

Connections



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The Spirit of Giving

Jackson Electric recently donated \$2,500 to the Merrilan Fire Department to help in the purchase of a new extrication vehicle and for the equipment needed for the vehicle. Jackson Electric uses Federated Youth Foundation funds for these types of contributions. These funds are collected from unclaimed capital credits and can only be used for educational and charitable purposes.

Receiving the check from Jackson Electric's general

manager/CEO Kevin Babcock is Merrilan Fire Department's retired fire chief Al Lunderville, far left, and current fire chief Wayne Lunderville, center.



Water Heater Prices to Increase

Due to an increase in price from our manufacturer, Jackson Electric's water heater prices will increase as of January 1, 2017:

- 50-gallon Rheem water heater will increase from \$380 to \$400 plus tax (no rebate available)
- 105-gallon Marathon water heater will increase from \$1,030 to \$1,100

plus tax (a \$400 rebate is available at the time of purchase if a load management receiver is installed)

Water heaters with a load management receiver continue to qualify for free parts and labor during the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on regular working days. Repairs done after-hours and on cooperative-recognized holidays will be charged a \$150 service fee.

Protecting Your Identity

Jackson Electric has a written policy in place for detecting, preventing, and mitigating identity theft. Identity theft is defined by the Red Flags Rule as "fraud committed using the identifying information of another person" and a "Red Flag" as a pattern, practice, or specific activity that indicates the possible existence of identity theft.

account information to anyone who is not listed on the account. If you have an existing account that you would like to make a payment on and do not have your billing statement or know the amount that is owed, you may be asked for your address, the last four digits of your social security number, or a photo ID. All new membership applications are subject to identity verification. A photo ID will be required.

These procedures are in place to protect your identity.

Because of the Red Flags Rule, Jackson Electric member service representatives cannot provide electric

Energy Efficiency Rebates Deadline December 31, 2016

Rebate submission for the purchase and installation of Energy Star appliances and other energy efficient equipment is due to Jackson Electric no later than December 31, 2016. We are unable to process the 2016 rebates after the deadline date. Please contact our office or go to www.jackelec.com to learn about energy efficiency rebates that may be available.

The geothermal federal tax credit expires December 31, 2016. Your unit must be purchased and installed in 2016 to qualify. Consult with your tax advisor or accountant to determine your own potential tax savings.

Looking for Your Photos

Members continue to submit photos to Jackson Electric's photo contest. Let us see your favorite monthly photo for a chance to win a \$25 energy credit, and bragging rights after you see your photo on one of the walls at Jackson Electric. Photos for the respective month can be submitted until June 30, 2017.

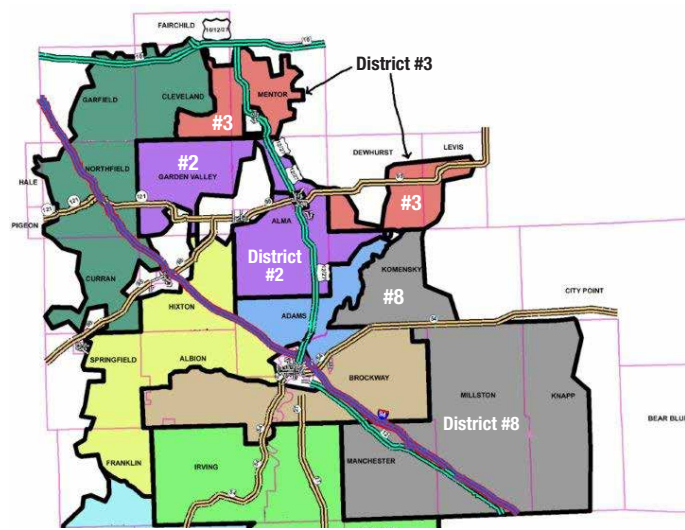


Go to www.jackelec.com, Jackson Electric's Facebook page, or contact our office for photo contest rules and release for photo use. Stop by our office to see the photos that are enhancing our walls.

Coming in February...

District Meetings

Members who live in Districts 2, 3, and 8 will have an opportunity to elect their district director at an upcoming district meeting to be scheduled in February. Members who have a meter in these districts will receive notification in January as to where the district meeting will be held, date, and time. More information will be published in the February issue of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*.



Scholarships Available

Jackson Electric offers a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the following high schools:

- Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan
- Black River Falls
- Blair-Taylor
- Melrose-Mindoro
- Neillsville
- Osseo-Fairchild
- Sparta
- Whitehall



Please contact your high school guidance counselor for scholarship requirements. Recipient is selected by the respective high school.

Home-Schooled, Private School, and Open-Enrolled Students

A \$1,000 scholarship is also available to students in this category. Scholarship applications can be downloaded at www.jackelec.com under the Community tab or from our office.

Electric Space Heater Reminder

The use of an electric space heater will increase your electric bill if used regularly. Even though space heaters are 100 percent efficient, they still use a significant amount of electricity. If you must, use an electric space heater for supplemental heat in a small area. They are not designed to heat your entire home.

Before purchasing an electric space heater, remember that a watt is a watt. A 1500-watt milkhouse heater produces the same amount of heat as a 1500-watt infrared or quartz electric space heater with a decorative cabinet.

Contact Jackson Electric to learn about other electric heating options to warm your home this winter.

Capital Credit Retirement Checks in the Mail

If you were an active member of Jackson Electric in 1998, 1999, and part of 2000, you may be receiving a capital credit retirement check in the mail. Checks were mailed on December 9. At the October regular meeting of the Jackson Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, it was approved to retire \$400,000 in capital credits.

Capital credits represent your ownership in Jackson Electric and are one of the most unique and rewarding benefits you enjoy as a member.



Check us out on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.



Holiday Hours

Jackson Electric's office will be closed on December 26 and January 2. Please report any outages to 855.222.DARK (3275).

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