



## From Here to There

By Michael Wade,  
President and CEO

As I travel the state, I see numerous cars loaded with camping gear and boats in tow. After the winter we had this year, it's nice for friends and family to get out of the house and enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin summer. It has been a busy summer for the cooperative as well. We see fall fast approaching, so we are working towards completion of several important projects.

We have finished a cost-of-service study to determine how well our rates are performing and if they adequately recover our expenses. In addition, we are updating our rate descriptions and looking for ways to improve our line extension policy. The study has occupied much of our spring and early summer, but we feel it was well worth the time and effort.

As you have seen on your electric bill, our PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) rate has increased. This factor allows us to pass on increases in wholesale power costs. As I mentioned last month, our wholesale power supplier, Alliant Energy, has increased our energy rate due to the impact of EPA regulations and fuel supply constraints. You will continue to see a higher PCA factor as we experience higher-than-normal wholesale power costs.

We have begun the process of performing a detailed analysis of our load management program. As you know, we have several load management programs in place which allow us to reduce our load during peak usage periods. When we are able to lower our peak demand, we lower our

wholesale energy bill, thus providing our members lower energy costs. We want to ensure that these programs maximize peak reductions and thus save our members the most money. We should have the results of this analysis in the fall and will be providing more information to you in the future.

As I reported last month, the EPA has issued a new proposal that would require Wisconsin to reduce carbon emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) by 34 percent by 2030. According to the EPA website, Wisconsin's 2012 emission rate is 1,827 pounds/megawatt hour (lb./MWh). Wisconsin will need to develop a plan to lower its carbon emissions to meet a rate goal of 1,203 lb./MWh. Ac-

ording to the site, Wisconsin's 2012 generation breaks down as follows: 51 percent coal, 18 percent natural gas, and 22 percent nuclear. This leaves approximately 9 percent of generation coming from hydro, wind, biomass, and other miscellaneous fuel sources. Considering the amount of coal generation in the state, achieving a 34 percent reduction will no doubt be a monumental and expensive challenge.

If you have not already done so, please visit the [www.action.coop](http://www.action.coop) and [www.tellepa.com](http://www.tellepa.com) websites to let your voice be heard concerning the new EPA regulations. Together, we can keep the electric energy we all depend on affordable and reliable. ■

### CWEC Helps Set Totem Pole

*Dell Olson, CWEC equipment mechanic; Dennis Magee, CWEC operations coordinator; and Kevin Kurtzweil, CWEC VP of operations helped set a totem pole by the lake at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt on May 31. The pole is 45 feet tall and weighs between 6,000 and 6,500 pounds. To prevent damage to the pole, they had to wrap pieces of carpet around it. It took the crew about three hours to unload and set the pole into the mounting bracket.*





## Can You Help Us Locate These Former Members?

If you know the whereabouts of any of these former members, please contact CWEC's office during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 715-677-2211 or 1-800-377-2932. Unclaimed funds will be forfeited to Wisconsin Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. When you call, please have the member's current address or current telephone number. Thank you.



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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alm, Charles, New Port Richey, FL   | Gomez, Albert, Milwaukee, WI       | Nueske, Marie A, Wittenberg, WI      |
| Anderson, Betty, Canton, MO         | Hackney, WM, Stevens Point, WI     | Osborn, Dwight J, Cumberland, WI     |
| Basham, Sandra, Granger, IN         | Hakola, Gary, Marion, WI           | Ostrowski, Dale A,                   |
| Bayer, Jason, Abbotsford, WI        | Hallisch, Gerald G, Iola, WI       | Casa Grande, AZ                      |
| Blessum Donald A, Apache Jct, AZ    | Harma, Mike, Merrill, WI           | Owen, Calvin, Milwaukee, WI          |
| Borchardt, John C, Iola, WI         | Hawley, Susan, Hatley WI           | Pheifer, Michael, Neenah, WI         |
| Boucher, Ernest J, Green Bay, WI    | Hitz, John, Antigo, WI             | Prochnow, Clifford, Milwaukee, WI    |
| Brown Builders, Tim Brown,          | Hunter, Jodi, Tigerton, WI         | Radtke, Daniel, Bowler, WI           |
| Wausau, WI                          | Jensen, Christopher, Neenah, WI    | Raniere, Theresa M, Chicago, IL      |
| Brown, Joe A, Withee, WI            | Junion, Richard A, Mosinee, WI     | Rather, John, Winneconne, WI         |
| Brunner, Edward, Oshkosh, WI        | Kelbach, Dale, Berlin, WI          | Reissmann, Louise, Mattoon, WI       |
| Brunner, James E, Waupaca, WI       | Krisher, Levi R, Amherst, WI       | Rudzinski, Gerard, Rosholt, WI       |
| Burg, Heinz F, Battle Creek, MI     | Kuklinski, Leo, Stevens Point, WI  | Salentine, Leonard,                  |
| Carmody, Gayle, Homosassa, FL       | Kuklinski, Mike, Mosinee, WI       | Menomonee Falls, WI                  |
| Czerwonka, Blake, Eland, WI         | Lachappelle, Lee, Gresham, WI      | Sekerka, Daniel E, Rosholt, WI       |
| Dalton, Jennifer, Birnamwood, WI    | Lewison, Alfred, Stevens Point, WI | Simonis, Ronald, Mosinee, WI         |
| Dobizl, Patrick, New London, WI     | Lone Acre Club % Labarbera,        | Smith Ed H, Stevens Point, WI        |
| Dudzik, Steven A, Belfair, WA       | Milwaukee, WI                      | Smith, Margaret L., Canton, TX       |
| Enders, Joseph estate, Appleton, WI | Maciejewski, Carolyn, Seaside, OR  | Spiegel, Gary, Marion, WI            |
| Erickson, Susan Z, Appleton, WI     | Malueg, Ronnie, Caroline, WI       | Strean, Steve, Glen Flora, WI        |
| Falkowski, Leona, Wausau, WI        | Marzahl, Shannon, Milton, WI       | Terrio, Kimberly A, Gresham, WI      |
| Felts, Bonnie M, Onawa, IA          | Mason, Melvin J, Grafton, WI       | Tierney, Robert E, JR, La Grange, IL |
| Fietzer, Myrtle, Iola, WI           | Matteson, Brad, Eland, WI          | Tofte, Paul, Cape Coral, FL          |
| Forsberg, Margaret, Shawano, WI     | May, Barry, Stevens Point, WI      | Van Epern, Terry, Kaukauna, WI       |
| Frailing, Donald J, Algonquin, IL   | Mcfaddan, Floyd J, Milwaukee, WI   | Vick, Phyllis, Waukesha, WI          |
| Frey, Andy, Humbird, WI             | Mitchell, Mike, Stevens Point, WI  | Weller, Gustave M, Birnamwood, WI    |
| Gagas, Kenneth, Edgar, WI           | Much, Jim, Mesa, AZ                | Westfahl, Chad, Amherst Jct, WI      |
| Gartner, Henry, Wheeling, IL        | Myers, Kenneth A, Shawano, WI      | Wilhelm, Deborah L, Milwaukee, WI    |
| Germinaro, Andrea, Hatley, WI       | Nawiesniak, Paul, Frederick, MD    | Ziolkowski, Shelley, Hartford, WI ■  |

# Keep Food Cool as Temperatures Heat Up

Summer months are great for grilling. And that means you don't have to use electricity to operate the oven or stove—or cool a hot kitchen. Grilling is a great way to be energy efficient and save, but don't stop with energy efficient cooking methods. Consider how you can conserve and save money while cooling those leftovers after the barbecue. Use these simple tips to keep your food—and your bill—cool this summer:

- **Fill the fridge.** Full refrigerators and freezers don't have to work as hard to cool the warm air that enters when you open the door. If you are busy freezing fresh vegetables from the garden for winter use, this should be easy. If not, use jugs of water or ice bags in the freezer to keep your fridge full and cool.
- **Do some maintenance.** When was the last time you moved your refrigerator away from the wall? Last month? Last year? When the deliveryman put it there? Pull the unit away from the wall and spend a few minutes cleaning the coils. When the coils are clean, the refrigerator cycles on and off less, saving you money.
- **Wait to put the leftovers away.** If those burgers are still hot from the grill, let them cool off a little before you put them in the fridge. Of course, health and safety come first, and you should never consume food that has been sitting out too long, but waiting just a few minutes to put hot food away will mean your



fridge isn't working as hard to cool it down.

- **Check your settings.** You probably don't need to keep your refrigerator and freezer on the coldest settings. Your refrigerator can be set between 36 and 38 degrees, while your freezer can be set anywhere from 0 to 5 degrees.
- **Shut the door.** The more you open the door of your refrigerator and freezer, the more cold air escapes and warm air gets in. Of course you have to open the door to get food in and out, but an organized fridge means less time spent staring at containers of mystery and moving pizza boxes around to dig for that much-coveted piece of lemon icebox pie.

## Other Tips to Help You Save

- Consider getting rid of that extra fridge or freezer in the garage. If you aren't really using it, that old fridge is costing you a few dollars every month to cool a few cans of soda. That adds up. Is it worth it?
- If you do decide to get rid of the fridge in your garage, or if it's time to replace the one in your home, don't just leave it at the dump. There are recycling programs that help you get rid of your old refrigerator responsibly. We are pleased to offer a rebate of up to \$25 to help with the disposal or recycling of your old refrigerator or freezer. For more information call CWEC or go to our website at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com). Some retailers will take your old appliance and make sure the materials in it will be reused or properly disposed of, and many cities will pick up large appliances as well.
- Visit [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) before making a purchase. Their refrigerator retirement savings calculator can be a big help, and their advice can help you determine the best, most efficient appliance for you.—April Lollar, APR Coast Electric Power Association ■



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## IT Technician Hired at Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op

Larry Hull started working at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative on May 29 as our IT technician. He has been busy learning about the employees who work at CWEC and what their primary responsibilities are to help him understand their various needs, so he can assist employees in doing their jobs more efficiently.

Larry comes to CWEC with more than 20 years of experience in a variety



of different IT positions at different companies, going back to the days of DOS. Prior to that he worked in the hospitality industry in management. His primary schooling was with the University of Wisconsin–Stout, and once he is more settled in at CWEC, he would like to pursue online courses, as the IT field is always changing.

A native of Wisconsin and the Bowler/Wittenberg area, Larry likes

to do anything that gets him outdoors as well as mechanical things in the automotive field. In the fall of 1999 he bought a home in the CWEC service area, so he is a very proud member and employee of CWEC.

He states, “CWEC fits both my professional and personal goals. I enjoy and take great pride in being able to help everyone in any way I can, and I am quite proud of CWEC and all that it does for the communities it serves.”

Welcome to Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, Larry! ■

## Dates to Remember in August

### 46th Annual Scandinavia Corn Roast Weekend

August 1–3

Music, food, rides, softball tournament, chainsaw wood sculpting, truck pull, tractor pull, and more. Parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Free corn Sunday only, starts at 11 a.m. Ellison Memorial Park, Scandinavia. Sponsored by the Scandinavia Booster Club. For more information call 715-467-281-3127 or go to [www.cornroast.net](http://www.cornroast.net).

### Blue Ribbon School Concert on the Green

August 2

School tours start at 3 p.m., concert at 6 p.m., Cody Clauson Trio performing. N2904 Split Rock Rd, Tigerton. No admission, but donations accepted. Bring a lawn chair, food available. In case of rain concert will be moved to the barn next door.

### Wausau Area Youth Symphony Concert

August 3

2 p.m. in the WOWSPACE 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. This group returns for a free concert of classical music. This concert series is funded by donations/grants from the Lions Club, the Town of Wittenberg, Karen Traut, the Village of Wittenberg, and the Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 715-253-3525.

### St. Adalbert Parish Picnic

August 3

Outdoor Polka Mass 10 a.m., all-you-can-eat family-style dinner 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Cynor Classics Polka Band noon–3:30 p.m., Hauser’s Hot Shots 3:30 p.m.–8 p.m. Raffles, bingo, country store, kids games, and more. Rain or shine. Rosholt.

### Iola Thursday Night on Main

August 7

Dekorra performing, bluegrass, country, and swing, 6–8 p.m. Downtown Iola. Live music, food, raffle tickets, farmers market, and more.

### Iola Thursday Night on Main

August 14

Reverend Raymond and the Chain Smoking Alter Boys performing, bluegrass, rock, and jazz 6–8 p.m. Downtown Iola. Live music, food, raffle tickets, farmers market, and more.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Iola Vintage Military Show with Vintage Tractors and Equipment “featuring plows”

August 9–10

Military vehicles, equipment, tractors, machines and professional vehicle exhibit, gun show, battle re-enactments, swap meet, speakers, camping, and parade of vehicles. Iola. For more information call 715-445-4005 or go to [www.iolavms.com](http://www.iolavms.com).

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Drive your Tractor to Church”

August 10

North New Hope & Faith Lutheran Churches invite all to New Hope Church, Junction Hwy. T and MM or 845 Hwy. T North. 8 a.m. early bird tractor parking and registration, 9:30 a.m. music, 10 a.m. outdoor church service, 11 a.m. auction, noon pig roast picnic lunch, 1 p.m. hay wagon rides and tractor displays. Bring lawn chairs.

### Iola Thursday Night on Main – Comedy & Corks

August 21

Comedy City performers and winetasting with Lil Ole Winemakers, 6–8 p.m. Must be 21 or older to attend. The Millstone, Iola.

### Walls of Wittenberg Third Thursday Concert – The Old Lager Orchestra

August 21

7–9 p.m. at the Village Bandshell. No admission, but donations accepted. Bring a picnic lunch and lawn chair; free ice cream at intermission. If rain, will move to the WOW SPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525.

### Tigerton Lumberjack Days

August 23–24

Saturday–corn roast, music & bike-give away, Strong-man contest. Sunday–parade at 1 p.m., log-sawing contest. Bingo both days; lots of food and pies. Tigerton Community Park, Tigerton. For more information call 715-535-3300.

To submit your community events email [brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com](mailto:brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com) or call Brenda at 715-677-2211.