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GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

June is Dairy Month! The first day of the month will mark the annual On-the-Farm Dairy Breakfast. Before you start your Saturday morning errands, stop by Kling Acres for camaraderie and an excellent breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Hope to see you there.



Renewable energy is in the news almost daily. Some of our members have taken an interest in learning about renewable energy resources only to find there is a large investment in installing a solar panel or wind turbine. Jackson Electric Cooperative has a program titled Evergreen, in which members can support renewable energy generation without installing a solar panel or turbine.

For a small charge each month, added to your electric bill, you can support renewable energy generation. By purchasing a block or several blocks of energy each month, you are helping offset the additional cost of renewable generation. This is a voluntary program and if you sign up before December 31, 2013, we'll send you a reusable tote as our way of saying "thank you" for supporting renewable energy.

To learn more about this program, call our office or go to our website at www.jackelec.com/energy_conservation/evergreen_program.

Safety always,

Greg
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Kling Acres to Host Dairy Breakfast

The lay of the land has been part of the Steve and Pat Kling family since the mid-1800s. The pride of Kling Acres will be recognized at this year's On-the-Farm Dairy Breakfast Saturday, June 1. Sponsored by the Jackson County Dairy Promotion Committee, this is the kickoff event for June Dairy Month.

"We started with 11 cows," states Steve. When the Klings bought their farm in October 1981 they remember that many people were skeptical of the barn infrastructure at the time. "Many told us the barn would never last," says Pat. The Klings milked their cows with buckets up until 1987 when they installed a pipeline. In 2006, they renovated this same barn into a swing parlor in which they now milk between 50-55 Holstein and crossbred cows. Their estimated rolling herd average is 19,000 pounds of milk.

The Klings own 160 acres of land in which they utilize 60 of those acres for rotational grazing their cows and heifers. In addition, they rent 240 acres from a neighbor. They run approximately 80 acres of corn, 130 acres of hay and 25-30 acres of seeding which feeds their herd.

Steve and Pat have four children, Nathan, Sarah, Joel and Sam, and six grandchildren. They are long-time supporters of the local FFA and 4-H chapters and are involved in several local, county, state and national agricultural related committees. Even though the Klings are busy promoting Wisconsin agriculture, they still find time to take their grandchildren fishing on a nearby pond on Kling Acres.



Steve and Pat Kling are hosting the On-the-Farm Dairy Breakfast. Their farm is located off Hwy. P on Wilson Road near Taylor. Watch for the dairy breakfast signs. Breakfast will be served 6-11 a.m.



First 450 people at the On-the-Farm Breakfast will get a commemorative mug from Jackson Electric Cooperative.

Youth Leaders Wanted!

Youth Leadership Congress July 10-12

Held at UW-River Falls campus

Interested high school sophomores, juniors and seniors should contact cblaken@jackelec.com by May 31, 2013, or go to www.jackelec.com for more information.

Sponsored by Jackson Electric Cooperative.

Going Back to School? *Let Us Help*

Jackson Electric Cooperative is offering \$250 scholarships to adults who are continuing their education at an accredited technical school, college or university. The student must be an active member of Jackson Electric Cooperative (name of student must be on the billing account), be 25 years of age or older, and display a strong desire to obtain a secondary education. Credits cannot be reimbursed by an employer and one scholarship awarded per applicant in a 12-month period.

Applications are available at Jackson Electric Cooperative or at www.jackelec.com.



Plan Now for Power Outages

If you are dependent on a life-saving device or have a medical necessity that requires electricity to be operational, please have a contingency plan in place in the event that a lengthy power outage occurs. Please consider the purchase of a battery-powered device, a generator, or another place to stay that has electricity during the period of the outage.

Jackson Electric Cooperative's priority is to provide reliable electric service to its members, but sometimes acts of nature challenge us. Please have your plan in place before the power goes out.

Office Closed
Memorial Day
May 27

Our office will be closed so that we can honor those who fought for our freedom. If you experience an outage, please call our toll-free outage only number at 855-222-DARK (3275).

Jackson Electric Cooperative Receives Special Refund

Nuclear Waste Settlement

Jackson Electric Cooperative received a special refund of \$588,897.99 from Dairyland Power Cooperative as result of a recent damage award for a breach of contract lawsuit against the U.S. government. The settlement is a result of the government's failure to collect and store nuclear waste from Dairyland's shut-down nuclear power plant, the La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR), located at Genoa.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 gave the government responsibility for storage of the nation's spent nuclear fuel, with a deadline of January 31, 1998, to begin accepting the fuel. The government has been collecting money from Dairyland ratepayers for that purpose. Dairyland returned money to Jackson Electric Cooperative and 24 other member electric cooperatives, based upon costs incurred for handling the nuclear waste from 1999-2006. At the March reorganization meeting, Jackson Electric Cooperative's board of directors approved distributing this special refund to qualified members.

Contact Us for New Residential Electric Service

If you're planning to construct a new building and need electric service, please contact Jackson Electric Cooperative to make an appointment to discuss your electric service needs. To learn more about new residential electric service, go to www.jackelec.com/electric_system/new_residential_construction.

Community Recycling Drive

More than a semi trailer of unwanted electronics and white goods were collected at Jackson Electric Cooperatives' recycling drive held on Earth Day. Residents took advantage of this annual event by responsibly recycling computers, laptops, keyboards, fax machines, refrigerators, light bulbs and batteries.





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Your comments and suggestions are welcome.



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