

# Interested in Serving as a Director?

**C**ooperative members electing their own directors is just one part of the democratic process at Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. As a member of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, you also have the opportunity to serve on our Board of Directors.

If you live in one of the districts listed below and would like to have an opportunity to be considered for a director position, please fill in the printed request form below or register online at [www.ecec.com](http://www.ecec.com). Make sure we receive your request in our office no later than January 4, 2006.

In 2006, your cooperative has three board positions up for election.

**District #2: Currently held by Robert Gadwill**

Includes the cities of Eau Claire and Altoona in Eau Claire County.

**District #4: Currently held by Lamoine Myers**

Includes the townships of Union, Eau Claire County; Springbrook, Dunn County; except land in District #2.

**District #6: Currently held by David Myren**

Includes the townships of Pleasant Valley, Eau Claire County; Albion, Trempealeau County.

### Director Candidate Request Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative by January 4, 2006.*

**January 4, 2006**

### Candidate Registration Deadline

Return the director candidate request form below to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative by January 4, 2006. If you have any questions please contact ECEC's Executive Assistant Patricia Chambers at 715-836-6461 or 888-832-1604, extension 245.

Once we receive your request, we will send you a director information packet for you to review. All inquiries will remain confidential. The nominating committee will meet in January 2006 to review and select the final slate of candidates.

### March 21 Annual Meeting

Members will have the opportunity to vote via absentee ballot or at the annual meeting on March 21, 2006, at The Plaza Hotel & Suites on Clairemont Avenue in Eau Claire. ■

## Holiday Hours

**E**au Claire Energy Cooperative and Energy Connections will be closed on the following weekdays so our employees can enjoy the holidays with their families.

**Monday, December 26 – CLOSED**  
**Monday, January 2 – CLOSED**

If you have an emergency, please call the following number toll FREE 24 hours of the day, 7 days of the week:

**1-800-927-5090**

# Everyday Energy-Saving Tips

**W**ith heating prices expected to increase this winter, there are many things you can do to make your home warmer...so you lose less heat and MONEY. Even small actions on your part can add up to big heat savers this winter.

- Seal air leaks around your house — weatherstrip doors and windows that do not seal tightly.
- Have your heating system checked over so it is working efficiently.
- Have your heating ducts cleaned to ensure more efficient air flow.
- Replace furnace filters monthly. Dirty filters reduce air flow, which makes your system work harder.
- Use programmable thermostats properly. Set the temperature lower when you are sleeping.
- Turn water heaters down to 120 degrees.
- Weatherstrip and insulate your attic hatch or door to prevent warm air from escaping out the top of your house.
- Seal holes in the attic that lead down into the house, such as open wall tops and duct, plumbing or electrical runs.
- Use foam gaskets around electrical outlets (under the plates) to reduce drafts.
- Conserve hot water through low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators.
- Choose clothes washers and dryers that require less energy.
- Use ceiling fans to move air more efficiently.

For more energy-saving ideas, go to [www.ecec.com](http://www.ecec.com) and click on the Energy Hog. Or call ECEC at 715-836-6471 and ask for the “Energy Savers – Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home” brochures. ■



## Stay Warm with Scheduled Keep Fill Propane

Want hassle-free propane fills? Contact Energy Connections at 715-832-1603 or toll FREE 888-832-1604. Energy Connections is a propane subsidiary of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative.





# \$9,000 in Scholarships Available

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one student at each of the following schools:

Chippewa Valley Technical College  
University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire

To qualify, the applying student must fit the following criteria:

- Be a member of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative and currently receive electric service at their primary residence.
- Display average or above-average academic records.
- Display potential to successfully continue achievement in a post-secondary public or private college, university, junior college or vocational school program of choice that will lead to an associate degree or one-year diploma or bachelor's degree.
- Be accepted into the school where the scholarship will be used.
- Display unusual financial requirements or special circumstances.

### January 24, 2006, Application Deadline

You can obtain your scholarship application at any of the schools listed above. Or go online and print the application at [www.ecec.com](http://www.ecec.com) (click on the scholarship banner). All applications must be completed and returned to the high school, technical college, or university student office on or before January 24, 2006.

### Questions?

For answers to your questions about ECEC's Federated Youth Foundation Scholarships, e-mail Kristine Erdman at [kerdman@ecec.com](mailto:kerdman@ecec.com) or call her at 715-832-1603 or 888-832-1604, extension 228.■

**T**his spring Eau Claire Energy Cooperative will award up to \$9,000 in higher education scholarships to students of member families through the Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program. Nineteen different \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school students, home-schooled students, as well as current CVTC and UW–Eau Claire students.

Sixteen \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students attending area high schools—one for each of the following:

Altoona	Eleva–Strum
Augusta	Elk Mound High School
Cadott	Fall Creek
Chippewa Falls	Immanuel Lutheran
Chippewa Falls McDonnell	Mondovi
Eau Claire Memorial	Osseo–Fairchild
Eau Claire North	Stanley–Boyd
Eau Claire Regis	

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a home-schooled student going on to a higher-education school in the 2005–06 school year.

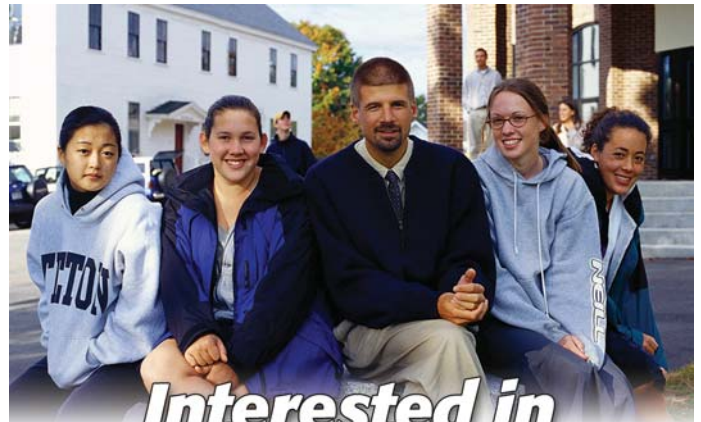
# Celebrate With Safety Gifts

Putting your family's safety first all year round is essential to having a safe holiday season now. Holiday gift ideas can include safety items that benefit the entire family. Why not put together gift baskets containing one or more of the following items:

- Quality fire extinguishers
- Flashlights and batteries or light sticks
- First-aid kit
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Smoke detectors
- Second-floor escape ladder

A family emergency kit could include energy bars, canned food, can opener, water, batter powered radio, flashlights or light sticks, first aid kit, blankets, and a waterproof tarp. And, don't forget about the pets. Include dry and/or canned pet food and water for them.

Please celebrate safely with your families this holiday season. ■



## Interested in Enhancing Youth Leadership Skills?

If you know a high school sophomore, junior, or senior interested in learning more about cooperatives and leadership skills, be sure to have them sign up for the Youth Ambassador Program through Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. High school students attending area high schools and living in households that receive electricity from Eau Claire Energy Cooperative are eligible. Go to [www.ecec.com](http://www.ecec.com) for more information and to sign up. Or, contact Mary Kay Brevig at 715-836-6471. ■

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24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Diggers Hotline:** 1-800-242-8511

Call 3 working days before you dig.

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