### LOCAL NEWS Clark Electric Cooperative NOTES FROM THE MANAGER



Dick Adler CEO/General Manager

### New CEO/ Manager Selected

he board of directors conducted an extensive search for a manager to succeed me when I retire at the end of 2004. Mr. Tim Stewart from Afton, Iowa, has agreed to become the new CEO/Manager.

Mr. Stewart has been a manager in Iowa for the past 10 years and will be a great addition to our Clark Electric family. Mr. Stewart will begin on Monday, August 2. Watch for additional information in upcoming issues.

### **Hospital Is Ours**

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission ruled in our favor to continue serving Our Lady of Victory Hospital at Stanley. Xcel Energy filed a complaint against us with the WPSC because they felt the area where the new hospital was built belonged to their service area. Clark Electric did have primary distribution facilities in the area at the time of annexation, which qualified us to serve the hospital if they chose us, which they did.

### Farm Technology Days

GROWING PROGRESS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Farm Technology Days are scheduled for July 12–15, 2005, here in Clark County. The Robert & Mitch Malm Farm located north of the Greenwood and Loyal

area (on Clark Electric's system) will be the host farm. I am serving on the Executive Committee for Utilities and Tent City. Regular meetings have been held and plans are progressing very well to prepare for this event. Many people have volunteered to help with this massive event. About 1,500 people are needed to help at some point in time before, during, or after this three-day event.

If you are interested in helping, please call the Clark County Extension Office, 743-5121, and ask to be put on the list of volunteers. Committees include: Grounds and Security, Parking and Admissions, Education Food, Site



Our Lady of Victory Hospital located in Stanley, Wisconsin, on State Hwy. 29 and County Hwy. NN. The hospital has complete emergency services and rehabilitation services, along with a new dialysis unit.

Signage, Family Living, Traffic, Safety & First Aid, Home and Garden Education, Youth, Tent City, Field Demonstrations, Media Relations, Hospitality & Fundraising, Arts and Crafts, Small Acreage Ag Day, Antique Machinery, and History. It is a big event to showcase Clark County to all of Wisconsin.

**Dick Adler** CEO/General Manager

# Clark Electric Cooperative 2004 - 2005 Scholarship Winners \$750 Scholarship



Andrew Leiby Abbotsford High School UW-River Falls Undecided



Tammy Rueth Colby High School Undecided **Business Administration** 



Korey Hansczazk Granton High School **UW–Stevens Point** Business



Kim Artac Greenwood High School Saint Cloud University Nuclear Medicine



Sharon Rybski Loyal High School Mid-State Technical College Surgical Technology



Amanda Meissner Marshfield High School UW-Eau Claire Communications



Jacob Elmhorst Neillsville High School University of Dubuque Elementary Education



James Cardinal Owen–Withee High School Pittsville High School UW-Madison Political Science



Angela Jacobson UW-Marshfield Psychology



Kari Ann Schmidt Spencer High School UW-Eau Claire Communications



Alexandra Price Stanley-Boyd High School UW-Madison Biology



Kevin Jacks Thorp High School UW-Stout Undecided



Andrew Thain Faith Christian Academy Marquette University Criminal Justice/Law



Althea Turner Medford High School Concordia University Secondary Education



Amanda Stolp Home Schooled Chippewa Valley Tech School Nursing

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# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

#### System Maintenance Prevents Future Problems

uring the year we perform system maintenance on the distribution system. That work can best be accomplished in the fall, spring, or in the winter, depending on what needs to be one. During the summer we perform underground inspections of our transformers and cabinets.

This work is very important in making sure that the system stays reliable and able to deliver electricity to you. Again this year, Utility Inspection Services will perform the work. They will have Clark Electric Cooperative contractor signs on their vehicles. Work will be performed on the Colby, Longwood, and Eidsvold substation circuits this summer. Each year, three different substation circuits are done; this allows the entire system to be done every three to four years.

How can you help? As a member of the cooperative, you can make sure that we have access to our underground equipment. Do not plant shrubs, trees, or other



A nice clean underground cabinet is pictured here. When these cabinets are inspected, they are checked for damage inside and out and checked to see if they are working properly. Our contractor makes sure that proper identification stickers are placed correctly, and most important that equipment is locked. They also make sure that there is no debris around the equipment.



plantings right next to the equipment. If we need to work on the equipment, your plants could get damaged or removed. If you ever have questions, please call and ask;

> our Operations Department will be happy to help. You can also make sure that trees are not planted in the overhead line's right-ofway. By doing this, you will save the expense of trimming the tree, because we will have to remove it in the future during our annual right-of-way maintenance. But the most important reason for careful planting is that trees and power lines don't go well together. They cause electrical blinks and outages when they are exposed to the line.



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# Safety First!

Clark Electric Cooperative has developed a uniform statewide farm wiring program along with other electric cooperatives. The program is entitled, "Safety First!" The purpose is to assist dairy farmers with cost of rewiring projects and to promote safety.

- Grants available up to \$4,000 from Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association
- Loans available up to \$16,000 from Clark Electric Cooperative
  - \* Dairy Farms Only
  - Existing Farmstead
  - \* Pre/Post Inspection
- \* Electrician's Estimate
- \* Service Agreement For Length Of Loan
- \* Credit Eligibility Requirements

For More Information Contact:



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