

Taylor Report

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Focused on **YOU.**

Electric cooperatives were created to serve their members. Because we're a co-op, we're able to adapt to our community's unique needs. That's the power of co-op membership.

WE'RE CELEBRATING

Join us for breakfast on Tuesday, October 4th from 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville, WI. Stop down and register to win a \$30 credit on your electric bill, pick up a Green Bay Packers calendar and take a spin with Medford Motors in an electric vehicle!

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK 2022

SEPT. 23 to OCT. 2



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CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY = SAFETY FOR KIDS

Taylor Electric employees visited Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum on Wednesday, August 10th to hold an electrical demonstration for the summer camp kids. Pictured here: Leadman Justin Fuchs (left) and Lineman Geoff Mueller exhibited the dangers of electricity by using a hotline demo to show what happens when people/objects come in contact with a live electric line.

The kids were also given the opportunity to try on some of their equipment and experience how difficult it is to perform simple tasks like tightening a bolt while wearing the protective gear.



The Power of Preparation

September is National Preparedness Month and we want to remind the members of our community about the power of preparation. While you don't have to achieve a "doomsday prepper" level of preparedness, there are several practical steps you can take to keep you and your family safe.

Even at a modest level, preparation can help reduce stress, anxiety and lessen the impact of an emergency event. We recommend starting with the basics.

Here are general guidelines recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- Assemble a grab-and-go disaster kit. Include items like nonperishable food, water (one gallon per person, per day), diapers, batteries, flashlights, prescription medications, first-aid kit, battery-powered radio and phone chargers.
- Develop a plan for communicating with family and friends (i.e., via text, social media, third party, etc.).
- Have some extra cash available; during a power outage, electronic card readers and cash machines may not work.
- Store important documents (birth certificates, property deed, etc.) in safe place away from home (for example, a bank safe deposit box).
- Keep neighbors and coworkers apprised of your emergency plans.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Organize your supplies so they are together in an easily accessible location that family members know about.

Caring for vulnerable family members

If you have older family members or those with special needs, make sure they have enough medication and supplies for a few days. If they don't live with you, arrange for a neighbor to check in on them. If a severe weather event is expected, consider having your relative stay with you if feasible, otherwise call them daily. If you have an infant or young children, make certain that you have ample formula, diapers, medication and other supplies on hand to weather an outage lasting several days or more.

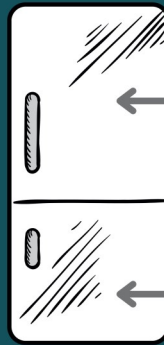
Keeping four-legged family members safe

For families with pets, having a plan in place in the event of a prolonged outage or an emergency will help reduce worry and stress especially if you need to make a decision during an emergency.

- Bring pets indoors at the first sign of a storm or other emergency. Pets can become disoriented and frightened during severe weather and may wander off during an emergency.
- Microchip your pet and ensure the contact information is up to date.
- Store pet medical records on a USB drive or in an easy-to-remember location.

Keep Food Safe During and After a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after a power outage. Use these tips to minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.



Refrigerated food will last four hours. After four hours, place refrigerated foods in a cooler with ice.

Food in a half-full freezer will last 24 hours. Food in a full freezer will last 48 hours.

Food Safety Tips

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
2. Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color or texture.
3. Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after four hours without power or a cold source (like a cooler with ice).

When in doubt, throw it out!



- Create an emergency kit for pets (include shelf-safe food, bottled water, medications and other supplies).

At Taylor Electric we care about your safety. Planning for an emergency situation today can give you more confidence to deal with severe weather and potential outages in the future.

Board Report – July 2022

- Approved June disbursements totaling \$408,980. 28 new member applications, and June 2022 construction in the amount of \$263,375.
- Reviewed financial results for June with \$293,921 Operating Margins and \$317,659 Total Margins year to date.
- Approved the retirement of 4 estates valued at \$ 2,549 for a net present value of 1,303.
- There were 13 outages in June, with average YTD outage time per meter of 0.1426 hours.
- 33 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the July 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$12,506.
- Other topics covered included a bad debt write off, the upcoming member appreciation banquet, policy 6.10 Years of Service Recognition, and DPC updates.



School is back in session! Please watch for children and school buses!!