaw changes to be voted on this year.



This year's event will be held indoors!

WHAT DOES A LINEWORKER DO?

On any given day or night, in all kinds of weather conditions, lineworkers install and maintain overhead and underground electrical systems.

We entrust our lineworkers with your safety, so they hold a very important job. We also rely on their expertise to power our world.

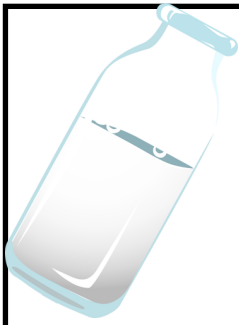
SAFETY COMES FIRST

Lineworkers must commit to safety above all else for the benefit of those they serve (you!), fellow crew members and themselves. They spend thousands of hours in safety trainings each year and must learn and apply numerous safety regulations.

THEY ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED TO:

- Climb poles to service power lines in areas inaccessible by trucks.
- Stand in an elevated bucket to assess and repair overhead lines.
- Install poles, overhead lines and other equipment.
- Work on both energized and deenergized lines.
- Install and service underground lines.





JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

37th Annual Town and Country Dairy Breakfast

Sunday, June 12, 2022

6:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Taylor County Fairgrounds, Corner

Highways 13 & 64, Medford, WI 54451

\$5 per person, 5 and under FREE

33rd Annual Abbotsford Dairy Breakfast

Sunday, June 5, 2022

7:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Ensign Rolling Acres, 107645 County Line Rd,

Dorchester, WI 54425

\$5 per person, 5 and under FREE

SUMMER SHIFT:

SMALL STEPS FOR SAVINGS



When members save energy, they tend to save money. However, there is always something in our homes using electricity – whether to cool the home, turn on the lights or run appliances. While using electricity is inevitable, HOW members choose to use it can be impactful.

The goal of the Summer Shift program is to shift non-essential electricity use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., June through August. These are times when electricity use is not at its peak and, therefore, is not as expensive. So, how does Summer Shift work?

If a member shifts their electricity use, they may not necessarily save energy. They could use the same amount of electricity, but at a different time of the day. That is still beneficial because it means the cooperative's wholesale power provider – Dairyland Power Cooperative – did not have to purchase as much power when electricity costs were more expensive. When the cooperative saves, so do members.

The price of electricity purchased on the grid is

always changing, based on the need for electricity balanced with available generation resources. As need – or demand – rises during the day, the price of electricity increases as more generation resources (power plants, solar arrays, etc.) are needed to power homes, businesses and other buildings or devices. When temperatures cool and things quiet down for the night, electricity demand drops as do prices for electricity.

Dairyland must ensure it has enough generation resources to cover all the electricity needs of its 24 member cooperatives – including Taylor Electric Cooperative - plus an additional reserve in case demand spikes above expectations. This means investments in additional resources to cover the needs of all members. If Taylor Electric members – along with members of Dairyland's 23 other cooperatives – shift their electricity use to different times of the day, the overall 'peak' is reduced.

When a member chooses to shift their electricity use, it helps spread out electricity use throughout the day. The less electricity cooperative members use when prices are at their highest, the more stable Taylor Electric can keep our retail rates. The more members who choose to participate, the more impactful these savings become.

—————TIPS—————

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees (or a level that is comfortable for the home, but a few degrees higher than normal). Closing curtains and shades will help the home feel cooler, longer. A ceiling fan or table fan throughout the afternoon will help circulate air.
- Set up a schedule for your smart thermostat and smart lighting options, ensuring a minimal amount of energy is used between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Charge electric vehicles overnight
- Set the water heater to 120 degrees
- Washing dishes in an ENERGY STAR dishwasher instead of by hand can save a home \$111 per year
- Open the dishwasher after the wash cycle to let dishes air dry