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Dairyland Power Co-op

For Immediate Release

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LA CROSSE, WI— A major spring maintenance project at Dairyland Power Cooperative’s John P. Madgett (JPM) power plant (Alma, Wis.) will support grid reliability and the environment while creating a significant economic boost for area communities.

The planned outage of the 387 MW coal-fired JPM facility will commence on April 22, with plant operations expected to resume on June 18. During that time, up to 200 business partners will be onsite. State of Wisconsin economic modeling estimates the impact of the influx of workers to be a minimum of a \$500,000 benefit to regional businesses.

The JPM project will incorporate two actions that are beyond the scope of routine maintenance:

- ▶ **Overhaul of the turbine and generator to help ensure peak performance**
- ▶ **Precipitator equipment improvement that will more than double the amount of fly ash able to be collected during the coal combustion process. Dairyland markets the fly ash for beneficial reuse, where it is recycled as a highly valued additive to cement and concrete applications.**

Dairyland Power Co-op

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“Investing in our facilities and communities is part of our mission to improve quality of life through safe, reliable operations,” said Dairyland President and CEO Brent Ridge. “The safe performance of tasks is our top priority. We are also pleased to work with regional stakeholders on a project that brings benefits to so many through economic support, stewardship and the safe delivery of electricity to homes and businesses.”

Dairyland is working with local and regional business partners to supplement its highly skilled and dedicated staff with additional personnel to achieve goals safely and efficiently. Local restaurants will supply onsite meal delivery and two area schools (Alma and Cochrane-Fountain City) will hold concession stands at the Alma Site during the project for educational fundraisers.

“The region has an incredible variety of businesses, including restaurants, wineries and outdoor recreational opportunities, all of which stand to benefit from the increased exposure and tourism resulting from the JPM power plant project,” said Ridge.

About Dairyland Power Cooperative: Dairyland, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, was formed in December 1941. Headquartered in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides the wholesale electrical requirements for 24 distribution cooperatives and 27 municipal utilities. These cooperatives and municipals, in turn, supply the energy needs of more than a half-million people in the four-state service area.



 dairylandpower.com

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La Crosse, WI 54602-0817
608-788-4000

Alma Leather

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Offering exceptional handcrafted leather goods with traditional techniques for the modern world. Made by hand using classic techniques, vintage & modern tools, and hand-chosen hides of premium leather. Stop in the store or browser our website to view a few our hand crafted products. Contact us for more information.

- ▶ **Open All Year**
- ▶ **Wednesday - Saturday**
- ▶ **10:00am - 4:00pm**

 almaleather.net

121 N Main Street
Alma, WI
608.685.4775

Alma Marina

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Our home port is just above lock and dam #4 on the mighty Mississippi. Our pool provides miles of carefree boating. Just 90 minutes south of St. Paul, we are nestled in one of the most scenic stretches of the Mississippi River Valley. Enjoy nearby Lake Pepin and many river towns during your journey. We encourage you to contact us today!

- ▶ **Pontoon Rentals**
- ▶ **Scenic Stretches**
- ▶ **Seasonal Slips**
- ▶ **Transient Slips**
- ▶ **Gas Dock**
- ▶ **Swimming Beach**

 almamarina.net

125 Beach Harbor Road
Alma, WI
608.685.3333

Alma Public Library

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The Alma Public Library was established in 1985 to serve the City of Alma and surrounding Buffalo County. The Library grew out of the Alma Free Library begun in 1939. Much has changed since those early years! Today, the Library has over 13,000 items in its collection including books, DVDs, audiobooks, storykits, puzzles, and more!

- ▶ **Monday: 9:00am-7:00pm**
- ▶ **Tuesday: 9:00am-6:00pm**
- ▶ **Wednesday: 9:00am-2:00pm**
- ▶ **Thursday: 9:00am-2:00pm**
- ▶ **Friday: 9:00am-Noon**
- ▶ **Weekend: Closed**

 almalibrary.org

312 N Main Street
Alma, WI
608.685.3823

Alma Townhouse

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Enjoy the peaceful living of a remodeled vacation house. Stay for the night or book it for a week or more! Located close to the ferry docking location, which transports guests across the Mississippi to the Great Alma Fishing Float docked on the Minnesota side of the River. The Alma Townhouse caters to vacationers, fishermen, and hunters.

- ▶ **Mississippi River Views**
- ▶ **Open Seasonally**
- ▶ **Guest House Configuration**
- ▶ **Sleeps 4 in Beds**
- ▶ **Shared Bath**
- ▶ **Full Kitchen**

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104 South Main Street
Alma, WI
715.926.4782

American Legion Post 224

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The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands...

- ▶ **Meetings 3rd Thursday**
- ▶ **Hall Rental Available**
- ▶ **Donate Today**

americanlegionpost224.org

501 N Main Street
Alma, WI
608.685.3652

Art By Gail

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Welcome and thank you for visiting! A self-taught artist, Gail Pommerening expresses her God-given talent in pastel paintings. Her work is inspired by all things in nature, but is especially drawn to the birds and wildlife that reside in the rolling woodlands surrounding her home. Gail's subject versatility has led to nationwide...

- ▶ **Pastel**
- ▶ **Charcoal**
- ▶ **Graphite**
- ▶ **Framing**
- ▶ **Commisions**
- ▶ **Events**

 artbygail.com

N944 133rd Street
Plum City, Wisconsin
715.279.1480

Chamber Benefits

Why Join The Alma Area Chamber Of Commerce?

Memberships are affordable at \$50 a year and you'll quickly realize a return on your investment. Here are 10 good benefits you'll enjoy as a Chamber member.

▶ **Calendar Of Event Management**

Even though we are a small community, Alma and the local area host many events throughout the year. The Chamber manages an annual event calendar to inform our visitors and local residents and to help businesses coordinate their activities. Make sure you keep us updated if you have an event.

▶ **Involvement Opportunities**

Members are encouraged to join the Chamber committee(s) of their choice and have a direct impact upon the future of our community while promoting your business.

▶ **Shop Alma**

The Chamber continues to promote shopping local in the Alma Area supporting our local Chamber members. We're focused on encouraging Alma area residents to shop local as well as our visitors.

▶ **Literature Display**

All members are encouraged to display their brochures and business cards in the information rack at the Chamber Visitor Center housed in Wings Over Alma Nature & Art Center. This is another way to capture new customers and attention. The Visitor Center serves 8,000 people each year.

▶ **Membership Newsletter**

By reading the Membership Newsletter every month you will learn more about your Chamber, your community and fellow Chamber members. It's a great business-to-business marketing opportunity. All Chamber members are encouraged to share their business news with us for possible publication.

▶ **New Business Support**

The Chamber enjoys celebrating the grand openings of new businesses by helping members promote the good news.

▶ **Referrals**

The Chamber wants to refer your business. Whether through phone inquiry, email, online or a visit to the Chamber's Visitor Center. Referrals through the Chamber's website continue to grow and generate new leads for Chamber members.

▶ **Social Media**

The Chamber Facebook page will help bring awareness to promote your events and activities. Please contact us to share events and local business news.

▶ **Special Event Promotions**

Several events per year are sponsored/hosted by the Chamber allowing you to focus your business activity during these events when visitor activity in Alma is at a peak.

100 Mile Garage Sale

World Migratory Bird Day

Fire In The Shire

Swiss Heritage Days

Sidewalk Insanity

Flyway Film Festival

Christmas In Alma

▶ **Website**

The Chamber's website has many pages of business and community information, giving web visitors access to your business information 24/7 to help your business succeed. Promotion through the Chamber's website is available to all members and includes a photo, website, hours of business, address. The Business Directory section lists all Alma business and Alma-area businesses who are members of the Chamber. Highlights include Shopping, Food & Dining, Lodging and Group Events.

Signup Form

2023 Membership Application

Membership Year Dues: \$50 Annually | \$25 Annually (Churches)

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BUSINESS INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY

Business or Organization Name:.....

Individual(s) Name or Business Contact:.....

Mailing Address:.....

Email:.....

Website:..... Telephone #:.....

Annual Meeting: 3rd Tuesday in September

Board Meetings: 1st Thursday of the Month at 9:15am

Membership Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:15pm

Meeting Location: Wings Over Alma, 110 N Main Street, Alma WI 54610

As we are a member-driven organization, we need your participation. If you would care to assist and participate, please indicate areas of interest to you...

- Membership Member Benefits Christmas Walk Sidewalk Insanity
- Chamber Events Promotions Shop Local Other_____

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12 Mile Bluff Inn

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*Houseboat Vacations on the
Upper Mississippi River*

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Great River Harbor
Campground & Marina

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the church by the lake

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Board of Directors

Current: 2023-2023

Cheri
Bunker

(2 Year Term)



Dave
Schams

(2 Year Term)



Kathy
Jepsen

(2 Year Term)



Larry
Farl

(2 Year Term)



Sandy
Rehse

(2 Year Term)



2022-2023 Officers

- ▶ **Dave Scham - President**
- ▶ **Cheri Bunker - Vice President**
- ▶ **Larry Farl - Treasurer**
- ▶ **Kathy Jepsen - Secretary**



The Alma Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center is located in the Wings Over Alma Building on Main Street. Let us know if you have any questions or comments. We are happy to provide more details. Please email us 24/7 or call us to learn more.

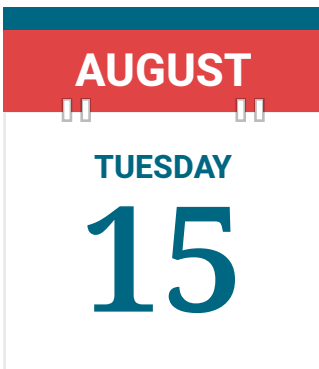
Monthly Meetings

Board & Member Meetings



Alma Area Chamber Board Meeting

Starts @ 9:15am
Wings over Alma
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Alma Area Chamber Members Meeting

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