



Clark Electric  
Cooperative

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Dick Adler,  
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## Annual Meeting Time Again

### Your Meeting, Your Cooperative

*It seems like we just had an annual meeting, but it has been 12 months and April 3, we will be at the Loyal American Legion Hall in Loyal, Wis.*

*This is your annual meeting. You, the members, own this cooperative, elect the board of directors, and*

*hear reports on the past year's activities. We have also planned to have a representative from Dairyland Power Cooperative and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association to brief you on what is happening in their organizations.*

*You will be asked to elect two directors this year, for three-year terms. Directors whose terms are expiring this year are Ron Schmidt from Spencer and Clarence Hoesly from the Granton area. Both are eligible for re-election. Nominations are taken from the floor of the meeting for them and anyone else from their areas who might be interested in serving on the board of directors. Directors need to attend a monthly board meeting, usually during the first six to eight days at the beginning of the month; an occasional*

*Dairyland Power seminar; WECA seminars; and NRECA educational workshops. Directors need to read a lot of information throughout the month to keep informed of what is happening in Wisconsin and the nation.*

*Our members are also asked at the annual meeting to select delegates to the Dairyland Power and Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives annual meetings.*

*Dairyland's is held in June and WFC's is in November.*

*Your officers and management will make reports on the financial condition of the cooperative and activities past and future. Usually, the annual meeting is very educational for all who attend.*

*A delicious noon dinner is served by the Loyal American Legion Auxiliary, which in past years has been outstanding and enjoyed by everyone. Door prizes will be awarded and there will be a drawing for our annual tour to Dairyland Power Cooperative.*

*A great day is planned. Come join us and invite a neighbor or former member to join you. Former members cannot vote on any of the issues, but we are glad to see them back and have dinner with them.*

**Dick Adler**  
CEO / General Manager

## Mark That Calendar

Important dates to remember...

**April 3, 2001**

*Clark Electric Annual Meeting, Loyal American Legion Hall, Loyal, WI, starting at 10 a.m.*

**April 13, 2001**

*Good Friday, our offices will be closed all day. We will have our regular Saturday working hours for both the Main Office and the Appliance & Satellite offices, 8 a.m. until noon.*

# Safety talks make a big impact

## Clark Electric Cooperative going to area schools teaching electrical safety to students

*Big Impressions! That's our goal when we go out to a local school and do our electrical safety demonstration. Going out to the local schools is something that Clark Electric Cooperative has done for many years, and it's time again. John Knox, director of member services, along with Kevin Sterland, lineman, have been doing safety demonstrations since Christmas. They have been going to area schools and delivering a very important message to everyone who sees the show. We go to schools that might have only 25 children to a school where more than 350 children watch the show. And what's best is that the show is geared towards*

*the kids. John and Kevin bring the show to a level that children under-*

***"The Electrical Safety Demonstration that Clark Electric is providing the area schools is making a big impact on the kids. It's just wonderful!"***

***Comment from local teacher who called into the office***

*stand. They participate with the kids during and after the show, and that's what makes it special. They ask, "What does respect mean?" The kids give their answer; the kids know. Then John and Kevin inform the students that electricity demands their respect, as it should for everyone. The show deals with situations that a child or an adult might come into contact with or play around. They show how many items demand respect around electricity. Such items are a kite string, a rope that may be used around the farm, ladders or antennas being put up, and trees, with the emphasis on making sure trees are kept clear of power lines. The show deals with how birds can sit on a wire and what happens when they get "grounded." John and Kevin also talk about downed wires and what not to do, while emphasizing what people should do. John and Kevin end up talking about home safety and things to be aware of, so if your child ends up coming home talking about an octopus in the house, you know where it came from—listen to them and get rid of it!*

*John and Kevin enjoy going out to the area schools teaching the importance of being safe around electricity, because across our county*




John Knox, director of member services, and Kevin Sterland, lineman with Clark Electric, are shown here discussing safety equipment used by trained linemen such as Kevin while working with electricity.

*the headlines of the local news too frequently say things like "Local youth electrocuted," and our goal is to make sure we do not see those headlines around here. If your child's school has not been contacted, please make sure that we get there soon. Call us at the office and we will get hold of the school. The electric safety demonstration is also available to local area fire departments or other civic groups. Those wishing to see the show should contact John Knox, director of member services.*



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*Dorchester State Bank*

### **Gilman**

*State Bank Gilman*

### **Granton**

*Citizens State Bank of Loyal*

### **Greenwood**

*Associated Bank  
Clark Electric Cooperative  
State Bank of Withee*

### **Loyal**

*Hardware Hank  
Citizens State Bank of Loyal  
M&I Central Bank & Trust*

### **Lublin**

*State Bank of Gilman*

### **Neillsville**

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M&I Central Bank & Trust  
Mid-Wisconsin Bank*

### **Owen**

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Community Bank of Central Wisconsin*

### **Spencer**

*Spencer State Bank*

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### **Thorp**

*Northwestern Bank  
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State Bank of Withee*

### **Willard**

*State Bank of Withee*

### **Withee**

*Redville Store  
State Bank of Withee*

### **Note:**

*If you know of another business that would be a good paystation for many members, please let us know.*

## Attention Farmers

*For information on  
Clark Electric Cooperative's  
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