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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

April 2013

GEORGE WEBB - OUR ACE!

Each year the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association holds a banquet to honor Cooperative employees for safety and to recognize one person for the Ally of Cooperative Electrification (ACE) Award. The ACE Award recipient is selected based on an individual's commitment to family, community, and the Cooperative way of doing business. Only one individual is selected each year.

For 2013, our very own George Webb was selected as the ACE recipient. George is the director representing District 6 which includes Auburn, Bloomer, Cooks Valley, Woodmohr, Howard, and Tilden townships. George was first selected to the Chippewa Valley Electric Board in 1967 and has continued serving on the Board ever since. He was our Board Chairman from 1985 until 2011. He also represented Chippewa Valley on the Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) Board from 1990

until 2008 and held a number of positions on the DPC Board.

George and his wife LaVerne live in Bloomer township where they farmed and raised their family. George has also been active around the Bloomer area serving on the People's State Bank Board, local Farmer's Union Co-op, the Mid-America Co-op, the Bloomer School Board and helping to establish the hospital in Bloomer years ago.

For his many years of service to the Cooperative and the surrounding area, George truly is our ACE!



REMINDER !!!

Co-op Cannot Locate Members' Underground Wires

Quite often Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative gets requests to locate members' underground wires. Due to safety and the liability risks, Chippewa Valley Electric is not able to locate members' wires. It is still important to call Diggers Hotline (dial 811) for locates when digging, just be aware that Chippewa Valley Electric will only locate its own wires; those that are up to the meter. Any wires beyond the meter (or meter pedestal) are your responsibility. Please contact your electrician to locate your wires. Wires to well, septic systems and outbuildings are often overlooked and can result in costly repairs.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at (715) 239-6800 or by email at cvec@cvecoop.com

Annual Meeting Review

The 76th Annual Membership Meeting was held Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the Cornell High School auditorium. Approximately 200 members attended as the business of the meeting was carried out:

- Approved 2012 Annual Meeting minutes.
- Board Chairman John Petska discussed the cooperative operations from past, present, and projected future developments.
- Director, and past Board Chairman, George Webb received special recognition (the ACE Award) from the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association at the meeting for his years of service to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, Dairyland Power Cooperative, and other community organizations.
- Office Manager Dean Ortmann presented the financial report. Ortmann reported that electric margins were once again up on increased sales for 2012.
- President/CEO Todd Howard gave an update on 2012 operations of the cooperative and the anticipated work for 2013.
- VP of Generation from Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC), Rob Palmberg, informed members of important issues that DPC will be working on for the year.
- Kathleen Bernier, 68th Assembly District, and Terry Moulton, 23rd Senate District addressed the members.
- Cooperative Attorney Mary Hoel conducted the open forum.
- Incumbent directors Harold Flater (District 2), Dennis St. Aubin (District 4), and John Petska (District 7) were re-elected to the Board.
- The meeting concluded around noon with lunch served.

Following each Annual Meeting the Board reorganizes the officers of the Cooperative. This year saw some changes and your Board officers are now: Chairman, John Petska; Vice-Chairman, Don Frei; Secretary-Treasurer, Clyde Shipman; and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Deone Goettl. Your Dairyland Power Director is still John Petska with Dennis St. Aubin as the Alternate.



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