

**Eau Claire Energy Cooperative**

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**YOUTH AMBASSADORS**  
tour a parade home!

**E**au Claire Energy Cooperative's Youth Ambassadors went behind the walls during their April meeting. Well, not LITERALLY behind the walls, but they did get a firsthand look thanks to the Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association and Pabich Homes, LLC. Not only did the group get to tour the home under construction, but they also heard from some of the many contractors involved in the process including representatives from Pabich Homes, LLC., Lyman Lumber, Alpine Insulation, Stone Countertop Outlet, and Certified, INC.

If you're interested in touring this home, you're in luck! It is part of the CVHBA's Parade of Homes (home #8) happening June 10-17!

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!**



**PARADE OF HOMES**

**JUNE 10-17**

TOUR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOMES  
*in the Chippewa Valley*

**Tickets: \$8 through June 9 \$10 after June 9**

**[www.ParadeOfHomesCV.com](http://www.ParadeOfHomesCV.com)**




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# Eau Claire County



## BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

The second annual Eau Claire County Breakfast on the Farm will be hosted by Bears Grass Dairy! Join us for a day of fun, agricultural education, and great food!

HOSTED AT:








**FARM TOURS INCLUDED**

## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Come out to enjoy breakfast, educational booths, farm tours, face painting, and much more!

## DETAILS

-  S8495 COUNTY RD V  
AUGUSTA, WI
-  BREAKFAST SERVED FROM 7AM-11AM
-  SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023
-  OFF-SITE PARKING ON COUNTY ROAD JJ WITH SHUTTLE AVAILABLE
-  ADULTS: \$10 | KIDS 5-11: \$5  
KIDS UNDER 4: FREE



**BENEFITS EAU CLAIRE COUNTY AGRICULTURE**



# EMERGENCY LOAD REDUCTION PLAN:

## *What does it mean for members?*

Providing reliable power to you is a top priority for Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. These days, power reliability seems to be making news more than ever. Reliability, affordability, and sustainability are all legs on the same stool. While ECEC does many things to keep power affordable with incentives and sustainable with renewable power sources, we also prepare to ensure that power can be as reliable as possible. Regular maintenance on our system provides reliability from equipment failure. Things like trimming trees and updating outdated equipment prepare us for reliability locally. There is, however, more to reliability than what is directly in our backyards. We also do our part to prepare for emergency load reduction.

Emergency load reduction is another way of saying rolling blackouts. Utilities in the Midwest and middle portion of the continental U.S. are part of Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) grid. MISO is a market that regulates the cost of wholesale power and allows for generation of power to be utilized where and when it is needed. Emergency load reduction would be necessary when there isn't enough generation on the grid in total to meet all the demand on the grid. This could mean that rolling blackouts could be necessary, even if there aren't any extreme weather situations in ECEC's service territory. MISO makes decisions of which utilities need to lessen their load, to ensure that the grid as a whole does not crash. If the grid were to crash, all of those utilities that are part of MISO would be out of power for many days, or even weeks.

### *What does this look like in my home or business?*

In the case that MISO would require that Eau Claire Energy Cooperative enact the emergency load reduction, ECEC members would see power outages for about 30 minutes, followed by one hour of restored power cycled for the duration

of the emergency load reduction requirement. Members will see notification of this emergency reduction by phone, social media, and/or other media contact as time allows.

### *What can we all do to prevent this?*

As mentioned, ECEC has a plan in place in case an emergency load reduction becomes necessary. Beyond having the plan, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative also practices this plan annually to ensure that our staff can execute emergency load reduction efficiently and communicate all progress or changes with our members as effectively as possible.

As members, there are many things we can do to lessen the load on the MISO grid. This can both lower the chances of an emergency load reduction and lessen energy usage (and energy bills!). One simple way to do your part as a member is by utilizing load management programs available to you. These programs use load control receivers to cycle power usage on things such as water heaters, air conditioners, and other loads to lessen power load on these items across ECEC's service territories.

Another simple way to help is by shifting energy usage to less demanded energy times. Between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. are the most common times energy is used. This means that the demand for energy is highest during these times. By shifting energy usage outside of these hours, it helps distribute power more evenly throughout the day, thus causing lower wholesale power costs and lessening the chances of demand over taking generation and creating the need for emergency load reduction.

We understand that no one wants to be without electricity, so in the event of emergency load reduction, it's important that you know we have a plan for cycling power to members to cause as little disruption as possible. You can be assured ECEC will continue to do whatever it takes locally to provide our members with reliable, affordable, and sustainable power.

# GREAT NEWS!

## The Electric Mile is being extended!

With all of the interest for the electric mile, ECEC has opened up time slots on

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**  
**Thursday, July 13, 2023**  
**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

The Electric Mile allows ECEC members to get behind the wheel of a Tesla Model 3 or a Ford F-150 Lightning to learn about and drive EV! Members will be able to take an electric vehicle for a drive 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 timeslot today!*

# NEW

# LOBBY

# HOURS

***BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2023,  
EAU CLAIRE ENERGY  
COOPERATIVE LOBBY AND  
PHONE HOURS WILL BE  
CHANGED TO THE  
FOLLOWING:***

**MONDAY: 7:30AM-4:30PM**

**TUESDAY: 7:30AM-4:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY: 7:30AM-4:30PM**

**THURSDAY: 7:30AM-4:30PM**

**FRIDAY: 7:30-11:30AM**

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**Lobby Hours:** 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Thursday;  
7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Friday

**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 Independence Day Tuesday, July 4.**