

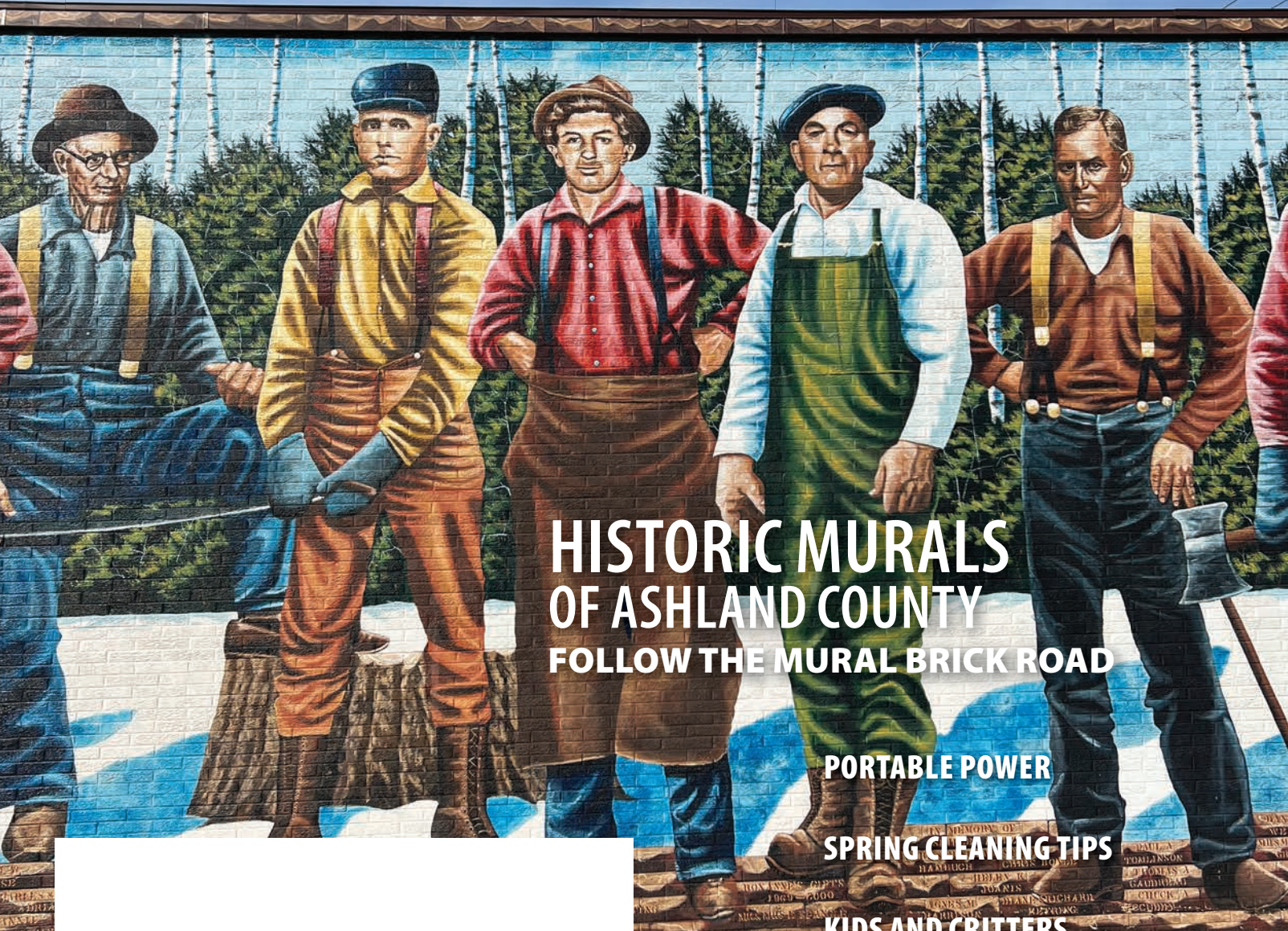
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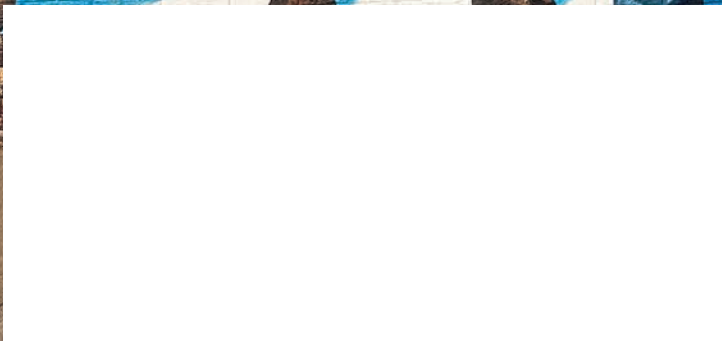


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# CAN YOU HELP US FIND THESE FORMER MEMBERS!

The following former members of Price Electric Cooperative have capital credit funds available. If you know the whereabouts of any of these former members, please have them contact us at 715-339-2155 EXT. 108. To claim these funds, it will be necessary to provide satisfactory evidence of their right to the funds. If we are unable to locate these former members, their unclaimed funds will be forfeited and used to provide scholarships and donations to local charitable causes through Price Electric's association with the Federated Youth Foundation. For a list of all members who have unclaimed capital credits, please visit the PEC website at [www.PriceElectric.coop](http://www.PriceElectric.coop). (List continued from last month)

SCHWASS, DOROTHY, JACKSON, MI  
SCHWEIKLE, ROBERT, VENICE, IL  
SCHWEY, JOSEPH, ZEPHYRHILLS, FL  
SCOTT, KIMBERLY, MESA, AZ  
SCOTT, GREG, LADYSMITH, WI  
SEARLE, GERALD, BUTTERNUT, WI  
SEDOVIC, RONALD, PHILLIPS, WI  
SEEFELDT, BRIAN, WITTENBERG, WI  
SEITZ, AMANDA, KENNAN, WI  
SEME, BEVERLY, CREST HILL, IL  
SHANNON, JEFFERY, ASHLAND, WI  
SHEEHAN, MARIQUITA, ASHLAND, WI  
SHEFKA, WALTER, APPLETON, WI  
SHELDON, MARK, BURLINGTON, WI  
SHERLOCK, TRUDY, MILWAUKEE, WI  
SHIREMAN, WALTER, PARK FALLS, WI  
SHOOK, JANE, PARK FALLS, WI  
SHOWERS, THOMAS, ALLENTON, WI  
SHOWN, N, PARK FALLS, WI  
SHULTIS, MILTON, HANCOCK, WI  
SIEMERS, ROBERT, CHETEK, WI  
SIGNAIGO, ROSEMARY, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL  
SILJANDER, WILLIAM, PHILPOT, KY  
SILVERNAIL, STACY, LADYSMITH, WI  
SIMMONS, LINDA, GLIDDEN, WI  
SIMOLKE, LOLA, JOLIET, IL  
SIMONSMIEIER, ALLEN, AVOCA, WI  
SIMPSON, PAT, WAUNAKEE, WI  
SINGSIME, WILLIAM, PRENTICE, WI  
SINKLER, DAVID, WAUKESHA, WI  
SLACK, LYLE, PHILLIPS, WI  
SLACK, CAROL, EAGLE RIVER, WI  
SLECK, TERRY LEE, WAUSAU, WI  
SLEZAK, GREGG, STARKVILLE, MS  
SLOTKE, JUDITH, WHITEWATER, WI  
SMAGLIK, PEGGY, CATAWBA, WI  
SMART, CHEYENNE, ODANAH, WI  
SMETAK, JAMIE, SAINT LOUIS, MO  
SMILEY, THOMAS, MARSHFIELD, WI  
SMITH, ANNIE, PHILLIPS, WI  
SMITH, MONICA, FIFIELD, WI  
SMITH, MATTHEW, WOODRUFF, WI

SMITH, JOHNNY, BOISE, ID  
SMITH, GARY, JUNEAU, WI  
SMITH, BETTY, MILWAUKEE, WI  
SMITH, HELEN, BELVIDERE, NJ  
SMITH, DENNIS, TOMAHAWK, WI  
SMITH., BETTY, RHINELANDER, WI  
SMITH., DAVID, MARCELLUS, MI  
SMITHHISLER, SHERYL, URBANA, OH  
SMITTERBERG, DEAN, PRENTICE, WI  
SMUGALA, KRISTINE, PHILLIPS, WI  
SNIDER, SHERRY, EAU CLAIRE, WI  
SONDAY, CLAUDE, TRIPOLI, WI  
SONNENBERG, DONALD, CHICAGO, IL  
SOOKIAYAK, HARVEY, PRAIRIE FARM, WI  
SOPCAK, ROSEMARY, FIFIELD, WI  
SORENSEN, ANNETTE, NEENAH, WI  
SORNISON, BERLIN, STOUGHTON, WI  
SPACEK, STEVE, PHILLIPS, WI  
SPANGLER, ERIC, CARROLLTON, MO  
SPANJER, MARIE, PHILLIPS, WI  
SPICE, KENNETH, NEKOOSA, WI  
SPOSITO, JEANNE, WAUKEGAN, IL  
STADE, GAIL, OGEMA, WI  
STAGNO, JAMES, ROLLING MEADOWS, IL  
STAMMER, DAVE, PHILLIPS, WI  
STANDISH, TERRY, DE FOREST, WI  
STANEV, DESPINA, EVERGREEN PARK, IL  
STANKE, JEROME, WEST ALLIS, WI  
STASTNY, JOYCE, TOWNSEND, WI  
STAVEN, WAYNE, MEDFORD, WI  
STEARNS, TERRY, LADYSMITH, WI  
STEINES, EUGENE, TOMAHAWK, WI  
STELMACHOWSKI, DAVID, WATERFORD, WI  
STENCIL, NORMAN, VANCOUVER, WA  
STENDEL, WILLIAM, STETSONVILLE, WI  
STEPHENS, FRED, EAU CLAIRE, WI  
STEPHENSON, DAVID, PHILLIPS, WI  
STINER, SHERYL, PORT BYRON, IL  
STONE, LESLIE, ODANAH, WI

STONEBRIDGE, MICHAEL, PRENTICE, WI  
STORM, ROGER, ROCKFORD, IL  
STRAIN, ALLEN, FOXBORO, WI  
STRANDS, JOHN, FOND DU LAC, WI  
STREMER, ROGER, MOSINEE, WI  
STROW, DIANE, MERRILL, WI  
STRUTZ, MELVIN, WAUKESHA, WI  
STUBBS, EUGENE, LOMBARD, IL  
SUNDSTEDT, JOHN, ROSCOE, IL  
SUTTER, RAY, SCHAUMBURG, IL  
SWAN &, TIMOTHY, MILTON, WI  
SWANSON, HARRY, BESSEMER, MI  
SWANSON, MARK, MARSHFIELD, WI  
SWARTOUT, ALLEN, SOUTH BLOIT, IL  
SWAZEE, STEPHEN, EAGAN, MN  
SWEENEY, JERAMIE, TURTLE LAKE, WI  
SWENSON, WAYNE, RHINELANDER, WI  
SWENSON-HELMICK, DYLAN, PRENTICE, WI  
SYMMANK, DELPHIN, PHILLIPS, WI  
SYMONDS, TERRY, PRENTICE, WI  
SYVERTSON, ALDENA, RICHLAND CENTER, WI  
SZYMIK, VALECIA, PARK FALLS, WI  
SZYMIK, DONALD, SIOUX FALLS, SD  
TALALAJ, EDWARD, NILES, IL  
TALBOT, LEROY, MILWAUKEE, WI  
TALLANT, JAMES, BUTTERNUT, WI  
TANNER, MARVA, SCHILLER PARK, IL  
TAYLOR, GILBERT, BRANTWOOD, WI  
TAYLOR, ROBERT, TOMAHAWK, WI  
TAYLOR, KENNETH, PARDEEVILLE, WI  
TAYLOR, BEATRICE, WHITEWATER, WI  
TAYLOR, KELLY, LEESBURG, IN  
TAYLOR, BILL, BUTTERNUT, WI  
TERRIEN, MIKE, MADISON, WI  
TESMER, MILFORD, FORT ATKINSON, WI  
TESSMER, JEFF, FRANKLIN, WI  
THOMASON, CLARA, PRENTICE, WI  
THOMPSON, JERI, EAU CLAIRE, WI  
THOMPSON, JOHN, DE FOREST, WI  
THOMPSON, BETTY, GREEN BAY, WI  
THOMPSON, MAURICE, TOMAHAWK, WI

TIETZ, PHYLLIS, WAUNAKEE, WI  
TIETZ, DENNIS, BROOKLYN, WI  
TILLSON, EMILY, BUTTERNUT, WI  
TINGO, SCOTT, PHILLIPS, WI  
TOMCZYK, HENRY, MILWAUKEE, WI  
TRACEY, CHAD, MADISON, WI  
TRAUTMAN, JACK, BURLINGTON, WI  
TREMEL, MATHEW, PARK FALLS, WI  
TREVINO, KLINT, TOMAHAWK, WI  
TRIMBLE, JEFF, ASHLAND, WI  
TROIA, SAM, PARK FALLS, WI  
TRUITT, ROSE, PHILLIPS, WI  
TRULEN, JOANNE, SAINT PAUL, MN  
UDELL, CAROLYN, LA CROSSE, WI  
UJCICH, JOHN, SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI  
UNDERDALE, LEONARD, MINOCQUA, WI  
UPSON, JOSHUA, PHILLIPS, WI  
USHER, ELEANOR, PARK FALLS, WI  
VAN DYKE, GEORGE, SENECA, IL  
VAN SCHAACK, C, SAVOY, IL  
VANDENBERG, KAY, APPLETON, WI  
VANDERHEI, LIANE, MONTELLO, WI  
VANDERKAMP, STEVE, MARQUETTE, MI  
VANDERSLICE, ELAINE, PARK FALLS, WI  
VAVRA, RON, DELAVAN, WI  
VEENSTRA, JERRY, MILWAUKEE, WI  
VETTER, DAN, SPRING GROVE, IL  
VICH, DAVID, BLOOMER, WI  
VIKE, MARC, PHILLIPS, WI  
VINCER, ESTHER, RACINE, WI  
VINES, DAVID, KENNAN, WI  
VITENSE, BELLVA, HARTLAND, WI  
VOGEL, PHILIP, PEORIA, IL  
VOGEL, JANET, MADISON, WI  
VOIGT, DONALD, PRENTICE, WI  
VOLZ, KENNETH, BARABOO, WI  
VON ZIMMER, VIVIAN, YUMA, AZ  
WADDELL, DOLORES, SHAWANO, WI  
WAGLER, JAYSON, PHILLIPS, WI  
WAGNER, GARRET, MILWAUKEE, WI  
WAITES, VADA, GALENA, IL  
WALASEK, OTTO, BUTTERNUT, WI  
WALDMAN, LEE, MENOMONEE FALLS, WI  
WALKER, DONNA, PHILLIPS, WI  
WALKER, LOREN, NEW LISBON, WI  
WALLACE, DELWIN, DEL RIO, TX  
WALLI, CHARLES, MARENGO, IL  
WALTERS, PATRICIA, MELLEN, WI  
WANDA, RONALD, MERRIONETTE PARK, IL  
WANTA, ROBERT, STEVENS POINT, WI  
WARNER, DOLORES, IRVINE, KY  
WARNER, ALVIN, MERRILL, WI  
WARREN, DANIEL, PRENTICE, WI  
WARTGOW, GENE, ROCKFORD, IL

WATTS, JEANNIE, SCHOFIELD, WI  
WEBBER, TOM, PARK FALLS, WI  
WEBER, DAVE, HAWKINS, WI  
WEBER, PAUL, BUTTERNUT, WI  
WEIK.DTV, MARJORIE, BUTTERNUT, WI  
WEILER, EDWARD, JUNCTION CITY, WI  
WEISTER, MARY, MELLEN, WI  
WEITH, RICHARD, SCHAUMBURG, IL  
WERCH, WILLIAM, VANCOUVER, WA  
WERTH, SARAH, CLINTONVILLE, WI  
WESENER, STEVE, BERLIN, WI  
WHARTON.DTV, DUANE, PARK FALLS, WI  
WHIFFEN, WILLARD, BLYTHE, CA  
WHITE, MICHAEL, PRENTICE, WI  
WHITE, MELONY, MELON, WI  
WHITE, CHERYL, MONDOVI, WI  
WHITEAKER, WILLIAM, MONTROSE, CO  
WICHMAN, JAMES, MADISON, WI  
WICK, TRAVIS, PRENTICE, WI  
WIELONTEK, DOLORES, BARRINGTON, IL  
WILCOTT, DAVID, BOKEELIA, FL  
WILEY, MICHELLE, OGEMA, WI  
WILKES, RONALD, PHILLIPS, WI  
WILKIE, TIM, SHELL LAKE, WI  
WILKINS, MARCHA, BUTTERNUT, WI  
WILLIAMS, SHARON, MENASHA, WI  
WILLIAMS, DANA, GREEN BAY, WI  
WILLMS, JAMES, GRASS RANGE, MT  
WILNER, MARY, WOODRUFF, WI  
WISNIEWSKI, THOMAS, VICKSBURG, MI  
WITT, LEONARD, CHICAGO, IL  
WOGERNESE, JENNIFER, APPLETON, WI  
WOLFE, ROBERT, PARK FALLS, WI  
WOOD, JAMES, MEDFORD, WI  
WOYAK, DAVID, HARTLAND, WI  
WUDEL, BILL, EAU CLAIRE, WI  
WUDI, RUSSELL, CORONA, CA  
WURTZ, JAMES, PARK FALLS, WI  
YUNK, ROSE, CATAWBA, WI  
ZACHOW, TIM, UNION GROVE, WI  
ZAHASKY JAMES, , BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
ZAVES, MARK, APPLETON, WI  
ZECCA, LOUIS, SPRING VALLEY, IL  
ZESSIN, LARRY, STURGEON BAY, WI  
ZIEBELL, THOMAS, MERRILL, WI  
ZIEBELL, ARLENE, MILWAUKEE, WI  
ZIELINSKI, LILLIAN, MOUNTAIN PINE, AR  
ZIELKE, PAULINE, PRENTICE, WI  
ZIESSOW, JANET, BARRINGTON, IL  
ZIMNY, VICTORIA, TREVOR, WI  
ZINTHEFER, LORI, MARSHFIELD, WI  
ZUROSKE, JOE, PARK FALLS, WI

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PEC DIRECTOR?

### 1 REVIEW THE PEC BYLAWS

Visit [priceelectric.coop](http://priceelectric.coop) to review director qualifications in Article IV of the bylaws. Qualifications and bylaws are found in the About Us-->My Coop tab.

### 2 IDENTIFY YOUR DISTRICT

Directors serve 3-year terms. This year Districts 4, 5, 6 are up for election. Refer to the district map to identify your district.

### 3 GET ON THE BALLOT

Connect with the cooperative to indicate interest in running and receive a candidate petition sheet.

### 4 PROMOTE YOUR CAMPAIGN

Reach out to members in your district and let them know you are running for the PEC board. You will need to gather at least 15 signatures from active members in your district.

### 5 ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

Directors are elected at the Annual Meeting on June 6, 2024.

## WHAT DOES A PEC DIRECTOR DO?

### How do I know if I am eligible to be a PEC director?

- You are a primary resident of the district you would serve.
- You are an active PEC member.
- You are not employed by or have a financial interest in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to PEC.
- You are not employed by PEC.

### What are the responsibilities?

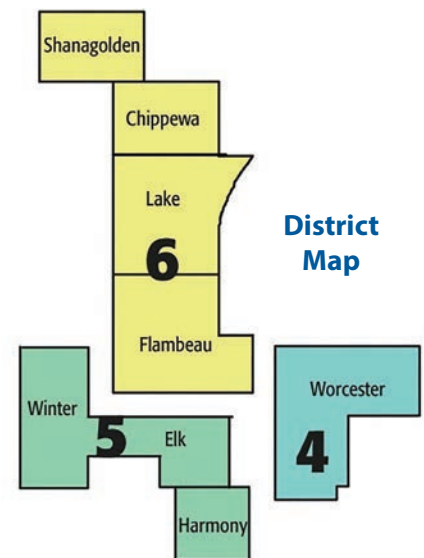
- Make decisions in the best interests of PEC.
- Approve general policies, budgets, capital credit retirements, etc.
- Attend monthly board meetings at PEC and occasionally travel to attend other meetings and events.

### When does the board meet?

Typically, the board meets at 9 a.m. on the last Thursday of the month.

### Is there compensation?

Yes, directors are paid per diem for each meeting plus a travel adder and mileage.



### Keep in Mind Cooperative Principle #2

PEC is owned by its members and guided by directors elected from the membership. This is the cooperative difference!

# DIRECTOR NOMINATION/PETITION PROCESS

This year, board director seats are up for election in District 4 (Worcester), District 5 (Elk, Harmony, and Winter), and District 6 (Flambeau, Lake, Chippewa, Shanagolden). 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. The deadline for nomination petitions is **Friday, April 5, 2024**.
- 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 10, 2024**.

- 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](http://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 timely nomination was made by petition, or if 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.

The 2024 annual meeting will be Thursday, June 6, at Phillips High School.

## 2024 Scholarships

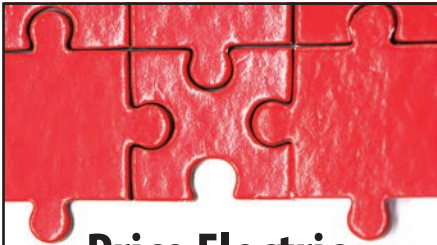
### LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

If you attend Butternut, Chequamegon, Phillips, Prentice, or Rib Lake high school, see your guidance counselor for application information. Scholarships are only available to seniors whose parents/guardians are active PEC members. Two \$1,000 scholarships are available at each school.

### AT-LARGE & NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

To qualify for an at-large scholarship, the student must have a parent/guardian that is an active PEC member and the student does not attend a local high school (listed above). Eligibility details for non-traditional and at-large scholarships can be found on the PEC website. Two \$1,000 scholarships are available in this category.





## 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](mailto:memberservices@PriceElectric.coop). A winner will be drawn from all correct entries the last day of the month.

Last month's  
Puzzler winner  
was Barb Bolton-  
Johnson



*What districts are up for  
election this year?*

Answer

Name

Account Number

Phone

Email

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



## ATTENTION 3RD 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 PEC by April 29, 2024 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 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 the student's name on the  
back of the poster.

Visit the PEC website or [www.weca.coop](http://www.weca.coop)  
for registration forms.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

UW-Stout, July 16-18, 2024

### What will I do?

- Identify and develop your leadership skills.
- Work together with youth leaders from around WI to demonstrate the power of cooperation.
- Be entertained and challenged by motivational speakers.
- Experience life on a UW campus.
- Learn what makes the cooperative business model different.

### Who should attend?

- Local high school students looking to learn more about a cooperative business model, build their resume, gain college campus experience, and make friends from across WI.

### How do I apply?

- Submit an application to PEC. Applications can be found on the PEC website. If you are selected, you will be contacted by PEC for more information.

### Other Information

- Attendees don't pay for their participation. They are sponsored by PEC.
- Attendees elected to the youth board at the end of the conference will plan the next conference, and have the opportunity to attend the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. the following June.
- For more information, visit the PEC website or email [memberservices@PriceElectric.coop](mailto:memberservices@PriceElectric.coop).

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