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Price Electric Cooperative is offering \$24,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose parents/guardians are active PEC members and to PEC members who are non-traditional students. PEC scholarships are funded through the Federated Youth Foundation.

Are you a student at Butternut, Chequamegon, Phillips, Prentice, or Rib Lake High School?

Three \$1,000 scholarships are available at each school. See your guidance counselor for application materials.



Do you attend a different high school or are homeschooled?

Two \$1,000 (at-large) scholarships are available for students not attending a local high school. Visit the PEC website for additional scholarship information and application materials.

Are you enrolling in an Electrical Power Distribution or Electrical Line Worker Apprenticeship Course?

Two \$2,500 scholarships are available for students preparing to enter a career in electrical distribution. Visit the PEC website for additional scholarship information and application materials.

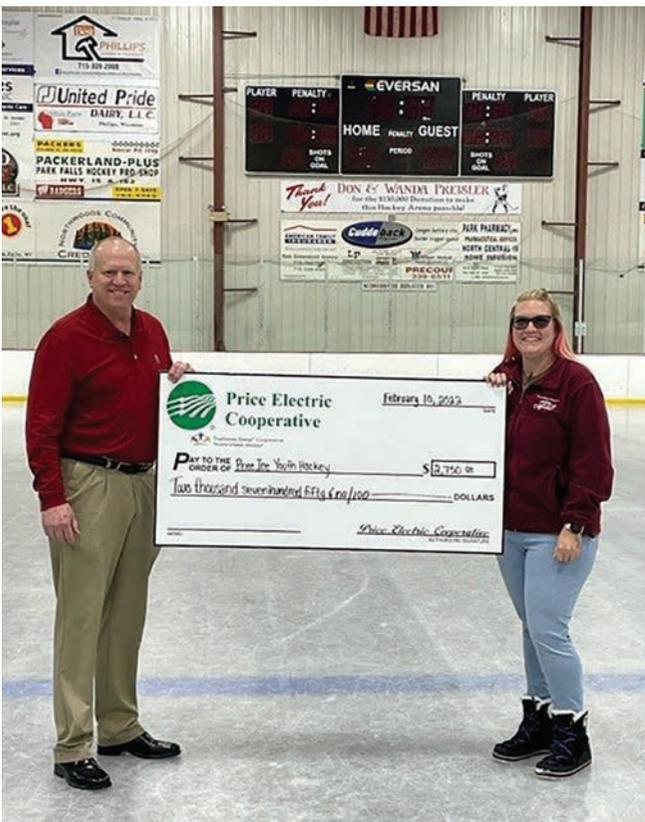
Are you a non-traditional student, age 25 or older?

Two \$1,000 scholarships are available if you are an active PEC member attending college and are a non-traditional student. To be considered a non-traditional student, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Did not continue and/or complete post-secondary education after high school
- Attend college on a part-time basis
- Work full-time
- Have children or dependents other than a spouse

Full details, eligibility criteria, and application materials are available at www.PriceElectric.coop.

The deadline to apply for at-large, line worker, and non-traditional student scholarships is Friday, April 22, 2022. Apply now!



Price Electric, with funds from the Federated Youth Foundation, recently donated \$2,750 to Price Ice Youth Hockey. The funds are being used to purchase new youth jerseys and socks. Pictured are PEC President/CEO Jeff Olson and Casey Schuh, Price Ice scheduler/team manager.

DIRECTOR NOMINATION/PETITION PROCESS

This year, board director seats are up for election in District 1 (Hill, Spirit, Rib Lake, and Tomahawk), District 2 (Catawba, Georgetown, Hawkins, Kennan, Ogema, and Westboro), and District 3 (Emery, Hackett, Knox, Lynne, Prentice, Somo, and Wilson). Individuals elected will serve three-year terms.

The nomination petition process is as follows:

- 1) Candidates must first obtain an official nomination petition from PEC headquarters.
- 2) Candidates must obtain signatures of at least 15 members in the nominee's district.
- 3) Petitions must be returned to Cooperative headquarters no less than 60 days before the annual meeting date; this year's deadline for nomination petitions is **Friday, April 8, 2022**.
- 4) Cooperative personnel will verify the member signatures and districts.
- 5) A list of nominees will be posted at Cooperative headquarters no later than 25 days prior to the annual meeting date; this year, that date is **Friday, May 13, 2022**.
- 6) Candidates who have met the timeline and who have the appropriate number of valid signatures on the petition will be listed on the ballot of the annual meeting as prescribed in the Cooperative Bylaws.



Please review the duties, responsibilities and qualification requirements found at www.PriceElectric.coop. No nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting if there is at least one nominee by petition who is able and willing to serve as director. If, for any reason, no nomination was timely made by petition, or in the event that at the time of the annual meeting, all persons nominated are unable or unwilling to serve, then nominations may be made from the floor by any member who is a resident of the district for which the nomination is available.

REMEMBERING PRICE ELECTRIC DIRECTOR GERALD "JERRY" LUKE

Price Electric Cooperative board director Gerald Luke, town of Sherman, passed away Tuesday, January 25, just one week after his 80th birthday. While his loved ones called his passing unexpected, Luke had penned his own obituary, according to his sister.

Luke writes that he was born in Burlington and lived in various locations in Racine and Kenosha counties. He attended Salem Central High School, at which time he remembers working a job running the telephone switchboard for the local phone company when it had crank telephones and 12 party lines.

He spent four decades working at Uhen's Garage in New Munster, specializing in small engine work. He served with the Attack Squadron 215 in the Vietnam War, which is a squadron that flew A-1 Skyraiders deployed aboard the USS Hancock and USS Bon Homme Richard.

Luke served on several Wheatland, WI area boards and was a founding member of the local snowmobile club. He was elected municipal judge in 1975 and held the position until 2003, when he retired to Springstead in Iron County on the Price Electric Cooperative lines.



In Springstead, Luke was elected Sherman town chairman, and to the Iron County board. He was elected to the Price Electric Cooperative board in 2015, and he served in that position until the time of his death.

"His sense of humor and colorful stories will be sorely missed," said a representative for Price Electric.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Jerry served with the Attack Squadron 215 as a third-class petty officer during the Vietnam War.



BALANCE OF POWER

Balance on the power grid rests on the ability of utilities to provide electricity exactly when we need it. What happens if that balance is shifted?

The magic of the electric power grid is the precise balance it must maintain to provide the exact amount of electricity (generation) needed to meet the needs of all consumers connected to the grid (load). Our wholesale power provider, Dairyland Power Cooperative, has employees working 24/7 with the regional system operator (MISO) to ensure this balance. At Price Electric Cooperative, there are important programs in place to support these efforts.

One such program is load management. Load management is most used to help lower cooperative costs by reducing energy use when the price for electricity is high. Load management can also be used to help maintain balance on the power grid. If there is a severe risk of imbalance, members may be notified of an immediate need to reduce electricity use to help avoid rolling blackouts. This scenario is a Maximum Generation (Max Gen) Event. While these events are rare, it is important to be prepared to act to keep electricity safely and reliably flowing.

Why does a Maximum Generation Event occur?

Max Gen Events occur due to a shortage of generation resources. In other words, the amount of electricity available on the grid is critical and may not be able to meet the demand for electricity. This could occur for multiple reasons:

- Extreme temperatures
- Severe weather conditions
- Generation resources (power plants, solar/wind facilities, etc.) are unexpectedly offline or unavailable

- Higher-than-projected need for electricity
- Other circumstances

What Should Members Do?

If notified of a Max Gen Event, PEC’s load management program may be activated outside of normal program hours. This could happen with minimal advance notice.

Members who do not participate in a load management program can still help:

- Turn off lights, televisions, electronics, and other appliances
- Cook food in a microwave instead of using a stovetop or oven
- Adjust your thermostat up or down, depending on the season
- Shift laundry, vacuuming and running the dishwasher until after the Max Gen Event has ended
- Delay electric vehicle charging until after the Max Gen Event

A Max Gen Event does not mean the load management program will be activated. The Event may be cancelled before MISO reaches that stage. However, if energy prices are high after the Max Gen Event ends, load management may still be used to help control costs. Updates for load management members will be shared via PEC’s Everbridge Notification Program.

Thank you, in advance, for helping PEC balance power, as we all do our part to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable electricity for all members and the region.

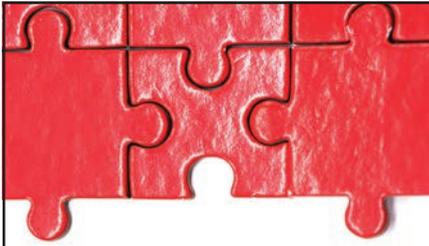
SAVE THE DATE

for Price Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting

June 9, 2022 • Phillips High School

Watch this magazine for more details





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 March 31. Last month's winner was Matthew Mohr.



When is the 2022 Annual Meeting?

Answer

Name

Account Number

Phone

Email

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



Congrats, Casey!

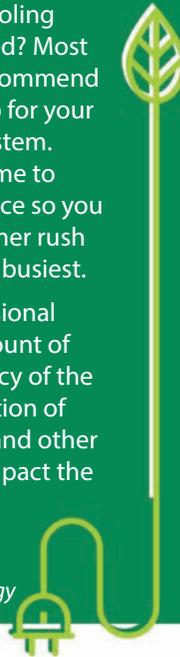
Congratulations to Casey Williams who recently graduated from an apprentice to journeyman lineman! This is a big accomplishment and PEC appreciates Casey's hard work. Casey is pictured with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College instructor, Pete Mieziwa.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune-up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Smart Sense Update

In 2021 \$57,690.72 was distributed in the Smart Sense Program. As of January 31, 2022, \$1,980.00 has been distributed to members.

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



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