

## News Release

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### WRIGHT-HENNEPIN'S ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 26

**Rockford, Minn. (February 23, 2015)** — Conducting its 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) invites all its members to its Rockford headquarters at 6800 Electric Drive off of Hwy. 55 on Thursday, March 26.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. with a complimentary pork chop dinner served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. There will be an abundance of informational booths for members to enjoy, and plenty of fun activities for all ages. A prize drawing will follow a short business meeting starting at 7 p.m. Free parking is available at WH, Our Father's Lutheran Church and the Rockford Mall, with a shuttle busing members continuously.

#### **Business Meeting**

This year's theme is "A New Era for Energy," and features special guest speaker Bob Engel, CEO of CoBank, who will give a presentation on industry trends and how they will affect electric consumers. Brief comments from WH Board Chairman Chris Lantto, WH Holding Board Chairman Tom Mach, CFO Angie Pribyl and WH CEO and President Mark Vogt will also be part of the program.

Results of director elections in Districts 1, 3 and 9 will be announced at the end of the meeting. The grand prize drawing of a 2005 Chevy extended cab pickup truck retired from WH's fleet will be announced. Members are registered for the grand prize upon registration, and can also enter to win a multitude of prizes at many featured booths, including energy output from a solar panel for a year, kids' bikes, and much more. All members will receive a free pound of butter as an attendance gift at the end of the meeting.

#### **Free events and activities**

- A local Girl Scout troop will have fun activities and crafts for children ages 2-10 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Bingo can be played from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with plenty of prizes to win.

## Informational booths

Multiple informational booths and displays will be featured, and members are encouraged to browse and learn about new products, services and energy-saving technology.

- **Electric Car Display:** Chat with a representative about the advantages of electric vehicles, and check out the Nissan Leaf WH purchased in November of 2014.
- **Smart Appliance Display:** Have a look at an LG Smart Refrigerator, and get the inside scoop on smart appliances from representatives from Lowes, Alarm.com and LG.
- **Power Reliability:** WH hit a record low in power outages this year. Find out how our cutting-edge technology and programs help track, shorten and prevent outages.
- **Off-Peak Programs:** Receive information on electric home heating, cooling and money-saving Off-Peak solutions.
- **WH Solar Community:** Solar power is ever increasing in popularity. Get informed on the benefits of solar communities at the WH Solar Community booth.
- **Power Supply:** Great River Energy and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, WH's wholesale power suppliers – will provide information about work taking place in the generation and transmission sectors of the industry, ensuring a dependable future power supply.
- **Beat the Peak:** Find out how you can do your part to help lower wholesale power costs on Beat the Peak days between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- **MyMeter:** Take in a demonstration of an online tool that can help you understand and reduce your home's energy use, and learn about our new energy assessment service.
- **WH Appliance Repair:** Worried about your appliances? Learn how you can protect yourself from unexpected repair bills at the WH Appliance Repair booth.
- **Customer Service:** Customer service representatives will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding your account.
- **Electric Safety:** Learn about important electrical safety precautions for your home.
- **WH Security/Home Automation:** See the latest in home security products at this booth, including the Control My Home Interactive System powered by Alarm.com. It not only secures your home, but can also detect temperature changes, smoke, water damage and much more.
- **HeatMyFloors.com:** Find out all you need to know about underfloor electric radiant heating.

- **NextGen Boiler:** Dubbed the “boiler in a box,” see how this product can simplify your radiant underfloor heating installation by stopping by the NextGen Boiler booth.
- **Tree Trimming Services:** Find out how you can improve your landscape at this booth.
- **Community Involvement:** Get informed on our annual Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. offered to high school juniors, and how your Operation Round-Up donations help fund organizations in the community.
- **Co-op Connections:** This booth is a helpful reminder to use your Co-op Connections card, and lists all the great offers you can get.
- **Director Booth:** Go straight to the sources, and meet with your board of directors to find out how they help your cooperative stay financially sound and provide reliable electricity and competitive rates.
- **LED Lighting:** Find out how you can save energy and money with \$0-down LED bulbs at this booth.
- **Politics and My Bill:** Talk with a representative from the Minnesota Rural Electric Association about the legislative issues affecting the electric utility industry.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 and now provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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