



BREAKING NEWS!

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative’s Youth Ambassadors invade WQOW TV 18 studio. This is a developing story...

If the headlines didn’t give it away, ECEC’s Youth Ambassadors were treated to a tour of WQOW TV 18’s office by their very own Chief Meteorologist, Matt Schaefer. The group was walked through a typical day in the life at the station and met a few of the familiar faces. As a highlight of the tour, several of the students took

advantage of the opportunity to go “on camera” and read the day’s headlines while others took their shot at mastering the green screen with a weather report.

Interested in joining Youth Ambassadors? Throughout the school year, Youth Ambassadors meet once per month for educational learning sessions, field trips, and community

service projects followed by lunch. If this sounds like fun to you, apply today!



Sign up to be a Youth Ambassador today!





86TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative members, directors, and staff gathered at The Florian Gardens on March 21 for the 86th Annual Meeting. Over 250 member-owners gathered to vote for their directors, honor scholarship recipients, visit educational booths, and have tons of fun! Thank you to our members for making this year’s meeting so successful!

Board Chair Clarence Boettcher took the time to introduce many guests including ECEC’s Youth Ambassadors, Member Advisory Council, and scholarship recipients. He also awarded the 7th annual Concern for Community Award to long-standing member, Dudley “Joe” Smith. President and CEO Monica Obryki addressed the membership and discussed what the cooperative has done this past year to provide exceptional service to its members and how the cooperative has upheld the seven cooperative principles.

Election Results Outlined in the cooperative’s Bylaws, three of ECEC’s districts are up for election annually. This year, Districts 1, 5, and 8 were on the ballot. In District 1, Thomas Schwartz (incumbent candidate) was re-elected with 167 votes. Mr. Schwartz ran uncontested. In District 5, Joseph Becker (incumbent candidate) was re-elected with 134 votes. Mr. Becker ran against Charlene “Charlie” Walker, who received 37 votes. In District 8, Jeffrey Frieburg (incumbent candidate) was re-elected with 164 votes. Mr. Frieburg ran uncontested. All elected candidates will serve a three-year

term. Incumbent Jeffrey Frieburg was re-elected for another three-year term with 164 votes.

Board Organizational Meeting According to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative’s bylaws, outlined by the membership, the board holds an organizational meeting each year following board election at the cooperative’s annual meeting. The board uses this meeting to elect its officers. The results of that meeting held on March 29, 2023 are as follows:



Andrew Bourget,
Chair



Thomas Schwartz,
Vice Chair



Judith Anibas,
Secretary-Treasurer

Cash Prize Winners Each year, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative provides a few lucky members in attendance at the cooperative’s annual meeting a chance to win \$100 cash. This year, nine voting members were selected by drawing to win. Congratulations to the following Eau Claire Energy Cooperative members: J. Todd Berg, Lorenz Dekan, Bonnie Jackson, Bonnie Peterson, Patrick Kline, Adam Wehling, Suzanne Mayer, Nancy Spehle, and Maureen Siemann. Don’t spend it all in one place!



Thomas Schwartz



Joseph Becker



Jeffrey Frieburg

**Save the date for the 87th annual meeting!
It is scheduled for March 19, 2024 at The Florian
Gardens in Eau Claire.**



Left: Member Advisory Council member, Adam Wehling, jumped into the bucket for a photo. Above: Tellers collect member votes. Right: \$100 prize winners.



Above: President and CEO Monica Obyrcki addresses the membership. Right: Addison Engstrom accepted the Concern for Community Award on her grandfather's behalf from District 9 Director Clarence Boettcher.





Leah Saeger
Altoona High School



Addison Engstrom
Augusta High School



Hailey Shaske
Eau Claire North High School



Alyssa Ferguson
McDonnell Central High School



Abby Paulsen
Mondovi High School

CONGRATULATIONS

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each year, Eau Claire Energy awards scholarships to member-students through the Federated Youth Foundation scholarship program. This year, ECEC awarded thirteen \$1,000 scholarships! To apply for a scholarship from Eau Claire Energy Cooperative in the future, watch this magazine, our website, and our social media posts for further information. Typically, the cooperative opens scholarship opportunities in the fall of each year.



Anna Glenz
Cadott High School



Demetri Fiore
Fall Creek High School



Mikaela Benike
Eau Claire Memorial High School



Aubrey Schmidt
Osseo-Fairchild High School



Jordyn Miles
Chippewa Valley Technical College



Emily Mayer
UW-Eau Claire



Isabel Skwierczynski
Regis High School



Wyatt Boe
CVTC Electric Power Distribution Program

Join ECEC for the **ELECTRIC MILE**

Looking to test drive an electric vehicle or ask questions? Every Friday in May, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative will provide members an opportunity to learn about and drive an electric vehicle. Both of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative's electric fleet vehicles, a Tesla Model 3 and Ford F-150 Lightning, will be available to test drive. Members will



be able to take an electric vehicle for a drive along the highlighted route shown below with a cooperative employee and be able to ask questions along the way. To sign up, visit our website or call our office at 715-832-1603.



*Reserve your
time slot today!*

Time slots will be available as follows:

**Friday, May 5, 2023
1 p.m.–3 p.m.**

**Friday, May 12, 2023
9 a.m.–11 a.m.**

**Friday, May 19, 2023
1 p.m.–3 p.m.**

**Friday, May 26, 2023
9 a.m.–11 a.m.**





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LOWER YOUR BILL RIGHT NOW! See your daily electric use on SmartHub through the purple button on our website or through the SmartHub App and make changes RIGHT AWAY to lower your next bill.

SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS BILLING AND AUTO-PAY.



Your Voice Matters!

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative will be conducting a **Member Satisfaction Survey** in the weeks ahead. Your feedback helps us improve service and plan for the future. We appreciate your feedback! The information you provide will be confidential.

Member surveys will be conducted via email beginning on **May 8, 2023**. The survey will be emailed to members at random and states that it is from Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. This is **not** a scam email.

The survey **will not ask** for any bank or credit card information. If you are suspicious of any potential survey email, please be sure to contact our office at **715-832-1603**.

Thanks for participating!

CALLING ALL THIRD-GRADERS:

You're invited to participate in the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to your local electric cooperative by **May 31, 2023**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card!** The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

- 1st place – Chromebook**
- 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card**
- 3rd place – \$75 Gift Card**



Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

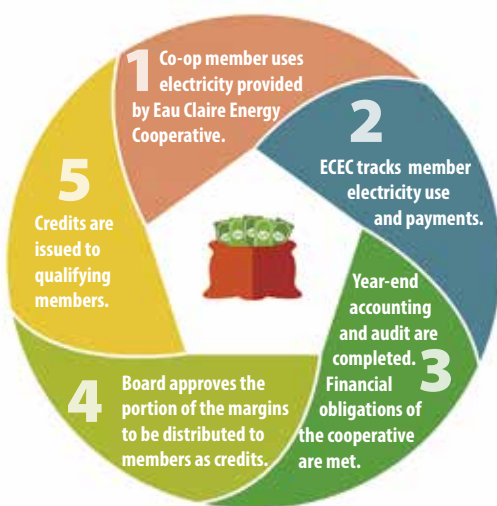
Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact your local electric cooperative or go to www.weca.coop for registration forms.

2022 CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION NOTICES ON MAY BILLS

Each year, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative allocates capital credits to its member-owners based on usage the prior year. The 2022 allocation notice will be printed on the May 2023 bill. The notice details each member-owner's total capital credit balance including 2022's retirement applied to the October 2022 bill and 2022's allocation.

The 2022 allocation notice will be printed in the top left corner of page 1 of your billing statement. If you receive paperless statements, you can view your bill by logging into your SmartHub account either in the app or on our website.



Eau Claire Energy Cooperative

2022 Capital Credit Allocation

Beginning Balance	\$2,383.25
Less: 2022 Retirement	\$74.23
Plus: 2022 Allocation	\$151.63
Ending Balance	\$2,460.65

Above allocations cannot be applied against any amount owed to the cooperative. See www.ecec.com for more information.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$254.97

PAYMENT DUE 05/20/2022

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Office: 715-832-1603 Outage: 800-927-5090
www.ecec.com

Member Name: **WILLIE WIREDHAND**
Account #: 0000000
Billing Date: 05/06/2022
Current Bill Due Date: 05/20/2022
Previous Balance \$292.64
Payments Received -\$292.64
Balance Forward \$0.00
Current Charges \$254.97
Total Amount Due 05/20/22 \$254.97

Charge detail found on the back of this page.

Monthly Energy Use Comparison

Total Energy Use Last Month	Total Energy Use This Month	Total Energy Use This Month Last Year
2,524 kWh 31° Avg temp	2,035 kWh 41° Avg temp	943 kWh 46° Avg temp

Your Average Daily Use

68 kWh AVERAGE DAILY USE

\$8.50 AVERAGE DAILY COST

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

Attention Third Graders! ECEC along with Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association are hosting an Electrical Safety Poster Contest for third grade students! For more information, visit our website at www.ecec.com.

PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Account Number	0000000
Current Amount Due 05/20/22	\$254.97
Amount Due after 05/20/22	\$257.52

Your payment and any returned items may be processed electronically.

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative PO Box 368, Fall Creek, WI 54742-0368

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

IMPORTANT: If the phone numbers listed below are incorrect, this could result in delayed response to your power outage. Please correct the numbers below:

Home Number: (715) 123-4567

WILLIE WIREDHAND
123 MAIN ST
FALL CREEK, WI 54742

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

Monica Obrycki, President and CEO

Taylor Skibba, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Mon–Fri

Non-emergencies: 715-832-1603

Emergencies & outages: Toll FREE 800-927-5090
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Diggers Hotline: 811 or 1-800-242-8511
Call 3 working days before you dig.

ECEC will be closed for Memorial Day May 29, 2023