

CHIPPEWA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NEWSLETTER

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MEMBER TOUR OF DAIRYLAND POWER CO-OP FACILITY PLANNED FOR SPRING

Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) is a generation and transmission - G & T for short - that supplies wholesale power to 25 rural electric cooperatives, including Chippewa Valley Electric along with 20 municipal utilities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. The DPC system serves more than 234,000 meters across our region, providing electricity to more than one-half million consumers. There are nearly 50,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines used to transport electricity to our homes, farms, and businesses.

Dairyland Power Cooperative has eight generating plants in the state; three coal-fired generators at Genoa and two at Alma, one hydroelectric generator at Ladysmith, and two at Elk Mound which are combination units that will run on natural gas or fuel oil. They also have several generators which use renewable power sources such as the two wind farms. DPC also has three manure digesters generating electricity

and several more under construction or in the planning stages. Two landfill gas generating facilities are up and running and two more under construction.

The tour date has been set for April 18, 2006. It takes an entire day, leaving from the Cooperative in Cornell at 7 a.m. and returning around 4 p.m. Everyone is then invited to join the staff for dinner

at one of our local supper clubs.

If you have an interest in learning more about what is involved in providing the electricity we've all come to expect, sign up for this tour. Fill out the form below and return it to the Cooperative no later than April 7th. Please call Dean at the Cooperative if you have any questions regarding the bus trip.

YES, I'm interested in joining Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative on a tour of Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

I will bring my spouse or a friend _____

Please return this form by April 7, 2006.

To Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative,
PO Box 575, Cornell, WI 54732



NOTICE!

Spring ahead on April 2nd. Remember to change your clocks before you go to bed on April 1st. or you'll be late for your Sunday plans. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, April 2nd.

And while you're at it, change the batteries in your smoke detectors. All of them! Remember, working smoke detectors save lives every day.



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PCA INITIATED - RATE STUDY ONGOING

The February electric bill enclosed with this newsletter included a PCA charge. This additional charge was due to an increase from the railroads for delivery of coal to the power plants. Unfortunately, this PCA charge will not be the only increase this year. As has been reported in past articles, Chippewa Valley Electric will be receiving another wholesale power increase on the first of May 2006 of approximately seven mills (\$.007) per kilowatt hour. The higher transportation cost from the railroads for coal delivery is the cause.

Currently, a rate study is being conducted to determine the amount of the next increase, which will be in place in conjunction with the May 1st wholesale rate increase. It is the cooperative's intent to keep any rate increase to a minimum while maintaining needed revenues to keep providing reliable electricity. As soon as possible after the new rates are set, we will send out notification.

Remember, the single largest contributor for the higher electric rates is the 100 percent increase in rail rates for coal delivery to the power plants. If you have an opportunity to express your concerns with any of your legislators, please do so.



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NEW SERVICE FEES REVISED

For 2006, the cost for a member having a new service installed will be increasing. It has been the policy of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative for the past few years that anyone requesting a new service shall pay the costs to have that service installed.

THE COST FOR A NEW SERVICE IN 2006 WILL BE:

- ▶ \$400 new service fee
- ▶ \$5 per foot for the first 1,000 fee of required line extension
- ▶ \$3.50 per foot for any additional line extension

There may also be additional charges depending on the terrain, required brushing, or line placement.

Anyone considering a new service should contact the cooperative as soon as possible. A new service request requires a meeting with cooperative personnel at the service site to determine where the meter and lines will be placed and what the charges will be.

HEY SENIORS!

Don't forget the April 15th deadline for scholarship applications.

See your school guidance counselor for an application or call Cathy at 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to earn a \$500 scholarship.



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