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Recycle your holiday string lights here —
FREE!

**January 5, 2019
deadline**

As you get ready for the holiday season, now's the time to recycle those old holiday string lights and become more energy efficient. Bring them to us at 8214 Hwy. 12, Fall Creek, and we'll get them recycled for you.

STUDENTS:

Apply for \$750 scholarships by January 4, 2019

For a number of decades Eau Claire Energy Cooperative has supported our youth through the offering of Federated Youth Foundation Scholarships. We are happy to again offer \$750 scholarships to students in our service territory. Sixteen different \$750 scholarships will be awarded to students attending area high schools—one for each of the following:

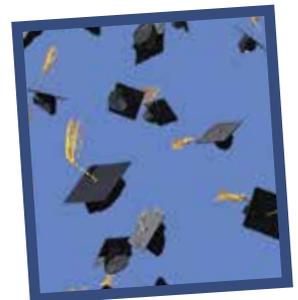
Altoona	Eau Claire Regis
Augusta	Eleva-Strum
Cadott	Elk Mound
Chippewa Falls	Fall Creek
Chippewa Fall McDonell	Mondovi
Eau Claire Immanuel	Osseo-Fairchild
Eau Claire Memorial	Stanley-Boyd
Eau Claire North	Home School/Charter School

And, one \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a current student at each of the following schools:

Chippewa Valley Technical College
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Questions?

Please contact Eau Claire Energy Cooperative at 715-832-1603. Applications available at schools listed above and at www.ecec.com. Click on COMMUNITY.



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BEAUTIFUL HOMES CAN ALSO BE ENERGY EFFICIENT

With Christmas not far off, the Rasmussen family is getting excited to be in their new home. However, there are numerous details yet to be completed. As of this writing, kitchen cupboards, counters, and appliances will be installed soon. The corner living room fireplace will be finished shortly, along with door trims and flooring. And, of course, as they are building their beautiful home, energy efficiency is on Kyle and Kelly's minds, too. With guidance from C&M Home Builders, the home will be a FOCUS certified home.

Why build a FOCUS certified home?

What does being a FOCUS certified home mean? According to C&M Home Builders co-owner Cody Filipczak, "The focus on energy program is essential because it's a qualified third-party inspecting your house, making sure everything



"Why build a FOCUS certified home? It's a win-win situation."

—Cody Filipczak, C&M Home Builders

is correct. And, it's also teaching you better and more efficient ways to build." Filipczak continued, "There are a lot of resources between the focus program, utility companies, and tax incentives to be able to get rebates to make your house more efficient, but also cheaper to live in. It's a win/win situation."

As far as energy efficiency incentives, the Rasmussens are planning to take advantage of energy efficient

measures in order to save money on their electric bills once they move in. They have made plans to put their electric water heater in the load management program at Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, which will give them credits on their monthly bills. Their appliances will be ENERGY STAR rated, to help save money on future energy bills. LED lighting will certainly cut back on their energy usage, saving them even more.



Once installed and set up, all of these energy efficiency steps save money and energy—automatically—without anyone having to think about it. In fact, anyone with a new home or older home can take advantage of energy efficiency to lower their electric bills.

For more information on how you can save money on your electric bills and receive rebates on energy efficient measures you take on your current of a new home, go to www.ecec.com. Click on ENERGY EFFICIENCY. This year's deadline is December 31, 2018.

Watch the next issue of the *WEC News* magazine for the continuing story about the Kyle and Kelly Rasmussen new home build, and how their beautiful new FOCUS certified home continues to come together.



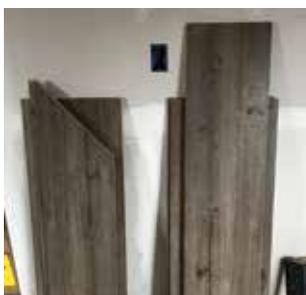
This is a continuing series of articles following Kyle and Kelly Rasmussen as they journey through their home building process. You can read up on all of the articles as they appear on our website at www.ecec.com. Click on MY CO-OP and then *WEC News*.



The walls are up and painted, the garage doors are on, the intriguing colored cement walk has cured, and electric lights installed. Design details continue for the cupboards, fireplace and more. With Christmas coming the two children can dream of sugarplums in their own bedrooms.



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COUNCIL MEMBERS TOUR CVTC ENERGY EDUCATION CENTER

While the board room is being remodeled, meetings for our various groups are being held off-site. In October the Member Advisory Council held its quarterly meeting at the CVTC Energy Education Center on the evening of the 15th. Agenda items centered around the coming changes to the Evergreen program, electric vehicles, EV program and director election process. After the meeting, CVTC's Dean of Agriculture, Energy & Transportation Adam Wehling (also a council member) led the group on a tour of the facilities, including the line worker training and the renewable energy areas.

The Member Advisory Counsel will meet next on January 28, 2019, at ECEC headquarters from 5:30–7:30 p.m.



Council members (from left to right): Adam Wehling, Dean Solie, Raymond Francis, ECEC Board Chair Clarence Boettcher, Jane Mueller, William Kramer, Ken King, Pam Hicks, Rollie Hicks, Sandy Mueller, Ruth Campbell, and Steve Rogers.



ZOMBYTE ALERT! Zombies Attack Youth Ambassadors!

After touring the lower levels of the Metropolis Resort and Chaos Water park, learning how they save energy, our Youth Ambassadors were attacked by Zombies in Action City. After the energy efficiency tour, Metropolis Resort Manager and tour guide Benny Anderson set them up to play the new virtual Hologate game called Zombyte.

Of course, the students loved it! On November 14, the Youth Ambassadors went behind the scenes at WQOW ABC TV18. On December 12 they will tour Habitat for Humanity. Students can still sign up for the program at www.ecec.com.



CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Deadline February 15, 2019

Do you know an Eau Claire Energy Cooperative member who has gone above and beyond to help others? Do you know a member who has made a difference in the community through local service projects or non-profit organizations and local events? Now is the time to nominate your friends or neighbors for the annual Concern for Community Awards.

Nominate an ECEC member at www.ecec.com. This year's recipient will be honored at our 82nd Annual Meeting at the Florian Gardens on March 12, 2019.

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