



# Connections



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## Jackson Electric Cooperative's 79th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 • 7 p.m.  
Lunda Theatre, Black River Falls, Wis.

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Jackson Electric Cooperative's 79th Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the Lunda Theatre in Black River Falls, Wis. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the Blair-Taylor High School hand bell choir performing at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served before the meeting.

Highlights of 2015 operations will be presented, as well as ratification of directors elected at this year's district meetings. For official notice of the meeting

and annual meeting rules, please refer to your March Wisconsin Electric Cooperative News (WECN) issue.

Your March WECN issue is your annual report. Bring that issue to the annual meeting and your name will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 energy credit. Cash door prizes will be awarded, as well as a \$10 energy credit to every registered membership in attendance.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

## Directors to be Ratified at Annual Meeting

Jackson Electric Cooperative is divided into nine director districts and one director from each district makes up the Cooperative's board of directors. District meetings are held in three of the nine districts each year and one director is elected at each district meeting. The elected directors begin their three-year term following ratification at the annual meeting. Directors who were re-elected and will be ratified are:

### District #1

Director **Stan Gran** has been on the board since 2007. He currently serves on the board's Information Technology Committee. Stan received his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) board training program. He also received the Director Gold Credential



which is recognized as the highest level of board education through the NRECA. Stan and his wife, Donna, reside in the Northfield area.

### District #6

Director **Jerry Wagner** was appointed by the board in October 2014 to fill the director position following the death of Roger Hansen. Jerry and his wife, Shirley, along with their son, operate an organic dairy farm in the Town of Albion.



### District #9

Director **Gary Woods** has served on the board for 33 years. He currently serves as the board's President. Gary has received his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates through the NRECA. He and his wife, Ginny, live in rural Melrose.



## Change in Water Heater Credit

As of January 1, 2016, Jackson Electric's water heater program changed. Information regarding this change was published in the January Wisconsin Electric Cooperative News issue. This is our monthly magazine that every Jackson Electric Cooperative member receives.

There have been some questions regarding the elimination of the monthly water heater credit. The elimination of the water heater credit will save the cooperative nearly \$100,000 annually. This savings is passed on to you, the member, in the form of free parts and service, during regular work hours, on your water heater. By eliminating the credit, the program is still viable for the cooperative.

In the past, the co-op has provided free parts and service to members on their water heater **and** the monthly water heater credit for members not on the dual fuel program. In order for the program to be cost-effective and value-added, the board and management felt members would benefit more from the co-op providing free parts and service

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# Improve Your Home's Energy Performance with an Energy Audit

**H**ome energy audits determine how much energy your home consumes and assesses what measures you can take to make your home more efficient.

A professional home energy auditor can help you assess the energy efficiency of your home. The auditor typically does a room-by-room examination of your home, as well as look at your previous utility bills. In addition, the auditor performs a blower door test and a thermographic scan.

savings and increased comfort. The thermographic scan allows auditors to check the effectiveness of the insulation within the home. The results will determine if the home needs insulation and where the insulation is needed.

Jackson Electric Cooperative offers a home energy audit incentive to members who have an audit completed by a certified energy consultant and successfully implement the recommended energy efficiency measures. For more information on this program, contact our office or go to [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com).



The blower door test measures the relative airtightness of the home and helps identify air-sealing opportunities, which can provide significant energy

*A blower door test helps identify air-sealing opportunities in your home.*



*Did you have icicles forming off the roof of your home this past winter? If you did, you may want to consider having an energy audit performed on your home. Icicles may be a sign of poor insulation.*

## Stop by Jackson Electric's booth at the WWIS Home Show

**Saturday, April 9 • 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Milt Lunda Memorial Ice Area, Black River Falls**

Learn about air source and geothermal heat pumps, weatherization, electric water heaters, and rebates.

## Construction Plans?

If you're planning to build a house, shed, or livestock facility and need electric service installed, please contact Jackson Electric Cooperative to schedule an appointment to discuss your electric service needs. We can also help you with electric heating and cooling options, water heating, and Energy Star rebates for residential, business, and agricultural.



## Budget Billing Plan Participants **Alert**

Members on the Budget Billing Plan will receive a bill in May, which is considered the "clean-up" month. Your remaining payment on your budget billing plan is due on or before June 1, 2016.

To find out what your remaining balance is, please contact our office.

### • REMINDERS • REMINDERS •

Our office will be closed on **Good Friday, March 25**. Outages can be reported to **855.222.DARK (3275)**.



## Winter Moratorium Ends April 15

Please contact Jackson Electric Cooperative **BEFORE** April 15 to make payment arrangements for past due electric accounts. All past due accounts need to be reconciled before April 15 in order to avoid any disconnection of your service. Failure to contact us about your past due account could result in service fees along with disconnection of your electric service.



**Know what's below. Call before you dig.**

## Credit Eliminated ...

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 during work hours rather than receiving the monthly \$3 credit. Jackson Electric charges \$150, after-hours and on cooperative-recognized holidays, for water heater repairs.

If you would like further explanation on the revised water heater program, please contact our office.



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Your comments and suggestions are welcome.



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