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Survey for another GIVEAWAY

To celebrate the last month of BEC's 80th year, we are doing another fun giveaway in addition to the iPad you could win if you sign up for autopay by December 31, 2020.

This month we will be giving two lucky members a one-time \$80 credit on their January electric bills. To enter please answer and return the below survey by January 4 to PO Box 68, Iron River, WI 54847:



Two winners will be randomly selected January 4, 2021.

When are you most likely to get an electric vehicle?

- ☐ 1-3 Years ☐ 4-6 Years ☐ 7-10 Years ☐ Never
☐

If the answer is never, what are your main reasons?

- ☐ Cost ☐ Reliability
☐ Not enough charging stations ☐ Not interested

Member's Name _____

Service Address _____

Phone Number _____

Account number _____

Return to P.O. Box 68, Iron River, WI 54847

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DAIRYLAND POWER'S ELECTRIC CAR COMES TO TOWN

In October Dairyland Power's electric car (Nissan Leaf) made an appearance at BEC's main office. John McWilliams was the driver and strategically planned his drive up from La Crosse using electric charge only.

John's original route was impacted by a bridge closure on Highway 27, which added 20 miles and 30 minutes to his arrival time from La Crosse to Jump River Electric Cooperative. That 20 miles extra meant another hour of charging at Jump River. Instead of then coming straight here, he headed to a hotel in Ashland. The Leaf had 16% charge and 42 miles of range left when he arrived in Ashland, just enough for the drive from Ashland back to Iron



River. He safely arrived with 4% charge and 10 miles of range left on the Leaf. The Leaf then spent all day recharging at BEC before heading back with charging stops at Barron Electric Cooperative and

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative.

The goal was to do the trip using cooperative electrons and with the help of multiple cooperatives, it was able to happen.



LEFT: Bayfield Electric employees were on hand to greet Dairyland Power Cooperative Senior Innovation Engineer John McWilliams as he drove Dairyland's electric car, the Leaf, on a cross-state journey, stopping at electric cooperatives along the way to recharge.

Right: Bayfield Electric CEO Diane Berweger and McWilliams with the Leaf as it recharges at the co-op.

ALL REBATE PAPERWORK DUE DECEMBER 31

All rebate applications must be submitted to Bayfield Electric Cooperative by December 31, 2020. Rebates may be issued until funds are depleted. Any qualified items purchased after December 31, 2020, will receive the 2021 rebate amount, if available. Please visit our website, www.bayfieldelectric.com, or call our office, 715-372-4287, to learn more.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs, and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.



STAYING SAFE AFTER AN ACCIDENT:

Know what to do around utility equipment

With winter right around the corner, now is the time to revisit accident safety with the drivers in your home. Do you all know what you should do if your vehicle comes in contact with a pad-mount transformer (or “green box”) or other utility equipment or lines?

First, assess the situation. If your car is not smoking or on fire, stay in your vehicle. That is the safest place for you to be while you wait for help, and the utility to de-energize the power lines. Stepping out of your vehicle while touching it at the same time, or trying to walk or run to safety, can cause serious burn injuries or death.

If you are in a multiple-car accident, yell to others (from the safety of your car) to warn them not to leave their vehicle. Also warn those who might stop to help to not approach the scene.

Call 911 to report the accident location and clearly state to the dispatcher that electrical equipment or lines are involved.



License to Live To learn more about what to do you if you should ever find yourself in an accident involving power equipment, watch the short video “License to Live,” a project sponsored by Wisconsin’s electric cooperatives and developed by electric co-op employees and WECA in conjunction with the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange and Safe Electricity. You can view the view at <https://safeelectricity.org/license-to-live/>.

If you see smoke or fire, try to stay calm. Make a clear jump, without holding on to the vehicle, and hop or shuffle (with your feet together) at least 30 feet from the vehicle. Just like any downed power lines, any damaged utility equipment such as pad-mounted transformers or cabinets that house electrical equipment can send electrical current through the pavement or ground.

Walking across the energized ground or touching an energized vehicle and the ground at the same time, a phenomenon known as step potential can occur. Step potential is the voltage difference between the two feet of a person near an energized, grounded object. A person on the ground is subjected to the risk of injury during an electrical fault by simply attempting to move away from the grounding point, in

this case the car in the accident.

DO NOT go near or touch electrical equipment.

DO NOT move a downed wire or broken piece of equipment with your hand or other object.

Keep in mind that there can still be damage to equipment, even if you don’t see anything. Even if metal boxes look intact or appear to have minimal damage, please report the incident to electrical provider. If the impact dislodges the equipment inside the “green box” it is possible the ground could become energized. This makes for a very dangerous situation.

This winter, if you are plowing and accidentally clip a transformer or any other electrical equipment, please make sure to report it to your utility. This helps keep everyone safe.

If you are in an accident involving electrical equipment, stay calm, call 911, stay in your vehicle, and warn others to stay away. If your car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle with both feet together and hop or shuffle at least 30 feet away.

Let’s make it a safe winter season here in Wisconsin!

SAFE DÉCOR FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

It’s almost time to deck those halls! Statistics show that home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months, so keep these holiday lighting tips in mind for a safe holiday season.

Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.



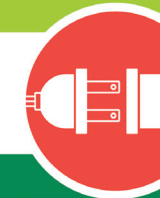
Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.

Never mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord’s insulation.



Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord’s insulation.

Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.



Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International



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BOARD BRIEFS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Director was held on November 5 in the Iron River headquarters building. All directors were present.

- The meeting was called to order by President Mark Santikko at 10:53 a.m.
- A safety message was provided to stay safe while hunting.
- The agenda, expenses, and the minutes of the October 2020 meeting were approved.
- Operations Department Report – 19 new services last month

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Billing date:
December 10, 2020
November usage
Bills due upon receipt
Gross due after
December 30, 2020
Disconnect date:
December 15, 2020

Diane Berweger, CEO


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