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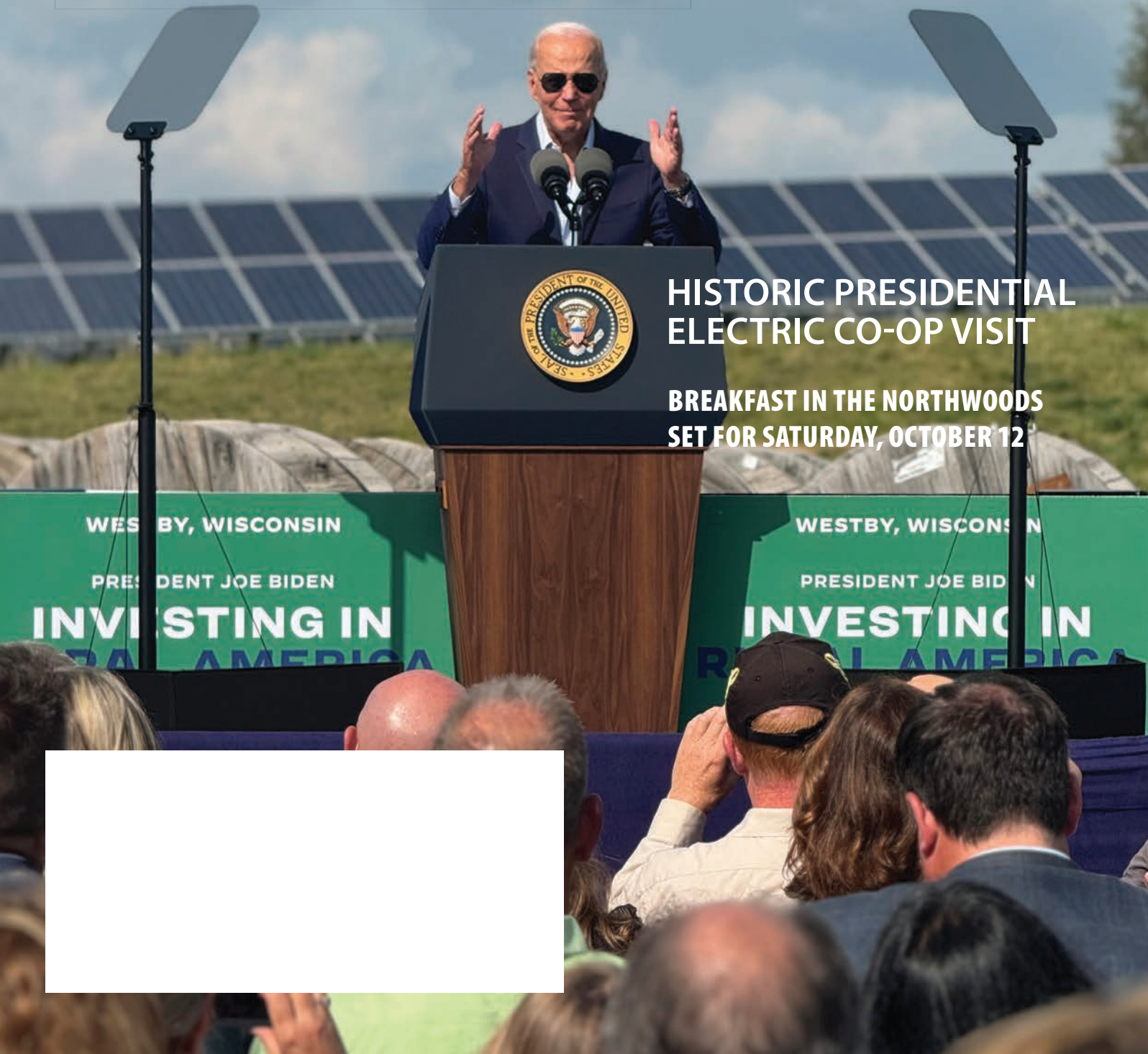
WISCONSIN ENERGY Cooperative

October 2024 NEWS



Price Electric Cooperative

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**HISTORIC PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTRIC CO-OP VISIT**

**BREAKFAST IN THE NORTHWOODS
SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**



FIVE SIMPLE STEPS TO BECOME AN INFORMED CO-OP VOTER

If you could shape the future of our community in five steps, would you? While that might seem like an impossible question, the 2024 general elections are taking place nationwide next month, giving co-op members the opportunity to make your voice heard on issues that affect our community. This election is our chance to elect candidates who support energy policies that

promote safe, reliable, affordable energy.

Co-ops Vote is a non-partisan initiative focused on enhancing the political strength of cooperatives through relationship-building with policy makers. This program was built to give members of the cooperative community the resources and information needed to vote with electric cooperative issues in mind.

1. **Get Ready by Registering:** Registering to vote is simple and easy! Remember, it's essential to regularly check your registration and verify that your information is correct and up to date.
2. **Get the Details:** Every state's election process is different, and it's important to know about upcoming voter registration deadlines the process for requesting absentee ballots and more. Wisconsin's voter registration deadline is October 16, 2024, and requests for absentee ballots must be received by October 31, 2024. Find more information about voting in Wisconsin by visiting www.vote.coop/gotv
3. **Get Informed:** Before you head to the polls, it's important to be educated on the policy issues that help keep our community's power reliable, affordable, and safe. Some of the energy policy issues are highlighted on pages 9, 10, and 11, but you can learn more by joining Voices for Cooperative Power at www.voicesforcooperativepower.com/issues.
4. **Get the background:** Once you are registered and informed, it's time to learn about your candidates.
5. **Get others involved!** Now that you've done your research and are officially ready to head to the polls as a Co-op Voter, it's time to get your family, friends, and neighbors involved.

CHECK OFF STEP ONE IN BECOMING A VOTER

REGISTER TO VOTE!

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Register-To-Vote>



CO-OPS VOTE
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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

POWERING COMMUNITIES WITH A PURPOSE

This October, more than 30,000 cooperatives across the U.S. are celebrating National Co-op Month. Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit utilities that are built by the communities they serve. PEC’s mission has always been to provide you with reliable power.

Beyond the business of electricity, our employees and directors are equally invested in our local community. Why? Because we live here, too. That’s why we support local economic development projects, youth programs and scholarships, charitable giving initiatives and additional programs that make our community a better place.

All cooperatives are guided by seven cooperative principles, which are the framework to help all co-ops navigate challenges and opportunities while remaining true to our purpose.

- 1. Open and Voluntary Membership:** Co-op membership is open to anyone who can use the co-op’s services.
- 2. Democratic Member Control:** Members make decisions that shape the cooperative.

- 3. Members’ Economic Participation:** Members contribute money, or pay their energy bill, to ensure the co-op runs smoothly now and in the future.
- 4. Autonomy and Independence:** Co-ops are independent and can operate on their own, which ultimately benefits the members.
- 5. Education, Training and Information:** Co-ops continuously focus on education to ensure

employees have the training and information they need to make the co-op successful.

- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives:** Co-ops share, learn, and help each other in times of need.
- 7. Concern for Community:** All cooperatives work for the greater good of the local communities they serve. Plus, co-ops give back to their communities!

CO-OPS, DID YOU KNOW ?

Co-ops are everywhere! Here are some examples of other non-electric cooperatives.

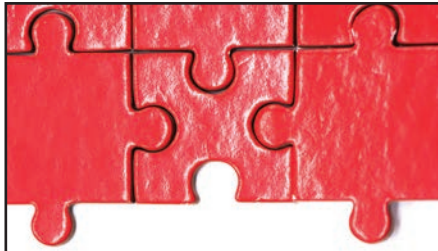
- Ocean Spray, consisting of more than 700 family-owned farms in the U.S.
- Land O’Lakes, consisting of over 1,000 cooperative dairy producers with over 2,700 total members.
- Connexus Credit Union, consisting of over 477,000 members across all 50 states.
- Ellsworth Creamery, consisting of 250 dairy farmer-owners.
- Recreational Equipment, Inc (REI), consisting of 181 locations supplying its members with all their outdoor gear and equipment needs.

Breakfast in the Northland

Saturday, October 12
7-10AM

@ PEC W6803 Springs Drive, Phillips

- Breakfast
 - Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, applesauce, coffee, juice, and water
- Kids Pumpkin Decorating (while supplies last)
- Prizes
- Collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantry
- Flu shot clinic from 8:30-9:30AM by the Price County Health Department
- Recycling Event by Northcentral Recyclers
 - See the PEC website for accepted and rejected items



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 the last day of the month.

Last month's
Puzzler winner was
Dionna Follett.



*What time does the PEC
breakfast start?*

Answer

Name

Account Number

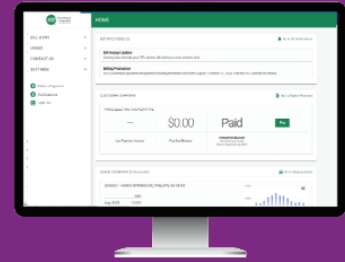
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*Our PEC bill will have
a new, modern look
coming later this fall.*



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