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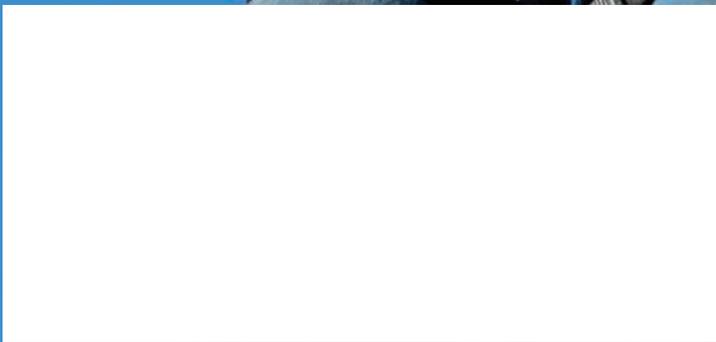
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**WE SALUTE
OUR LINEWORKERS**

ACT LOCALLY, THINK GLOBALLY

**FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK
YOUR HOME INSPECTOR**

**PRICE ELECTRIC ANNUAL
MEETING SET FOR JUNE 9**





POWER BEHIND YOUR POWER

Lineman Appreciation Day 2022



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You've likely noticed Price Electric Cooperative's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineman's job is tough—but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, we celebrate Lineman Appreciation Day on April 18! Next time you see a lineman, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions.



Missing from picture: Journeyman Lineman Jesse Heinz



Scott Schuelke



Evan Harding

PEC WELCOMES TWO NEW EMPLOYEES

Scott Schuelke joined the PEC team on February 28 as the new IT/OT technician. Scott grew up in Butternut and attended WITC in Rice Lake, where he earned an associate degree in computer information systems-microcomputer specialist. Now, he lives in Park Falls with his wife, two sons, and their dog. Before Price Electric, Scott worked for St. Croix Rods as an IT support specialist.

On March 1, PEC also welcomed Evan Harding as the new GIS (Geographic Information Systems) technician. Evan is originally from Cumberland, and he attended UW-Stout, where he earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science and minored in GIS. Prior to Price Electric, he worked for Utility Data Contractors as a GIS technician.

Welcome, Scott and Evan!

DON'T FORGET!

PEC's annual meeting is June 9, 2022, at the Phillips High School.

Dinner: 5–6 p.m.

Member Meeting: 6 p.m.



Update your Information!



Has your contact information changed?

To help Price Electric better serve members, it is important you keep account information up to date. This includes your phone number, mailing address and email address. From outage reporting to capital credits, keeping your account information current is key.

To update your information, you may call the PEC office at 800-844-0881 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. PEC's team will be happy to assist you. You may also update your phone number and email address through SmartHub.

DIRECTOR ELECTION REMINDER:

Board of Director seats for Districts 1, 2, and 3 are up for election this year. District 8 will also be up for election, due to the passing of District 8's director, Gerald Luke. Candidate petitions are due at the Price Electric office **Friday, April 8**. Visit www.PriceElectric.coop for more information.

Happy Earth Day!

April 22, 2022



3 Green Tips For Earth Day

- Turn off the water while brushing teeth
- Take a shorter shower
- Air dry clothes



5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines, and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging.



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

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3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



Source: call811.com



BE A PART OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS (YLC)

Youth Leadership Congress • UW-Stout • July 12-14, 2022

Who should apply?

High school students with family members belonging to Price Electric Cooperative.

What will you do?

- See what makes the cooperative business model different and successful and apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Work together with other youth leaders from around the state to demonstrate the power and value of cooperation.
- Identify and develop your own leadership skills.
- Learn some of the important history that has shaped today's cooperatives.
- Discuss cooperative careers with industry professionals.
- Be entertained and challenged by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and explore topics important and relevant in your life.
- Experience college life at a University of Wisconsin campus.

How do you register?

- Call PEC at 800-844-0881 or email memberservices@PriceElectric.coop for registration details.



Why is YLC different?

- Attendees don't pay. They are sponsored by their local electric cooperatives.
- Students spend three days on a college campus and experience a typical college environment, complete with living in the residence halls, attending sessions throughout campus, and experiencing a university dining service.
- Finally, attendees elected to the youth board will not only plan the next conference their way; they also have the opportunity to attend the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., the following June.

**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, 2022**, 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

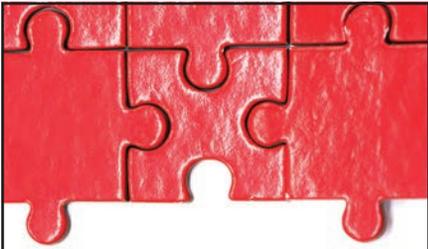
Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

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.

Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association

Price Electric will also offer a \$25 gift card to one local winner. Registration forms and eligibility details can also be found on the PEC website at www.PriceElectric.coop under the programs tab.



Price Electric Puzzler

How closely are you reading the *WEC News*? Find the answer to the question below for your chance to receive a \$25 bill credit. Drop off or mail your answer to Price Electric or email your answer to memberservices@PriceElectric.coop. A winner will be drawn from all correct entries on April 29. Last month's winner was Mathias Helt.



What number should you call before digging?

Answer _____

Name _____

Account Number _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return to Price Electric Cooperative,
P.O. Box 110,
Phillips, WI, 54555

REMINDER:

Scholarship applications for at-large, non-traditional, and electrical power are due **April 22, 2022!** For more information, please visit the PEC website at www.PriceElectric.coop. For local scholarships (Butternut, Park Falls, Phillips, Prentice, and Rib Lake), please see your guidance counselor.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy



NOTICE:

The May issue of *WEC News*, which will include your annual report, will be arriving late. It is anticipated to arrive the third week of May.

Smart Sense Update

As of February 28, 2022, \$4,123.69 has been distributed through the Smart Sense Rebate Program.

Visit www.PriceElectric.coop or contact PEC to find out how you can save by choosing energy-efficient products!

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