

\$1,000

FEDERATED YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

Hailey B.
Mondovi High School

“Receiving this scholarship makes me feel lucky to come from such a caring community that wants to support me and my dreams.”

Benjamin D.
Osseo-Fairchild High School

“The scholarship was a great honor to receive. It allowed me to continue my education and not worry as much about how to fund my schooling.”



Valued at \$1,000 each, scholarships are awarded to area high school seniors and current students at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College. The student's parent or guardian must be a member of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative and currently receive ECEC energy service at their residence. Visit our website for more details!

JANUARY 9, 2023 - APPLICATION DEADLINE

A scholarship application form must be completed and returned to the high school, college, technical college or other post-secondary school student office (whichever applies)

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HOW TO JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 Review the Cooperative's Bylaws



2 Is there an open seat in your district?

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3 Get on the ballot



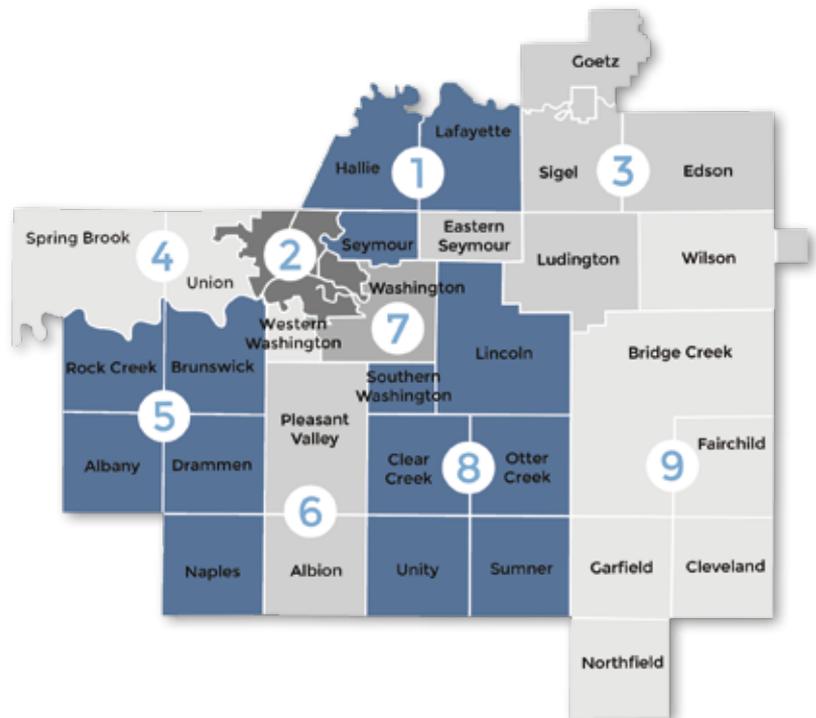
4 Promote your campaign

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5 Members vote at the annual meeting



- District #1 – Nominating committee representative – Larry Marquardt**
 Serving Seymour, West of County Road UN, Eau Claire County; Hallie and Lafayette, Chippewa County, except land in District 2 and the Village of Lake Hallie.
- District #5 – Nominating committee representative – Bonnie Isaacson**
 Serving Brunswick and Drammen, Eau Claire County; Rock Creek, Dunn County; Albany, Pepin County; Naples, Buffalo County, except service area in District 2.
- District #8 – Nominating committee representative – Rhonda Kelly**
 Serving Lincoln, Clear Creek, Otter Creek, and Washington, South of Walnut Rd., South of Easterly extension of Walnut Rd. to Mathwig Rd., and South of Mathwig Rd., Eau Claire County; Sumner & Unity, Trempealeau County.



TIMELINE TO 2023 DIRECTOR ELECTION

11-9-22

Informational Meeting
Nov. 9, 2022
5:30 p.m.

11-16-22

Candidate Interest Forms Due
Nov.16, 2022

12-2-22

Candidate Packet Due
Dec. 2, 2022
by 3:00 p.m.

3-21-23

Annual Meeting
March 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.

If you are a member of district 1, 5 or 8, and would like to be considered by the Nominating Committee for the 2023 Director Election, please fill in the information below and return it to ECEC or complete the registration form online by November 16, 2022.

Once we receive your request, we will send you a director information packet for you to review. All inquiries will remain confidential. A member of the Nominating Committee (listed on page 16) will contact you to discuss your interest in becoming a candidate. This committee will meet to review and select the final slate of candidates.

Interested candidates will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what it means to be an ECEC director at the Informational Meeting on November 9. ECEC staff and directors (who are not currently up for re-election) will be available to provide insight and answer questions. If you have any questions, please contact the corporate secretary at 715-836-6461.

YES, I am interested in becoming a candidate for the Eau Claire Energy Cooperative Board of Directors 2023 election.

(Please print information below.)

Name _____

Member Acct. # _____ District # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone# _____ Email address _____

Please return this Candidate Interest form to be received at Eau Claire Energy Cooperative by November 16, 2022:

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative
Attn. Jeni Thorpe
PO Box 368
Fall Creek, WI 54742

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THIRD ANNUAL EV EXPERIENCE HELD AT CVTC'S NEW TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION CENTER



The third annual Electric Vehicle Experience was one for the books! Co-sponsored by Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, Dunn Energy Cooperative, Barron Electric Cooperative, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, Dairyland Power Cooperative, and Chippewa Valley Technical College, the EV Experience brought many EV owners to CVTC's new Transportation Education Center to display and showcase their EVs. Twenty-four electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids were on display, including the new Ford F150-Lightning, different Tesla Models, the Mustang Mach-E, and the Rivian R1T. Participants heard a presentation from Jeff Springer, manager of innovation and efficient electrification for Dairyland Power Cooperative, about electric vehicle charging infrastructure and the many EVs on the market today. Following Jeff's presentation attendees were able to ride and drive many of the EV models as well as speak to EV owners and view many other EV and hybrid models on display.





YOUTH AMBASSADORS ...ARE BACK!



Youth Ambassadors kicked off the 2022/23 year on September 21. The group met to discuss goals for the year, brainstorm community service and volunteer opportunities, and learn how they can get involved in amazing experiences such as the Youth Leadership Congress or a week-long trip to Washington D.C. As an added bonus, ECEC lineworkers Alex G. and Alex K. gave the group a front-row experience to the hazards they face on a daily basis and why safety is the top priority with an electrical safety demonstration.

Remember, there is still time to join Youth Ambassadors (YA)! If you are looking for an exciting opportunity to explore the cooperative difference, learn from area leaders, and experience how Eau Claire Energy Cooperative demonstrates our commitment to community, YA is for you! Throughout the school year, Youth Ambassadors will meet once per month for lunch, educational learning sessions, tours, and community service projects. If interested, call our office at 715-832-1603 or email us at memberservices@ecec.com.



YOUTH AMBASSADORS

MEETING DATES

- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- May 17, 2023



From a small project for his fellow sailors in his squadron, to the largest customized paddle company in North America, Kyle Nyseth and his father, Gary, work as a team to laminate, route, sand, plane, varnish, and decorate these paddles to honor and commemorate both military and civilians in their achievements.

NAVY PADDLES – A CRAFT OF HONOR



Navy Paddles have a significant military history that dates back to WWII. Each Marine during WWII had himself, his rifle, and his paddle to overcome obstacles and defeat all enemies. If the military member was to leave active duty or was killed in action, his boatmates would refurbish his paddle by decorating it with unit symbols, quotes, and messages to commemorate their fellow Marine. They then would present the paddle to the Marine it commemorates. Today, Navy Paddles

are created to honor achievements and mark milestones in the lives of the recipients.

Frequently used by the military to mark service, Kyle Nyseth received a paddle from Special Boat Team 12 during his service in the Navy. When he transferred to Riverine Squadron 3 in 2007, the new command was looking for a way to recognize both its members and the other organizations it worked with. That is when Kyle mentioned the paddle he had received from Special Boat Team 12. The idea was well received, so Kyle drew the shape of a paddle on a paper bag and mailed it back to his father in Eau Claire



Left: Kyle and Melinda Nyseth own and operate Navy Paddles, the largest customized paddle company in North America. Right: Kyle is at Special Boat Team 12, where he received a paddle to mark his Navy service.



Navy Paddles has created commemorative paddles for all three branches of the military as well as other organizations, including the Navy Seal Foundation (above left and left) and the Sheep Dog Impact Assistance (above right).

projects to better the lives of veterans. From help with PTSD to assistance with physical disabilities, the foundations and non-profit organizations that Navy Paddles assists have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help United States veterans.

This Veterans Day, please take a moment to honor and thank veterans in your community. At Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, we thank and value our military members both past and present. Thank you, Kyle Nyseth, for your service and dedication to continue to connect with and support the military community.

County to create the first 10 paddles. Kyle's father cut them out and sent them back to Kyle to wrap and decorate.

After retiring from his military career after 22 years served, Kyle followed his entrepreneurial drive by starting NavyPaddles.com. Prior to this, military members did not have any place to order paddles from. If they weren't handy enough to create one themselves, they didn't have the pleasure of gifting one.

Each paddle created is made from wood grown right here in the Chippewa Valley. They are all unique and custom made to the recipient as a symbol of teamwork. Navy Paddles are a commemoration of each recipient's achievements, duty station, or other significant piece of their history. They are frequently created for military members all over the world, as well

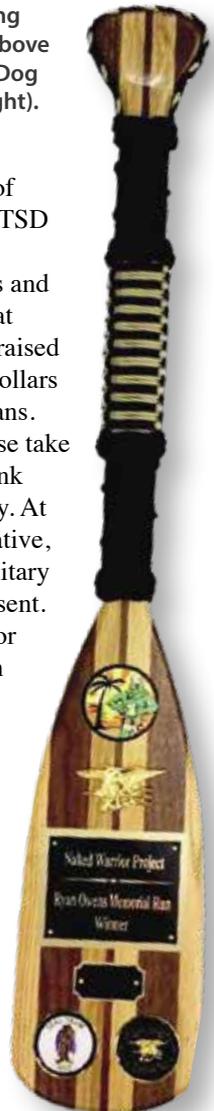
as for great achievements, recognition in their jobs, or a symbol of unity and teamwork. Having made paddles for sports teams, sales recognition, foreign militaries, as well as all branches of the United States Military, Kyle has stated this is a "Craft of Honor."

Today, Navy Paddles is the largest customized paddle company in North America and has branched out to providing several unique custom memorabilia items. They create high-quality items such as a variety of paddle designs, shadow boxes, knife plaques, and wrapped hatchets, baseball bats, wooden hockey sticks, the War Hammer, and more.

Kyle and Melinda work closely with nearly 100 foundations and non-profit organizations that give back to the military community. They fund



Use this qvc code to get to navypaddles.com.



ECEC HOSTS CANDIDATES ENERGY FORUM

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative invited candidates on October 3, to join in a conversation on energy-related issues. The Candidates Energy Forum is a bi-annual event co-sponsored by Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, Eau Claire Area EDC, Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, and Chippewa Valley Homebuilders Association. Nine representatives from two State Senate districts and five state Assembly Districts joined in on the forum. Jennifer Shilling, government relations manager at Dairyland Power Cooperative and former state senator, moderated the forum and posed three questions to candidates regarding sustainable and affordable energy, third-party financing, and rural broadband.

Fall general elections are right around



Jennifer Shilling, government relations manager at Dairyland Power Cooperative and former state senator, moderated the Energy Forum.

the corner. ECEC members can do their part by researching issues important to them and their community as well as voting on November 8. To learn more about local candidates and how to register to vote, visit myvote.wi.



You may utilize Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce Fall General Election Guide to learn more about important issues impacting our area.

31st Senate District



Jeff Smith (D)
(incumbent)



Dave Estenson (R)



Jesse James (R)



Rob Summerfeld (R),
(incumbent)

23rd Senate District

67th Assembly District

92nd Assembly District



Treig Pronschinske (R)
(incumbent)



Karen Hurd (R)



Nate Otto (D)

68th Assembly District



Warren Petryk (R)
(incumbent)



Alison Page (D)

93rd Assembly District

Power Cost Adjustment

As you are aware, the cost of everything from groceries to gasoline has increased greatly in the last several months. It will come as no surprise that the cost of energy has increased as well. In accordance with policy, the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your billing is reflective of the cost of wholesale power we receive to sell to our members. This billing adjustment is applied as either a bill credit or charge based on wholesale power cost. Because PCA is applied on a per kilowatt-hour basis, conserving energy will reduce the impact on your bill. For energy-saving tips, please visit our website at www.ecec.com.

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Call 3 working days before you dig.

ECEC will be closed November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.