



NEWSLETTER
Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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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!



CVEC'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!

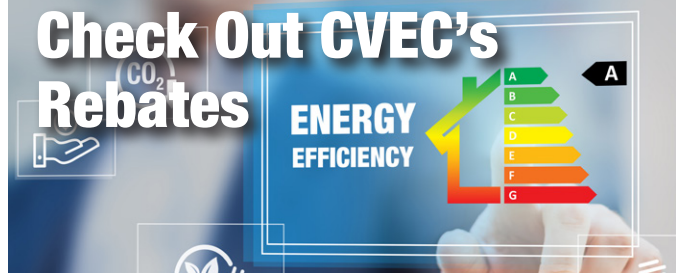
Please come and enjoy a complimentary lunch at
317 South 8th Street (corner of Hwy. 27/64 and South 8th Street),
Cornell, WI

Sorry, no carry-outs.



To all **Dual Fuel** members with **sub-metered 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. When power is not getting to your meter, the co-op gets a report showing there is a failure. Thank you for your cooperation!



Keep in mind that each year CVEC offers members money back for the purchase and installation of qualified energy efficient items. Please go to cvecoop.com to find rebate forms for appliances, heat pumps, water heaters, lighting, and more. You may also call the office at 715.239.6800 for additional information.

CVEC CAN HELP WITH STRAY VOLTAGE CONCERNS

Stray 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

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.