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Wisconsin Farmers Union And SOUL Co-Host Rural Energy Conference

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Abbotsford, WI---A Rural Energy Conference will be held in Abbotsford, WI on September 25, 2004. The conference, co-hosted by Wisconsin Farmers Union and SOUL, will be held at Molitors from 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. The morning session will feature speakers on Solar Energy, Efficiency and Conservation, Wind Power, and Biomass usage. Several of the speakers have installed renewable systems recently, and reside and work in the northern Wisconsin area.

The Rural Energy Conference is the result of work by SOUL and Wisconsin Stewardship Network, who have for two years sponsored a Citizen's Energy Forum, and formulated a white paper on where citizens would like to see the energy policy directed. Each year, citizens placed strong emphasis on renewable energy. As one outcome of those forums, the Rural Energy Conference will help attendees to see how they can become part of the renewable energy equation, and help lessen the demand on central station generation with long distance transmission service. The conference will leave attendees with a direction to go in terms of discovering how to begin to become involved with renewable energy, where to start, and what will be affordable for the homeowner.

This year's conference will feature morning presentations, lunch and an afternoon question and answer session, along with further discussion about what will work and what has worked for others as they have made the transitions to improve energy usage or to move away from ties to the electric grid.

A \$10.00 conference fee is suggested. Scholarships, however, are available, and all will be admitted to the conference regardless of ability to pay. Wisconsin Federation of Co-ops will be sponsoring the attendance of WFC members. Pre-registration is encouraged. You may pre-register via email at justsaynoline@yahoo.com, or by calling 715-474-2271 and leaving a name, address and phone number.

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