



# YOUR COOPERATIVE – YOUR ANNUAL MEETING

By Jesse Singerhouse, General Manager

**T**hursday, May 19, I would like to invite you to participate in the 85th Annual Meeting of Dunn Energy Cooperative. Being a local, member-owned cooperative, Dunn Energy's annual meeting is your chance to gather with fellow members and engage in the business of our cooperative and to learn about what has been happening at Dunn Energy.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, in our shop at Dunn Energy Cooperative (N5725 600th St., Menomonie). This is a change from our normal Saturday meeting, but with everyone's weekend schedule becoming so busy we wanted to try something different this year. A light meal will be available from 5:30–6:15 p.m. and our business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. You'll hear reports from Board President Larry Amble and myself as we recap the year your cooperative had in 2021 and talk about the future of the energy business.

To summarize, 2021 was a good year for the cooperative. Power reliability was high, with members having service 99.98% of the time. Our member satisfaction score improved to the highest level we have seen. Financial margins were higher than budgeted, and we also returned over \$700,000 in power cost adjustment credits to our members as well as nearly \$1 million in capital credit retirement. Your cooperative is committed to serving our members and we are on very solid ground financially and operationally. While the future related to energy is complex and challenging, our employees and directors are committed to delivering you reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy for years to come.

Every member of the cooperative also has a voice in the governance of the cooperative. In late April or early May, you will receive your ballots to vote in the board of directors election. We have nine members that represent you on the board, and each year three seats are up for election. Directors are chosen by the members of the

cooperative for a three-year term. They can serve up to four consecutive terms. Directors represent the interest of members and set overall cooperative policy. The ballots contain information about each candidate's qualifications and goals. More information about each of the candidates can be found on our website [www.dunnenergy.com](http://www.dunnenergy.com). I encourage you to cast your vote and return your ballot by Wednesday, May 18, or bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on May 19.

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scholarship winners, and summarize our Operation Round Up grant recipients. Brent Ridge, the president & CEO of our power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative, will be joining us to speak about

the future of energy supply. We hope to have everyone on their way with a free gift before 7:30 p.m. If you can't join us in-person, you can catch the meeting live streamed through the Dunn Energy Facebook page.

I'm sure there are many things to do on a Thursday night, but I hope you will consider taking a couple hours of your time to participate in the Dunn Energy Cooperative Annual Meeting. Having engaged and active members who participate in cooperative governance by voting in the director election and/or attending the annual meeting helps make your cooperative even stronger.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting on Thursday, May 19. (1222004)

*Working for You*

## Hidden Account Numbers

If you find your account number hidden in the pages of this magazine and you call and tell us before the next issue is mailed, we'll put a **\$50 credit** on your electric bill. Happy hunting!

Last month's winners were Dale & Cynthia Ludack and Mitchell & Haley Booth.



# Youth Leadership Congress

UW-Stout, Menomonie | July 12–14, 2022

The annual **Youth Leadership Congress** 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**.



## *At Youth Leadership Congress, you can...*

- ✓ Learn what makes the cooperative model different and successful, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- ✓ Identify and develop your leadership skills
- ✓ Discuss cooperative careers with professionals
- ✓ Be inspired by nationally acclaimed motivational speakers
- ✓ 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 Dunn Energy Cooperative.
- Students active in their school and community.

## **What does it cost?**

- All registration costs\* are covered by the generous support of your local cooperative.
- Students should contact Dunn Energy Cooperative to apply for a full sponsorship.



***Sign up today! Deadline is June 1, 2022***

Contact Dunn Energy Cooperative, 715-232-6240, to request sponsorship and registration forms for the Youth Leadership Congress.





# COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION

**A**re you building a new house this year? Or a little weekend getaway? Maybe you're just adding another irrigation pivot or grain dryer to your farm? Any way you look at it, communication is the key to a successful new service request.

The first step in getting power to your site is to call the office plenty in advance. We need a first appointment with you to get a plan put together and your cost estimate to you. This first meeting with a staking technician should be done once you know the site layout. We need you to know where your building is going as well as the placement of your well and septic, metering, driveway, and any potential future outbuildings if it's a residential construction. If it's a farm or commercial construction, metering placement is necessary, as well as the site layout. (3265004)

Once you know all of that, give Corrine a call at the office to schedule your meeting. She can be reached at 715-232-6240.

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## 3 Key Things You Should Know Before You Start

Do you know your site layout?

Do you know where the main building and potential outbuildings are going?



Is the driveway already in or staked in its permanent location?

Do you know where your well and septic will be located?



If you answered yes to these questions, you might just be ready to meet with a Staking Technician to create a plan for your power installation.

She'll get all of the required information and set up a time for you, your electrician, or general contractor to meet with our staking technician. Our staking technician will work with you on a best route, get a tentative plan in place, and get a cost estimate to you.

Once your estimate is paid in full, your meter socket is installed by a licensed electrician and wired to your breaker box, and all of your paperwork is turned in, we will get the staking technician back out to flag the route and get the project ready for installation.

**Pro Tip:** If you are building, take a look at our rebate and incentive page on our website ([dunnenergy.com](http://dunnenergy.com)). There's something there for just about everyone. You can find rebates on HVAC, lighting, appliances, exhaust fans, motors, and water heaters. You can also find incentives for installing renewable energy and electric vehicle chargers.

If you have any questions, feel free to give the office a call or email us at [info@dunnenergy.com](mailto:info@dunnenergy.com).



**CALLING ALL THIRD-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 Dunn Energy Cooperative by **May 31, 2022**, 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 great prizes:

**1st place – Chromebook**  
**2nd place – \$100 Gift Card**  
**3rd place – \$75 Gift Card**

Visit [www.weca.coop](http://www.weca.coop) for details and an entry form.



# Scholarship Recipients Announced!



At Dunn Energy Cooperative we are excited to again award 15 - \$1,000 scholarships to local youth whose parents are members of our cooperative. The quality of all of the applicants was impressive. They each displayed the level of community involvement and achievement it takes to be a success.

Our mission at Dunn Energy is to make a difference one member at a time. We hope that our scholarships make a difference in the lives of the recipients and we challenge them to continue to make a difference throughout their lives.

On behalf of all of our members, we are honored to present \$1,000 scholarships to:

**Oscar Wyss** (John & Angela Wyss) from **Boyceville** is interested in studying at UW-Stevens Point

**Ira Bialzik** (Tina & Aaron Bialzik) from **Boyceville** is interested in studying at UW-Eau Claire

**Taylor Risler** (Randy & Tonya Risler) from **Colfax** is interested in studying at CVTC

**Jillian Bowe** (Jan & Amy Bowe) from **Colfax** is interested in studying at Winona State University

**Madison Barstad** (Josh & Andrea Sarauer) from **Colfax** is interested in studying at Winona State University

**Katherine Loff-Peterson** (John & Linda Loff-Peterson) from **Mondovi** is interested in studying at Michigan Technical University

**Janessa Harschlip** (Joel & Diane Harschlip) from **Mondovi** is interested in studying at CVTC

**Gracen Garlie** (Dave & Maria Garlie) from **Eau Claire** is interested in studying at UW-Madison

**Kallee Rhude** (Pat & Lanette Rhude) from **Elk Mound** is interested in studying at Northcentral Technical College

**Carter Sundeen** (Seth & Susan Sundeen) from **Elk Mound** is interested in studying at UW-Eau Claire

**Lauryn Deetz** (Mike & Michelle Deetz) from **Chippewa Falls** is interested in studying at CVTC or UW-Eau Claire

**Madeline Ellison** (Tera & Jason Ellison) from **Menomonie** is interested in studying at UW-Stout

**Alexzandra Kruschke** (Paul & Dawn Kruschke) from **Menomonie** is interested in studying at CVTC

**Ethan Evans** (Rob & Dawn Evans) from **Mondovi** is interested in studying at UW-La Crosse

**Rachel Kahler** (Jason & Tricia Kahler) from **Mondovi** is interested in studying at CVTC

**Non-traditional Student Scholarship Winner:**  
**Ashley Mayer** is from **Mondovi** and is pursuing a degree in nursing from CVTC



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