


THANK YOU, VETERANS



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Kevin Babcock,
General Manager/
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On November 11 we recognize the 103rd anniversary of Armistice Day. It was on this day in 1918, at the eleventh hour, that signaled the end of World War I. This past August, we witnessed the end of America's longest war in Afghanistan.

The pundits were comparing the Afghan withdrawal to the Saigon withdrawal. Several of us heard the armchair generals comment on what they would have done. Several others spoke up to include the experts on TV, the radio guests, the Podcast celebrities, and the social media experts. There are others of us, on the other hand, who were thinking about the troops on the ground, outnumbered and surrounded. I personally wondered if the troops on the ground would make it back home from a dire situation. I questioned if my sons' and nephew's service in Afghanistan was in vain as the loss and sacrifice given by so many had come down to this.

As I watched these events, I recalled a speech I heard as a young 19-year-old private from our battalion commander. He gave us a history lesson on why the military follows orders from civilians and why President Washington insisted on separation of the military from the elected civilian officials. Colonel Bob reinforced that the military does not make foreign policy. It was our job to enforce that policy with legal orders. Our men and women of the military have served this nation and followed orders with professionalism, courage, and dignity for hundreds of years. Each service member swears an

oath to the constitution and says they will defend it with their life, if necessary.

Thank you to the men and women who said, "I'll go." Thank you to the families who watched them leave and anxiously awaited their return home. A special thank you to the Gold Star families who continue to wait for their loved ones to return home.



BRIGHTENING SOMEONE'S DAY



Three of Jackson Electric's youth ambassadors used their artistic talents to brighten the activity room windows at the Pine View Care Center in Black River Falls. The students also decorated pumpkins for the care center to display in their lobby. This is only one of the many community projects the youth ambassadors will be doing throughout the year. Keep watching our Facebook and Instagram pages to find out what our youth ambassadors are up to next.

HUNTING TRADITION HARVESTS HOPE THROUGH HIDES



The hunting tradition is buried deep in Wisconsin's roots and heritage, witnessed through a bond that's shared between generations. From seasoned hunters down to those stepping foot in the woods for the first time, there's a hunting story for everyone. If you are fortunate to have a successful hunting season, you may consider carrying on a new tradition and adding to your hunting tale by donating your deer hide(s) for a greater purpose.

"For the past several years, the Black River Falls Lions Club has collected deer hides. All the proceeds are used to fund the Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin," shares Lion Harvey Wood. "If you have a successful hunt, I encourage you to donate your hides to this great cause."

Your deer hide donations support the Wisconsin Lions Camp with the financial resources needed to provide quality camp experiences free of charge for Wisconsin youth and adults with disabilities. "An important aspect to mention about the Lions as a worldwide organization is that not one soul takes any wages," Harvey shares. "It's completely volunteer based, and your hide donation proceeds go directly to the camp, dollar-for-dollar."

While Harvey can't participate in everything he did 40 years ago when he became a Lions member, he finds ways to stay involved. "I've always been dedicated to the club and simply try to help in any way I can," he shares. "Providing my business location, Wood Sales and Service, is one way I can serve the Lions."

From mid-September through the end of December, you'll find a designated deer hide drop off located at Harvey's business near the intersection of County Road C and State Highway 54 West, Black River Falls. "We have a trailer out front with a sign designating where they can drop them off," says Lion Ole Olson. "Simply fold it up, drop it off on the trailer, and we'll take care of salting them down and stacking them on a pallet."

When hides start piling up and space grows limited, Harvey furnishes a forklift to move the

hide pallets onto a truck to be transported. The hides are sold locally at Chippewa Falls Industries in Alma Center, most recently known as Chippewa Bi Products or Countryside Hides. "They've really treated us well," Ole says. "They provide us with a check for the hides, and then we send a dollar-for-dollar check to the camp. They've even provided us with the salt for curing the hides, which is a big deal because it's not cheap."

Approximately 200 hides are collected at the Black River Falls drop-off each year, with just shy of 1,500 hides donated between the 2013 to 2020 seasons. "In 2017, the Wisconsin Lions collectively donated 107,000 deer hides," Ole says.

A successful deer hide collection all depends on a successful hunt. It also depends on the fur market, which was down last year. "Last year I think we had one of our best years, with more hides collected than ever before," says Ole. "We saw a slow start with this September's bow season due to the warm weather."

Lions members like Harvey and Ole are involved because Lions make a difference in the communities where they live. At a local level, Black River Falls Lions members have

created parks, raked leaves, built ramps, and provided scholarships for area youth, just to name a few of their many local impacts. "If you are interested in serving in the community, go to a meeting, listen, observe, ask questions, and see if it's for you," Ole suggests.

"If we find out someone needs help, that's what we do," says Ole. "I've been involved since 1978, and I wouldn't have spent this much time with the Lions if I didn't believe in what we do. We feel it's best to give back right here, and I enjoy the camaraderie that comes with that."

"I believe it's important to be connected to your community to learn and pass on traditions and beliefs," concludes Harvey. "I would encourage you to find an organization important to you and that drives you to benefit others."—Brandi Shramek, Member Relations Advisor



When you drive into the entry of Wood Sales and Service in Black River Falls, you'll see where you can donate your deer hides. The Black River Falls Lions Club hopes this trailer will soon be overflowing with deer hides. Proceeds from the deer hides are donated to the Wisconsin Lions Camp, dollar-for-dollar, to provide a free camp experience for youth and adults with disabilities.

CALL FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 (c) of the Jackson Electric Cooperative Bylaws: “Nominations for candidates for director to represent each district shall be made by petition signed by not less than ten (10) members eligible to vote in the district to be represented by the candidate and delivered to the principal office of JEC at least thirty (30) days prior to the district meeting. Nominations from the floor at the district meetings will not be permitted unless there is no qualified nominee by petition who is able and willing to serve as a director.”

Nomination packets can be obtained at Jackson Electric’s office. Candidates are subject to a background check. **The documents included in the nomination packet must be completed in their entirety and received within Jackson**

Electric’s office (not the drop box) no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022.

We are currently planning in-person district meetings to be held in Districts 1, 6, and 9. The time and place of each of these district meetings will be published at a later date. Members who have a meter in each of these districts will receive a meeting notice via USPS in January 2022. The newly elected directors begin their terms following ratification at the annual meeting.

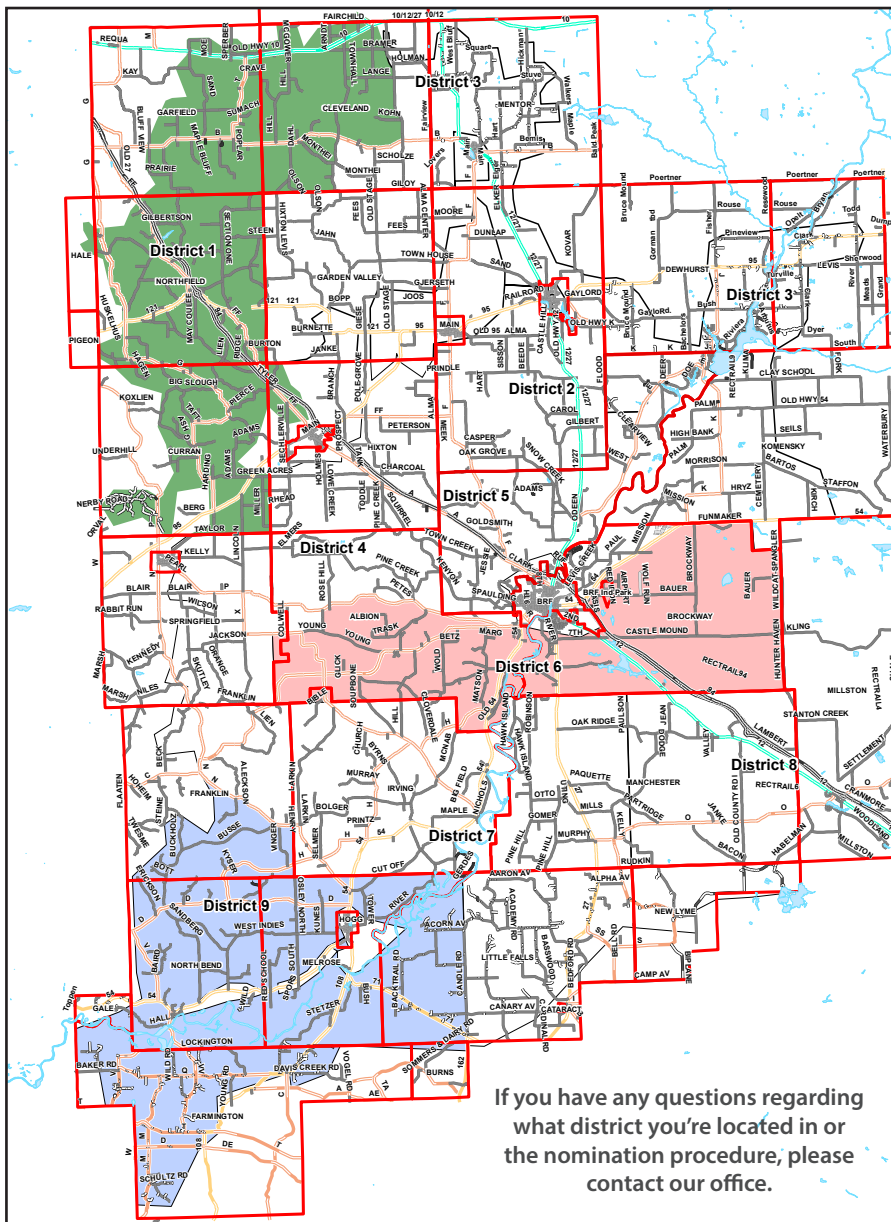
- District #1 Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- District #6 Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022
- District #9 Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2022
- Annual Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7 p.m., Lunda Theatre, Black River Falls, Wis.

Director Qualifications

Article III, Section 3 (b) of the Bylaws of Jackson Electric Cooperative establish certain qualifications that must be met in order to become a director.

Qualifications. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in JEC who:

- (1) does not have the capacity to enter into legally binding contracts, or
- (2) is not a bona fide resident in the area served by JEC, and of the particular district which he or she represents, or
- (3) is in any way employed by or financially interested in
 - (a) a competing enterprise, or
 - (b) a business selling electric energy or supplies to JEC, or
- (4) is an employee of JEC, or
- (5) has any form of pending litigation which is, in any way, adverse to the interest of JEC, had participated in litigation or had some form of adversarial claim against JEC within ten years of nomination, election or appointment, or is likely to have an adversarial interest, claim or litigation against JEC during the term of his or her director position, or
- (6) while serving as a director or at any time within ten years preceding his or her nomination, election, or appointment was an employee of JEC, or
- (7) while serving as a director, or at anytime within 15 years preceding his or her nomination, election or



If you have any questions regarding what district you’re located in or the nomination procedure, please contact our office.

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appointment, was convicted, or completed a sentence, probation or parole arising from conviction, of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty or breach of trust.

When a membership is held jointly, either joint member, but not both, shall be eligible to be a director, provided the candidate meets the qualifications set forth in (1) through (7), above, and provided further that the other joint member meets the qualifications in (3) through (7), above. When a membership is held by a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, any one (but not more than one) of the officers, partners, or members shall be eligible, provided the candidate meets the qualifications set forth in (1) through (7), above, and provided further that all the officers, partners, or members meet the qualifications in (3) through (7), above.

Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to preclude any member from serving as a director or from holding any position of trust in JEC because such member is an incumbent of or candidate for the office of town chairman or supervisors or because such member is also a member or director of any other cooperative from which JEC purchases or may purchase electric energy, supplies or services, not shall anything in this section contained by deemed or construed to affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

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PREPPING FOR WINTER PEAK ALERTS

Dual fuel energy management receivers will be tested on Wednesday, November 17, 5 to 10 p.m. Members who participate in the dual fuel program will experience an interruption in their electric heat during this period.

All members on the dual fuel program should have an automatic, backup source of heat to supplement heating needs during a peak alert period. **Please make sure your backup heating system is operational before the test date.**

This system-wide test is administered by Dairyland Power. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jackson Electric's office.



Know when to expect a peak alert

Members can be notified by email, text, and/or phone call of an energy management event or a peak alert. Please contact the office to request an energy management enrollment form or go to www.jackelec.com to download a form. This form must be on file at Jackson Electric for you to receive notifications.

USE AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER TO INCREASE YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

If you want to increase your electric bill by nearly \$40 per month during the winter, plug in a portable electric space heater and watch your electrical usage skyrocket. Even though portable electric space heaters are 100 percent efficient, they still use a considerable amount of electricity if used regularly.

Portable electric space heaters are convenient, but they have one purpose: supplemental heat. They're designed to heat a small area, not your entire home. When used improperly or beyond their intended use, space heaters can be costly to both your wallet and safety.

Calculate the approximate operating cost of an electric space heater: $\text{Watts}/1,000 \times \$0.1130/\text{kWh} \times \text{hours of operation} = \text{cost}$

For example, a 1,500-watt electric space heater operating eight hours a day for 30 days costs \$40.68 per month to operate. There are more economical choices available to heat your home. Contact Jackson Electric to learn more about cost-effective electric heat options.



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