



# MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC

**Friday, June 30, 2023  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Chippewa Valley Electric  
Cooperative invites you to come and join  
your friends and neighbors for an  
old-fashioned cookout!



**CVCE's Rivian will  
be on display**

**Activities  
for kids  
throughout  
the day!**

**Brats, hot dogs, and all the trimmings, including our famous  
baked beans, with ice cream bars for dessert!**

**Please come and enjoy a complimentary lunch at  
317 South 8th Street (corner of Hwy. 27/64 and South 8th Street),  
Cornell, WI**

*Sorry, no carry-outs.*

CALLING ALL  
UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL  
SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 11–13, 2023  
UW-Stout



The annual Youth Leadership Conference is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses.

## Take the opportunity to...

- See what makes the cooperative business model different and successful, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own leadership skills.
- Discuss cooperative careers with industry professionals.
- Be entertained and challenged by acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and cover topics that are relevant in your life.
- Run for a spot on the Youth Board, which plans the next year's conference and has the opportunity to attend the National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in the spring.



**Who should apply?** High school students with family members who belong to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC).

**What does it cost?** All registration costs are covered by CVEC.

**Questions?** Contact Tina Walden at WECA, [tina@weca.coop](mailto:tina@weca.coop), or CVEC, [www.cvecoop.com](http://www.cvecoop.com).

**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

**Deadline is June 7, 2023**

Contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative to request an application. Return completed forms to CVEC no later than Wednesday, June 7, 2023.





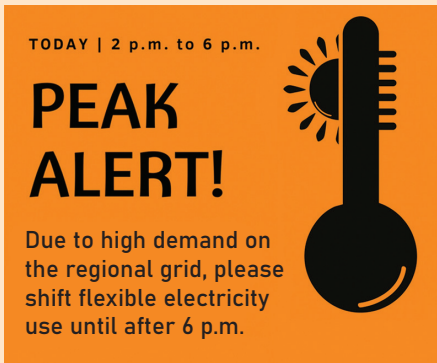
# HELP KEEP RATES DOWN

## Watch & listen for peak alerts

There may be days when you hear of a PEAK ALERT on the radio or see it on Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's (CVEC) Facebook page. When this happens, please shift your flexible electricity usage to after 6 p.m.

The Peak Alert will be issued due to high demand for electricity on the regional grid. CVEC, along with other local Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, will be calling for extra electricity conservation efforts between 2 and 6 p.m. Elevated peak demand leads to higher power costs. Here are a few things you can do: Please avoid using multiple large appliances at the same time, and wait until after 6 p.m. to run your dishwasher or washing machine. Use your grill to cook dinner outside and have a family picnic in the yard.

As a cooperative member, you are part of something bigger. Every little effort you make benefits all the members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative and helps to keep your electricity rates stable and affordable.



Look for this alert notice on CVEC's Facebook page!

### How can I conserve electricity during Peak Alerts?

- Sign up to have your central air controlled. Incentives follow!
- Leave home to run errands.
- Run the dishwasher after 6 p.m.; open the door to let dishes air dry.
- Do laundry before or after the Peak Alert and hang up clothes to air dry. Use cold water when you wash clothes.
- Avoid using multiple large appliances simultaneously.
- Use the microwave or grill instead of the oven to cook; go on a picnic for dinner.
- Find a new book or magazine to read instead of watching TV.

# JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

Here in Wisconsin, we love our cheese, milk, butter, and ice cream! So, thank a local farmer for all the hard work they do. The next time you slurp a milkshake, pour melted butter over popcorn, or slice fresh cheese, remember that a dairy farmer helped bring you that tasty experience!

## Dairy Fun Facts

- The average cow weighs 1,400 pounds.
- It takes ten pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese.
- 95% of Wisconsin dairy farmers are family owned.
- 90% of Wisconsin milk is made into cheese.
- Milk is Wisconsin's office state beverage.
- Wisconsin officially became known as "America's Dairyland" in the 1930s.
- There are 600 different types, varieties, and styles of cheese crafted in Wisconsin.



## REMINDER:

### To all dual fuel members with submetered electric heat:

Please leave power on to your DUAL FUEL METER at all times. You may turn off the circuit breakers that control the heaters, but the meter power should remain on.

# CVEC CAN HELP WITH STRAY VOLTAGE CONCERNS

**S**tray voltage is the common term used to describe neutral-to-earth voltage in a cow or livestock contact area, usually in the barn. When a cow makes contact between two points with a difference in voltage, such as a watering cup and the concrete floor, an electric current may flow through the cow, which the cow may feel. Such situations can be caused by a variety of electrical problems both on farm and off farm.

Neutral-to-earth voltage may never be completely eliminated because it is present on all grounded electrical distribution systems. However, much can be done to resolve

stray voltage concerns. There are fairly simple electrical tests that can be performed by qualified individuals to determine whether stray voltage is present at unacceptable levels on your farm.

If you believe you may have stray voltage, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative stands ready to investigate that possibility. We have the equipment and trained personnel to offer assistance and advice pertaining to stray voltage.

The Midwest Rural Energy Council is a great resource for additional information on stray voltage. Visit their website at [www.mrec.org](http://www.mrec.org)

## SAFETY FIRST!



### Dairy Farm Rewiring Loan & Grant Program

The Safety First! Farm Rewiring program represents part of our commitment to dairy farmers and state policy makers to help mitigate stray voltage and safety risks. This commitment is as important today as it was in 2002 and is why all electric cooperatives that serve dairy farms in Wisconsin agreed to support and participate in this program.

#### Requirements

- Dairy farms only (including cows, goats, and sheep that are kept for the production of milk)
- Existing farmstead
- Pre-program inspection
- Electrician's estimate
- Service agreement for length of loan
- Credit eligibility requirements

#### Loans and Grants

- A loan/grant combination is available up to \$30,000
- Grants are available for 20 percent or up to \$6,000 from the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association
- Loans are available for 80 percent or up to \$24,000 from your electric cooperative
- Take up to five years to repay the loan
- 3-percent interest applies to the loan

For more information on this program, please contact the CVEC Operations Department at 715.239.6800.




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