Taylor Report

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POWERING THE SEASON

Taylor Electric's Christmas Lights Contest

It's time to untangle those lights, dust off the decorations and get ready to enter Taylor Electric's Powering the Season Christmas Lights Contest. We are inviting you to show off your best Christmas lighting displays. Whether your display is classic and cozy, bright and colorful, or a full-blown holiday spectacular, we want to see it!

How to Enter

- The contest is open to Taylor Electric members ONLY.
- Both residential and commercial displays are welcome.
- Register by Friday, November 13. To register call our office at 715-678-2411 or email lights@taylorelectric.org.

Get Your Lights Ready!

- Your Christmas display must be up and shining by Monday, December 7.
- A list of participating displays will be shared on the Taylor Electric Facebook page so everyone can enjoy the lights. Each entry will be identified by its street address and a numbered sign displayed in the yard.

Prizes

- The top three winners will receive:

1st prize: $75 electric bill credit
2nd prize: $50 electric bill credit
3rd prize: $25 electric bill credit



- In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by random drawing.
- Winners will be announced December 28 on Facebook.

How to Vote

- Voting is open to everyone! You do not need to be a Taylor Electric member to vote.
- Voting begins Tuesday, December 8, and ends Saturday, December 26.
- Go to Taylor Electric's homepage at www.taylorelectric.org or call 715-678-2411 to vote for your favorite display.

Contest Rules

- Participants must be Taylor Electric Cooperative members.
- Participants must register by Friday, November 13, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.
- To register, members must call the TEC office at 715-678-2411 or email lights@taylorelectric.org.
- Displays must be in place by Monday, December 7, 2026.
- TEC employees may participate but are not eligible to win.
- Participation in this contest may increase traffic past your property. Participants are responsible for their own safety and personal belongings.

BOARD REPORT-SEP. 2026

- Approved August disbursements totaling $439,226. 10 new member applications, and August 2026 construction in the amount of $96,120.
- Reviewed financial results for August with $376,521 Operating Margins and $431,701 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 9 outages in August, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.8126 hours.
- Four applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of $3,561 to be paid out at the net present value of $1,247.
- 28 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the September 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is $9,400.
- Other topics covered included the remodeling updates, DPC activities, health insurance cost increases, setting next year's Annual Meeting for June 22, 2027, fall Member Appreciation week, and the Christmas light promotion.

LOAD CONTROL TEST SET FOR NOV. 18

The winter test for interruptible heat (dual fuel) members is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18. This test is designed to provide you with the opportunity to observe your control device, ensure that the indicator lights on your load-control receiver function properly, and check that your heating system and/or backup heating system is working properly before winter sets in.

If you notice any problems with the load management receiver during this test, please contact the cooperative at 715-678-2411. If you find that your heating system does not work as it should, contact your electrician or heating service representative.

Residential interruptible heat load classes will be controlled as follows:

CONTROL START:
ALL INTERRUPTIBLE HEAT LOAD CLASSES WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 AM WITH RESTORAL BY NOON.

OCTOBER COOP MONTH

Thank you to all of our members who stopped by the office the week of October 12-16 to help us celebrate October Co-op Month. Members were treated to fresh cookies and cheese curds, milk and coffee and Green Bay Packers calendars. Congratulations to our door prize winners, who each received a $30 electric bill credit! Winners included:

--Jason Brandl
--Roger Gebert
--Joe Leader
--Kathleen Roesler
--Dennis Vesnefsky

PREPARING FOR THE BIG HUNT: *LOOK OUT FOR POWER LINES*

As hunting season approaches, excitement builds for time outdoors. But before you head into the woods, make sure electrical safety is part of your preparation checklist. Power lines and utility equipment are often out of sight — and out of mind — especially in wooded or rural areas. Ignoring them can lead to serious injuries or even death.

Before you climb that tree stand, look up and out Never install a tree stand near a power line or on a utility pole. Electricity can arc — jump through the air — up to 10 feet from high-voltage lines. This means you don't even have to touch a wire to be at risk of electrocution.

Never shoot near or toward power lines, utility poles, transformers or substations. Stray bullets or pellets could damage equipment, possibly interrupting electric service. Even more concerning, they could drop a power line to the ground, causing a hazardous scenario: those who get within 50 feet of a downed line could be shocked or electrocuted.

Never climb a utility pole. Even if it looks like the perfect vantage point, don't do it. Poles carry high-voltage lines, and climbing them can be deadly.

Don't use utility poles for support. Tree stands or blinds should never be attached to or supported by power poles or electrical equipment. For more tips on staying safe around electricity, visit SafeElectricity.org.

VETERAN'S DAY – NOVEMBER 11
We are thankful for all members of the military, past and present, who protect us every day.
***HAPPY THANKSGIVING* – The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!**