

# CHIPPEWA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2008

### BE ALERT FOR PEAK-ALERT MESSAGES



**E**ven though the cost of electricity has been relatively stable for many years, we can see that change is coming on the horizon. With the cost of our material and equipment rising every month, we know our rates will need to be raised in the near future. With that in mind, the best thing each of us can do to cut down on expenses is conserve energy. We Americans tend to be very wasteful when it comes to electricity.

We use more electricity each year and the demand for power increases as the temperature falls. That's why your cooperative has a load management program and off-peak rates. We want to make sure there's adequate power for everyone in the future.

The level of demand determines a large part of the cooperative's energy costs during peak times. Reducing or delaying your electrical usage during a peak period helps lower the cost to purchase power from our supplier.

The key is to reduce your consumption between the hours of 5 to 9 p.m. on the coldest winter days. By turning off lights and appliances you can do without or delay using some appliances, and save substantially.

On these peak day, peak-alert messages will be aired on WAXX 104.5, Cool 92.9 WECL, WIAL I-94, and WAYY radio between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Whether you hear the messages or not, it's always a good idea to conserve electricity during these evening hours when the demand for power is at its highest.

We all benefit from conserving energy during peak times of the day.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**T**his spring, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative will once again be awarding several \$500 scholarships to students of member families through our Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program.

Each scholarship is worth \$500 and applications can be obtained from your high school guidance counselor or Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative.

#### **STUDENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE:**

- ▶ Provided they will graduate during the 2006-2007 year from their local high school and be enrolled in a post-secondary program at a college/university or vocational school.
- ▶ Parents (or legal guardians) are members of Chippewa Valley Electric and are currently receiving service.
- ▶ The family income will NOT be a deciding factor.

The applicant must complete a questionnaire on school activities, leadership positions, community involvement, awards and recognitions and write a two-hundred word essay on future goals, objectives and the student's values and attitude on life.

The applications will be reviewed by a special Scholarship Committee and the scholarships will be awarded to the students at their honors ceremony or at graduation.

If you have any questions, please call Cathy at Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative at 715-239-6800 or 800-300-6800.



# SIGN UP FOR THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

ACH (Automated Clearing House) allows transfer of funds from your checking or savings account, directly to Chippewa Valley Electric's account to cover your electric bill. A direct charge would be made on the

22<sup>nd</sup> of each month for the amount of your bill.

If you are interested in participating in this convenient plan, please fill out the form below and return it to our office with the required information.

**BE HASSLE-FREE,  
AND SAVE TIME  
TOO...**

## I want to participate in the Automatic Payment Plan

Name(s) on CVEC bill \_\_\_\_\_ CVEC Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If your payment is to be deducted from a checking account, enclose a blank check. Write VOID across it and DO NOT SIGN IT. If your payment is to be deducted from a savings account, enclose a deposit slip that includes your account number.

CVEC has the right to cancel my use of the Automatic Payment Plan. I will write to CVEC if I decide to cancel my use of the Automatic Payment Plan.

Account Holder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If the account is in two names, both account holders must sign above. Mail this form with your current payment or mail it separately to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 575, 317 S. 8th St., Cornell, WI 54732. For more information, call 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.

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*Wishing our  
members  
a Happy  
New Year!*



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