

Connections



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Janke Dairy LLC Invites You to the On-The-Farm Breakfast

Previously asked to host this event, Jeff and Veronica Janke agreed to welcome guests to their farm for this year's On-The-Farm Breakfast. "The timing is right, and we have always been proud of our farm," says Jeff. Janke Dairy LLC will host this annual event which will be held on Saturday, June 2, serving from 6-11 a.m., and is the kickoff event to June Dairy Month.

With an average production of 73 pounds of milk/cow/day, 90 grade cows are milked in a double six parlor twice a day. The total herd consists of 100 head of Holsteins and two Ayrshire cows. Quality milk production is obtained by feeding a TMR or total mixed ration and without the use of bovine somatotropin (BST), a growth hormone.

The parlor, which is expandable to a double eight parabone, was built in 2001. Also built that same year was a 100-cow freestall barn with sand bedding. Jeff says they decided to use sand bedding because the "experts" say it is the best and he agrees. The Jankes considered mattresses, but they would have been expensive to remove if they turned out to be unsatisfactory, states Jeff.

The Jankes raise all of their young stock. Heifer calves are used for replacements and bull calves are fed until they are sold as fat cattle on the market.

Janke Dairy LLC comprises 330 acres, 250 of which are tillable, with approximately 100 additional rented acres. They grow corn, soybeans, and alfalfa; all of the crops are fed to their cattle.

Jeff's great-grandfather, Herman, bought the farm in 1916. Jeff is the fourth generation of his family to milk cows at this 96-year-old farm. Following a two-year interim from the farm to study agricultural mechanics at a technical college,

Jeff returned to the farm. In 2009, he and Veronica bought the farm. Jeff and Veronica's 9-year-old daughter, Mackensi, along with Jeff's Dad, Denis, help on the farm.

Located on County Road F near Alma Center, Janke Dairy LLC is the site of this year's On-The-Farm Breakfast.



GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Our industry seems to be caught in the political battle spotlight. You hear "energy policy" on the daily news and electric utility regulations hinge on decisions handed down from the Environmental Protection Agency.



Since 1994, our power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC), has spent nearly \$192 million to upgrade our power plants to meet environmental regulations. Currently, DPC has somewhere between \$122-\$259 million invested in continuous environmental upgrades and they anticipate an additional \$37 million in the years 2014-2015.

Imposed regulations keep changing and we're unsure what environmental equipment will be required for our power plants to be operational. Time, money, and materials are needed to meet the requirements of the regulations.

I'm encouraging you to talk with your legislators about your electric bill. Discuss the need for realistic and well-researched regulations for our power plants so that we can continue to provide safe and reliable electricity to your homes.

Safety always, *Greg*

23rd Annual Midwest Renewable Energy Fair

June 15-17 • Custer, Wis.

For more information, go to www.midwestrenew.org

The Energy Fair
Clean energy & sustainable living

Spring Recycling

Jackson Electric Cooperative, along with 5R Processors, sponsored a White Goods and Electronics Recycling Drive on April 20 in honor of Earth Day. The collection of white goods and electronics filled one large semi. These items will be responsibly disposed of.



TVs, along with microwaves, computer monitors and white goods, were recycled at Jackson Electric Cooperative's Recycling Drive.

If you missed this opportunity to recycle your electronics, 5R Processors will be in the area again on August 25 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. This recycling event will be held in conjunction with the GreenLife Xpo.



Interfaith Caregivers volunteered their services at the recycling drive.

Youth Leadership Congress Sign-Up

Registration is beginning for the Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) held at the UW-River Falls July 11-13. Jackson Electric Cooperative is sponsoring area high school students who have an interest in learning about cooperatives. This conference is open to those students who will be high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.



Enrollment and transportation costs are covered by Jackson Electric Cooperative. If you're interested in attending the Congress, please contact Carol at 715-284-5385, 800-370-4607 or cblaken@jackelec.com by June 8. For more information on YLC, go to www.jackelec.com.



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Scholarships Available for Adults

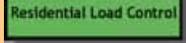
Jackson Electric Cooperative is offering \$250 scholarships to adults who are continuing their education at an accredited technical school, college or university. The student must be an active member of Jackson Electric Cooperative (name of student must be on the billing account), be 25 years of age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

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Applications are available at Jackson Electric Cooperative or at www.jackelec.com. Application deadline for those attending classes in the fall/winter is June 1, 2012.

Peak Alert Full Load Control Hours

In effort to reduce peak electric load, peak alert notifications will be announced on WWIS and WAXX radio stations, as well as on www.jackelec.com. Click on the "Residential Load Control" link.



Peak alerts are possible on extremely hot days during the months of June, July and August. Load control will begin at 12:30 p.m. with load restoration starting at 5:00 p.m.

Jackson Electric Cooperative's Toll-Free Outage Only Number

855-222-DARK (3275)

If you experience a power outage, please check the following before calling in your outage:

- Are any of your breakers tripped?
- Are your neighbors without power?
- Are power lines down near your home or business?



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Your comments and suggestions are welcome.



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