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## News Release

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WRIGHT-HENNEPIN'S ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 20**

**Rockford, Minn. (March 24, 2017)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) cordially invites all members to the cooperative's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 20. The event will be hosted at WH's headquarters located at 6800 Electric Drive in Rockford.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. with a complimentary pork chop dinner served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Multiple informational booths are available for members to enjoy along with plenty of 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 to and from the event.

#### **Business Meeting**

This year's theme is "80 Years of the Cooperative Difference." Information on the cooperative's performance in 2016 will be shared by CFO Angie Pribyl, WH Board Chairman Erick Heinz, WH Holding Board Chairman Timothy Young, and WH Holding COO Wendy Youngren. WH CEO and President Tim Sullivan will discuss how WH continues to fulfill the mission of delivering the power, products and competitive pricing essential to the quality of life for the members and communities it serves.

Results of director elections in Districts 2, 5 and 7 will be announced at the end of the meeting. If they have not already voted online or via mail, members can cast their vote at the event. The grand prize drawing of a 2011 Chevy extended cab pickup truck retired from WH's fleet will follow the business meeting. Members are registered for the grand prize upon registration, and can also enter to win an array of prizes at many featured booths. All members will receive a free pound of butter and a special 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift at the end of the business meeting.

### **Free events and activities**

- A local Girl Scout troop will share fun activities and crafts for children ages 2-10 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All children registered in the children's area will be entered to win one of four children's bicycles.
- Bingo will be available from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with numerous prizes.

### **Informational booths**

The event features more than a dozen informational booths and displays where members can browse and learn more about new products, services and energy-saving technologies.

- **Electric Vehicle Display:** Chat with a representative about the advantages of electric vehicles, and check out WH's Nissan Leaf.
- **Power Quality & Reliability:** Find out how our cutting-edge technology and programs help track, shorten and prevent outages.
- **WH Solar:** Find out all you need to know about our solar communities and the co-op's new 2.25 MW utility-scale project.
- **Power Supply Booths:** 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.
- **MyMeter and Energy Efficiency:** Take in a demonstration of a free online tool to help you understand and manage your home's energy use, and get some energy efficiency tips.
- **WH Appliance Repair:** Worried about your appliances? You can protect yourself from unexpected repair bills. Find out how at the WH Appliance Repair booth.
- **Member Service:** Member service representatives will be available to answer questions regarding your account.
- **Electric Safety:** Learn about important electrical safety precautions for your home during a live demonstration.

- **WH Security:** See the latest in home security products at this booth, including DragonFly – a do-it-yourself security system.
- **HeatMyFloors.com:** Learn how you can toast your toes with underfloor electric radiant heating.
- **Tree Trimming Services:** Have a landscaping or tree trimming project coming up this spring? Concerned about your ash trees? Consult with experts from WH Services.
- **Co-op Connections/Community Involvement:** Learn more about dozens of discounts and deals available through your Co-op Connections card. Also, hear about our annual Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. offered to high school juniors.
- **Operation Round Up:** See how your Operation Round-Up donations help fund charitable organizations and causes in the community.
- **Energy-Saving Programs and Rebates:** Have a project for your home or business in mind? Peruse a list of rebates and programs that can help you save money and conserve energy.
- **Director Booth:** Go straight to the decision-makers and meet with your board of directors. Find out how they help your cooperative stay financially sound, reliable and competitive.
- **Energy Issues and Your Electric Bill:** Talk with a representative from the Minnesota Rural Electric Association about the legislative issues that affect the cost of electricity.
- **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Booth:** Vintage photos, artifacts, equipment and much more will be on hand at this display.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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