

Taylor Report

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Klussendorf and Wegerer wrap up YLC experience

The 2026 Youth Leadership Conference was held at UW-Stout, July 14–16, bringing together future leaders from electric cooperatives across Wisconsin. Among those attending were Max Klussendorf, son of Ryan and Cheri Klussendorf of Medford, and Laura Wegerer, daughter of Jamie and Karen Wegerer, also of Medford.

YLC is designed to develop leadership skills while giving students a strong understanding of the cooperative business model and the career opportunities electric cooperatives offer. Motivational speaker, Craig Hillier, returned for another year with his Breakthrough Leadership seminar. Other speakers included Hunter Gillet, survivor of a plane accident and Hypnotist Al Snyder.

Max and Laura spent the last year serving on the YLC Board. Following board elections at this year's event, their term was officially over as new student leaders were elected. During their year on the board, Max and Laura helped educate their peers about electric cooperatives, assisted in planning this year's Youth Leadership Conference, and represented Wisconsin on the 2026 NRECA Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Their leadership and dedication led the way for the newly elected board members as they take on their roles.



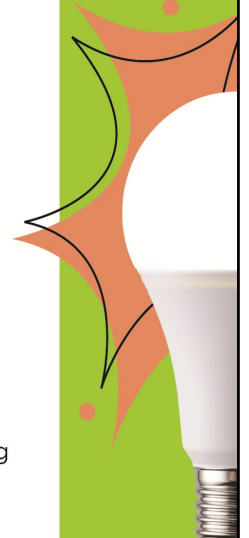
Max and Laura participated in the hypnotist session with Al Snyder.



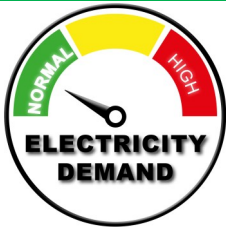
2025-2026 and 2026-2027 YLC Board Members

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

August heat can put your air conditioner to the test, making it a great time to check your system's air filter. A dirty, clogged filter restricts airflow, forcing your cooling system to work harder than necessary to keep your home comfortable. That extra strain can reduce efficiency, increase energy use and contribute to unnecessary wear and tear on equipment. Inspect your filter monthly during periods of heavy air conditioner use and replace it if it appears dirty. A clean filter supports efficient operation and can even enhance indoor air quality—helping you stay cool and comfortable during the hottest days of summer.



Why do we participate in load management



We're always working to keep your electricity reliable, affordable, and available when you need it most. One important way we do that is through load management.

Whether it's making everyday energy-efficient choices at home or participating in special programs that reduce usage during peak times, your efforts help us manage electricity wisely. Conserving energy not only helps lower your own bill, it strengthens the reliability of the grid, reduces demand on generation resources, and helps control wholesale power costs for our entire membership.

Throughout the year, there may be times when we ask members to reduce electricity use. These requests happen for different reasons, and the timing and devices involved may vary. For members enrolled in our load management programs, this may include temporary control of systems to help lower demand during peak periods or grid emergencies.

Understanding why and when these events occur can help you make informed choices and see how your actions benefit the greater community. As with any event or anytime, it's always beneficial to conserve energy.

ENERGY SAVINGS

GOAL: Stabilize market prices

WHEN: Anytime

WHAT: Summer-enrolled residential water heaters, dairy water heaters, air conditioners. Winter-enrolled residential water heaters, dairy waters, interruptible heat systems

WHY: Economic Load Controls are called by Dairyland Power Cooperative based on short-term, high-energy prices. They are designed to keep energy costs affordable.

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- Approved May disbursements totaling \$484,397. 16 new member applications, and May 2026 construction in the amount of \$123,175.
- Reviewed financial results for May with \$76,331 Operating Margins and \$123,590 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 7 outages in May, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.4238 hours.
- Three applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$5,402 to be paid out at the net present value of \$1,963.
- 22 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the June 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$7,973.
- Other topics covered included the remodeling updates, policy revisions on scrap poles and building moves, HVAC updates, future load forecast, DPC activities, and annual meeting follow-up.

COST MANAGEMENT

GOAL: Reduce electricity use during high demand/prices

WHEN: Summer (Jun., Jul., Aug.) or Winter (Dec., Jan., Feb.)

WHAT: Summer - enrolled air conditioners, dairy water heaters, manual standby generators | Winter - enrolled interruptible heat (a.m.), manual standby generators, dairy water heaters, grain dryers (p.m.)

WHY: A Peak Alert (Full Load Control Event) is called by Dairyland Power Cooperative. These occur only in the summer or winter seasons when the regional grid is expected to reach its peak demand for the season, resulting in higher wholesale prices. Electricity supply at these times is sufficient to cover demand, but the cooperative wants to reduce the amount of electricity purchased at high prices.

GRID RELIABILITY

GOAL: Reliability/Stabilize Electricity Supply

WHEN: Any time (enrolled devices will be tested once each season (4x/yr) unless an Event has occurred that season)

WHAT:** Enrolled residential electric water heaters, then, if needed: enrolled air conditioners or interruptible heat systems, dairy water heaters, manual standby generators and grain dryers

WHY: Maximum Generation Events are called by the regional grid operator - MISO - when there is a reliability concern. There may be a risk of insufficient generation resources to power our members' needs. Reducing electricity use during a Maximum Generation Event is crucial for all members, but only enrolled devices will be affected.

***These devices will be called upon as needed, not all at once*

EXTREME HEAT CAN BE DANGEROUS.

KEEP THESE SAFETY TIPS IN MIND.

- Stay hydrated, drinking plenty of water throughout the day.
- Limit outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day.
- Check on neighbors, family members and friends who may be more vulnerable to heat-related illness.
- Never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle, even for a few minutes.