

WE'RE ON THE SEARCH TO RETURN UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS



We are searching for members with unclaimed capital credit funds. **As a cooperative member, you are much more than a customer; you're part owner.**

You and your fellow members contribute to the capital of the cooperative, meaning you also share in any extra revenue beyond what's needed to keep the cooperative financially stable.

These funds are returned to members in proportion to their usage of the co-op's services through capital credit allocations. Capital credits represent each member's share of the cooperative's profits and ownership stake in the co-op.

A capital credit refund, or retirement, is a percentage of your total capital credits balance. The amount retired annually by the board of directors is based on the financial need of the cooperative. If the board of directors approves the retirement of capital credits, active members with a capital credits retirement of \$100 or less will see a credit on their October billing statement. Active members with a capital credits retirement greater than \$100 and non-active members will be mailed a check.

However, there are always some capital credits that we have trouble distributing. Some people move off the lines without leaving a forwarding address, and other members pass away.

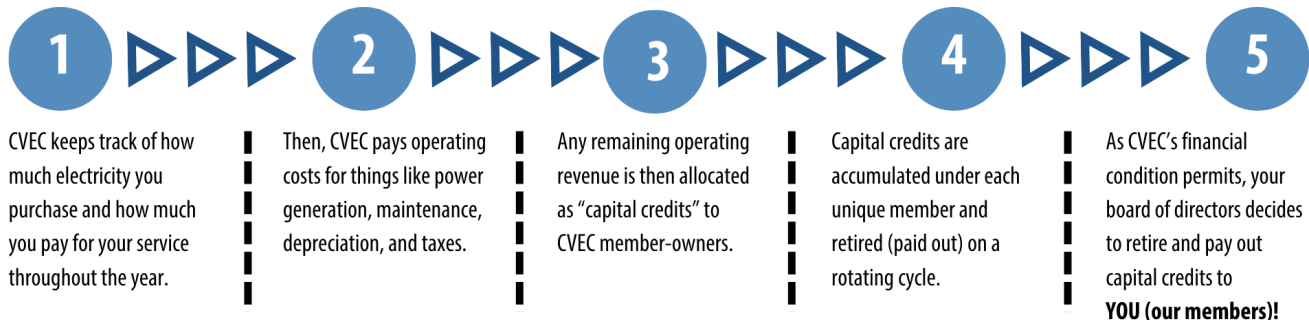
We do our very best to find these people and see to it that they receive the capital credits they have earned, but we need your help. A list of members who are entitled to unclaimed capital credits can be found online at www.cvecoop.com/Information. Please take a moment to review this list. If you see any familiar names and you know how to locate any of these people or their heirs, please ask them to call our office. We will verify their account and obtain the current contact information.

If we cannot find these individuals or their heirs, the unclaimed funds will be forfeited to Federated Youth Foundation, a nonprofit organization that distributes these funds for educational or charitable purposes. It is from these funds that we are able to give yearly scholarships. Our bylaws (Article VIII, Section 4) outline our cooperative's rules around the forfeiture of unclaimed funds.

To view a list of members with unclaimed capital credits, scan the QR Code or visit www.cvecoop.com/Information.php.



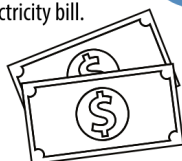
HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK



HOW DO I RECEIVE MY CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT?

Bill Credit

If your capital credit retirement is \$100 or less, you will see it reflected as a credit on your electricity bill.



or



Check Payment

Members will receive their credits as a check if their total retirement amount is greater than \$100.

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The Cooperative Difference

This is just one of the many ways it **PAYS** to be a member of a cooperative!



A NEW "LEAF" FOR AN AREA FAVORITE



New Dawn Orchard A Holcombe Favorite in the Making

Nestled on a peaceful, dead-end road in Holcombe, you will find New Dawn Orchard. The locals might still refer to it as Grumpy Grandpa's Orchard, but the brother and sister duo who took ownership in the spring of 2026 have plans to continue old traditions while breathing new life into the property.



Rooted in Tradition

Maverick and Montana Birkenholz both have a love of the outdoors and a great interest in sustainable, organic food. When they heard about the opportunity to take over an already established local orchard they decided to take a leap.

Born and raised in Jump River, Maverick and Montana, along with their family, spent summers at their place on Lake Holcombe. The area is familiar to them, but having an orchard is a whole new venture.

“Even with agriculture all around us, my sister and I are new to farm operations,” shared Maverick. “We’re navigating a steep learning curve in apple and berry farming, made more complex by our transition to organic practices. We

are thankful to the previous owners for answering questions and being willing to return to help with the cider press.”

The pair have put time and effort into learning from the past owners, attending conferences related to growing organic fruit and doing a lot of research on the topic to ensure the honeyberries, blueberries and 12 varieties of apples currently on the property are well taken care of.

Locals will be glad to hear the tradition of freshly made cider will continue. Making cider with some of the apples grown helps to utilize more of the apple harvest. The orchard has used the stable and dependable power received from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative as the source to power their electric fruit grinder and cider press for years.

Growing in the Future

The pair has additional plans to keep diversifying the business while maintaining a strong connection to nature.

“Our vision is to create a full orchard experience where visitors can enjoy nature’s harvest and find an escape in the outdoors,” shared Maverick.

The farm currently offers “pick your own” berries and apples, with plans of hosting a fall apple festival, and maintaining a fully stocked farm store with essentials sourced from local producers.

“We want every visit to feel memorable, refreshing, and rooted in the beauty of our land!”

Also, in the works is building an event space at the orchard. The planned event pavilion has the potential to seat up to 300 guests for a wedding or other special event at the orchard.

With fall right around the corner, be sure to add New Dawn Orchard to your Fall Bucket List- you never know it might just become a new family favorite.



What is offered:

June–Honeyberries

July–Blueberries

Fall–12 varieties of apples

Address:

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Holcombe, WI 54745

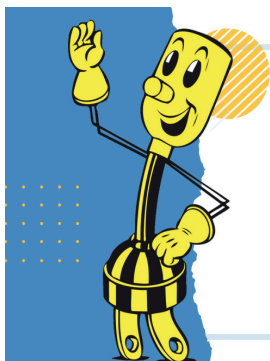
Hours:

Vary by Season

Confirm our hours on our website:
newdawnorchard.com
or by text/call 715-216-0861.

Follow their journey on Facebook.

Top left: A seating aisle from a wedding highlights New Dawn Orchard’s plans to expand into weddings and special events with the addition of a future event pavilion. Top right: Honeyberries are among the orchard’s first fruits of the season, ready for picking each June. Bottom: Fall brings 12 varieties of apples ready for U-pick, fresh cider, and family traditions.



Your Cooperative Powering Your Future

CVEC Sparks CO-OP NEWS

CELEBRATING OUR CO-OP COMMUNITY!

Remembering Harold "Tubby" Flater

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of longtime Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative Board Director, Harold "Tubby" Flater.

Tubby dedicated 48 years of service to our CVEC Board of Directors. Besides being a part of the co-op family, he was a staple in the Holcombe area dedicating time to building his family business and to his community.

Our CVEC team is so thankful for Tubby's many years of service that helped to shape our co-op.



Top: Tubby represented CVEC in accepting the AREC membership certificate on behalf of the co-op. Left: Tubby with his granddaughter, Jaimie Wilk, CVEC manager of finance and accounting, at the annual meeting in March.



REMINDERS



Office Closing

Our lobby will be closed for Labor Day on **Monday, September 7** and will close at **10 a.m.** for a staff event on **Friday, September 11.**



Underground Service

All paperwork and preparatory steps need to be completed by **October 1** for service upgrades and **October 15** for new services.

Your Cooperative Powering Your Future



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