

# Connections



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## Solar Pilot Project in 2018

**S**tarting in 2018, a separate entity to Jackson Electric will be formed, and will be selling and installing 4 kW and 8 kW solar arrays. This will be a pilot project, and will be limited to the first 15 members who commit. As of the writing of this article, the name of the LLC has not been released.

Based on the results of the unscientific member survey that was mailed to members this past spring, Jackson Electric's directors felt there was enough interest to pursue the business of selling and installing solar arrays to members. The pilot project will help the LLC's employees learn more about solar energy, fine-tune procedures, and help in understanding the components of installation before introducing this product to the entire membership.

If you are interested in being part of the pilot project, please contact our office.

Something New is Coming  
February 2018

- **New billing statement**
- **New online bill pay**
- **Energy usage management**
- **Mobile compatible**
- **...and more!**



**As Jackson Electric transitions away from the current customer information system to the new system, please be aware of the following dates:**

**February 6, 2018:** Final day to make an online payment through Bill4U.

**February 8-9, 2018:** Walk-in payments can be made at Jackson Electric's office, and will be processed manually. During this time, the customer information system will be unavailable for our customer service representatives to access.

**February 12, 2018:** New and improved customer information system goes live.

*Our employees are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for Jackson Electric's members. Please watch your mailbox for updated information on this process.*

## Director Earns CCD Certificate



Jackson Electric Cooperative's District 6 Director Jerry Wagner, left, recently received his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate from board president, Gary Woods. The CCD certificate is earned by completing a total of five courses in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's training curriculum. These courses are designed to provide essential knowledge and skills required of cooperative directors.

**REMINDER: 2017 energy efficiency rebate applications are due by January 3, 2018. Funds are limited.**

## Holiday Hours

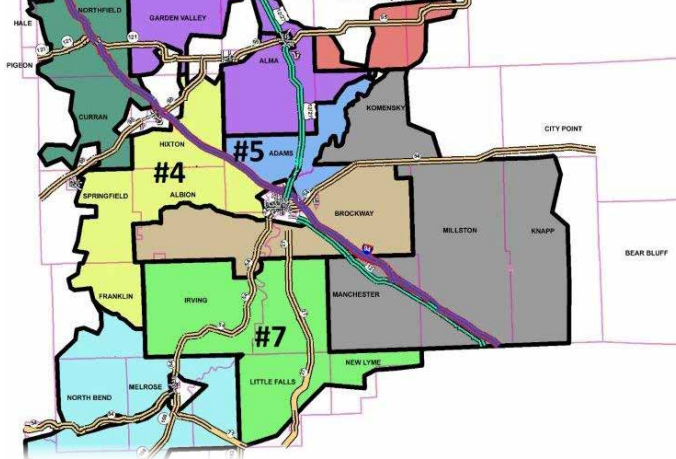
Jackson Electric's office will be closed on **December 25** and **January 1**. Please report any outages to 855.222.DARK (3275).



Coming in January...

## District Meetings

Members who live in Districts 4, 5, and 7 will have an opportunity to elect their district director at an upcoming district meeting to be scheduled in January. 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 January issue of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*.



## 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 for a portion of 2000 and 2001, you may be receiving a capital credit retirement check in the mail. Checks were mailed on December 11.

Capital credits represent your ownership in Jackson Electric, and are one of the most unique and rewarding benefits you enjoy as a member. At the September regular meeting of the Jackson Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, it was approved to retire \$400,000 in capital credits.



## 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](http://www.jackelec.com) under the Community tab or from our office.



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