

## News Release

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### **WRIGHT-HENNEPIN'S 74<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29**

**Rockford, Minn. (March 4, 2011)** — Valuable information, board of director elections, attendance prizes and a complimentary pork chop dinner await members at Wright-Hennepin's (WH) 74th Annual Meeting. Learn what WH is doing to preserve competitively-priced electricity and visit the many display booths to learn more about the latest in energy conservation, renewable energy and money saving ideas. The event will be at WH's headquarters in Rockford, Minn. on Tuesday, March 29.

Member registration begins at 4 p.m. The Wright County 4-H members will serve a pork chop dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. A short business meeting will follow at 7 p.m. Free parking is available at WH, Our Father's Lutheran Church and the Rockford Mall with a free shuttle that runs continuously.

The 2011 Annual Report will be mailed to members in early March and will include detailed information about each director candidate. Ballots will be sent to members in Districts 2, 5 and 7 a few weeks before the meeting with instructions for voting by mail. Ballots received on or before March 22 will be entered in the "early bird" prize drawing for an energy-efficient Convectair Electric Space Heater. Members in those districts can also cast votes until the time the ballots are called for during the business meeting.

At the end of the business meeting, WH will announce the results of the director elections in Districts 2, 5 and 7.

During the business meeting, Board Chair Chris Lantto and President and CEO Mark Vogt will report on the cooperative's financial and operational performance in 2010 and guest speaker Jim Bausell, chief operating officer for Touchstone Energy, will speak

about the deep discounts on prescriptions drugs and many other retail products and services available exclusively to cooperative members.

“The Annual Meeting is our most important member function of the year,” Lantto said. “We hope members attend, not only to hear about important issues affecting their cooperative, but also to have an enjoyable family evening as well.”

Immediately following the meeting will be the grand prize drawing of a retired automobile from WH’s fleet. Attending members are entered in the grand prize drawing - which will take place at the end of the business meeting - as they check-in for the Annual Meeting. All participating members will be given a free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) at the end of the business meeting.

**Free events and activities** - A local Girl Scout troop will have numerous fun activities and crafts for children ages 2-10 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bingo will be played from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Informational booths** - Stop by these booths to learn about new technology, products, services and ways to save money and energy at home:

- **MyMeter and money-saving ideas** - View a live demonstration of an online tool that can help you understand when you use the most energy so you can learn how to reduce your home’s energy use, resulting in money savings.
- **Customer service** - Meet and have a cup of coffee with the same customer service representatives you speak to over the phone and via email. They can offer suggestions on how to make paying your electric bill easier, as well as answer any questions you may have regarding your account.
- **Co-op Connections** - Learn about the many great savings you can get from local and national businesses with your exclusive Co-op Connections card.
- **Community involvement** - Programs are available for you and your family. Learn about how your high school student can qualify for a scholarship or trip to Washington, D.C. Additionally, learn how your donations help fund organizations in the community.

- **Director booth** - Meet your board of directors and learn how they help your cooperative be financially sound and provide reliable electricity and competitive electric rates.
- **Power supply** - Great River Energy and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, WH's wholesale power suppliers, will provide information about work taking place at the generation and transmission sector of the industry in order to ensure a dependable future power supply.
- **Power quality and reliability** - See how WH's cutting edge technology initiatives help track, shorten and prevent outages.
- **Off-Peak programs** - Receive information on electric home heating, cooling and money-saving Off-Peak solutions.
- **Electric safety** – Stop by this booth and learn about important home-safety precautions.
- **WH Security** - Security systems can do more than protect you from burglaries. They can also detect temperature changes, smoke, flooding and much more. See the latest in home security products at this booth.
- **HeatMyFloors.com** - Feel the comfort of under-floor radiant electric heating systems and learn how they can be used in your home.
- **Tree trimming services** - Receive information on tree-trimming services that can beautify your landscape year round!
- **Silent Power** - Learn about the latest in renewable energy technology. Silent Power is a Minnesota company that manufactures electric energy storage devices that work with renewable energy systems and utilities.
- **tenKsolar** - Interested in solar power? tenKsolar has developed an innovative “grid design” that increases energy production, while also lowering costs. Stop in to learn how you can participate in WH's Solar Community Power project. Members can own a “slice of this project” and obtain solar energy without the hassles of installing equipment on their home. It may be the perfect solution for you.

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 that 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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