



You're Invited...



Member Appreciation Picnic/CFL Food Drive October 8!

Make plans now to attend the Member Appreciation Picnic to be held on Saturday, October 8. Bring your family to enjoy some delicious food, all prepared and served by directors and employees of the cooperative. The menu will include grilled brats, chicken breasts and hot dogs, along with barbecued pork, potato salad, beans, cheese curds, and more. To top off the meal, we'll have 75th anniversary cake and ice cream. Serving begins at 11 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m.

Each family attending will receive a special 75th anniversary REC commemorative trivet (one per family, please), and 75th anniversary booklets will be available. We'll also have a pictorial display and video of some of the co-op history of the past 75 years.

Once again this year, we are asking members to bring a non-perishable food item or cash to the picnic for the local food pantry. Members who donate will receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). You should have received a bill insert in September with information about the picnic.





Farm Safety Tips



Sow seeds of safety for a harvest free of tragedy: Make electrical safety a priority year-round. Each year, farm workers are killed or injured when their equipment makes contact with overhead power lines. Review farm activities and work practices that take place around power lines to prevent tragic accidents.

- Know the location of power lines and keep farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them.
- Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level—under 14 feet—before moving or transporting; use care when raising them.
- When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter, or someone to help make certain that contact is not made with a power line.
- Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting larger modern tractors with higher antennas.
- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path!
- Don't use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment such as ladders, poles, or rods into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes, and hay will conduct electricity depending on dampness and dust and dirt contamination.
- Use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.

For more information on farm/home electrical safety, visit



Co-ops Have a Big Impact on Wisconsin's Economy

According to a study by the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, 2.7 million cooperative members in the Badger State depend on approximately 800 co-ops to market and supply agricultural products as well as to provide credit, electricity, telephone service, health care, housing, insurance, and many other products and services. Wisconsin co-ops annually record about \$5.6 billion in gross sales and they employ approximately 23,400 Wisconsin residents, paying nearly \$700 million in wages and benefits each year. Wisconsin cooperatives pay more than \$65 million in taxes each year.

- Wisconsin was one of the first states to enact a law authorizing cooperatives in 1887.
- Anne Pickett started the first dairy cooperative in the state in 1841, pooling milk from neighborhood farms, processing it into cheese, and shipping it to Milwaukee for sale.
- The first Wisconsin rural electric cooperatives were energized in May of 1937 in Richland Center and Columbus.
- Wisconsin's earliest town mutual associations were organized in February 1860—one in Manitowoc County and one in Kenosha County.
- The Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company, incorporated in 1905, was among the first telephone companies in the state.
- Cooperative livestock marketing had its beginnings in Wisconsin during the 1920s, when local livestock shipping associations organized at rail points to ship livestock to a terminal market. With transportation and livestock processing improvements, cooperative auction markets were organized in 1957.
- The first grain farmer cooperative and elevator was started in Madison in 1857. It was called the Dane County Farmers' Protective Union. ■



Do You Know Where These People Are?

The following people are owed capital credits checks. If you have current addresses of these people, please contact us at (608)647-3173.

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Laugh Lines

John Madden was in New England to announce a football game one weekend when he noticed a special telephone near the Patriots' bench. He asked QB Brady what it was used for and was told it was a hotline to God. Madden asked if he could use it and Brady replied, "Sure, but it will cost you \$200."

Madden scratched his head, then thought, what the heck, he could use some help picking games, so he pulled out his wallet and paid \$200. Madden's picks were perfect that week.

The next week, Madden was in Indianapolis when he noticed the same kind of phone on the Colts bench. He asked what the telephone was for and Manning told him, "It's a hotline to God. If you want to use it, it will cost you \$500." Recalling the previous week, Madden pulled out his wallet and made the call. Madden's picks were perfect again that week.

The next weekend, Madden was in Green Bay, when he noticed the same kind of telephone by the Packers' bench. He asked Aaron Rodgers, "Is that the hotline to God?" Rodgers said, "Yes, and if you want to use it, it will cost you 50 cents."

Madden looked incredulously at Rodgers and said, "Wait just a doggone second. I was just in New England and it cost me \$500 and in Indianapolis it cost me \$200 to use the same kind of phone to God. Why do the Packers only charge 50 cents?"


Rodgers smiled and replied, "Because in Green Bay, it's a local call."



**Have a safe
 and happy
 Halloween!**



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