



From Here to There

By Michael Wade,
President and CEO

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our 76th Annual Meeting at the Rosholt High School. We enjoyed visiting with each of you and hope that you enjoyed the business meeting as well as the entertainment and door prizes. We have discussed a few improvements we would like to make next year, so we hope you can join us again in 2015. We were very pleased to have several of our state legislators with us at the meeting. We were joined by Representatives Kevin Petersen, Katrina Shankland, and Mandy Wright. They were each very supportive of co-op issues during the last legislative session, and we were glad they were able to join us at our annual meeting.

Our spring construction schedule is under way and we are beginning our annual vegetation management program. Our vegetation clearing contractor crews will soon be traveling our rights-of-way performing much-needed tree trimming and chemical spraying of the underbrush. This is an extremely important part of our effort to provide reliable and safe electric service, and we appreciate your continued support of this program.

We will soon be adding a tracked digger derrick

with basket to our fleet of vehicles. We tried out two different units during the winter to gain experience and they proved invaluable to getting into hard-to-reach areas in deep snow. Not only are they able to access snow-filled rights-of-way, but they can equally maneuver in sloppy or wet terrain as well. The new tracked unit will be a welcome addition to our fleet.

We are beginning two important research projects this summer involving renewable energy and youth education. We have formed committees of directors and employees that will evaluate the benefits of a renewable energy program that our members can participate in. In addition, a committee has been assigned the task of evaluating our youth education programs to ensure we are reaching as many of our youth as we can. Because they are our future, we want to educate them on the benefits of the cooperative business model as well as develop young leaders that will lead our communities in the future.

Enjoy your spring! ■

Statement of Election Results—2014

	<u>Votes Cast</u>	<u>Terms of Service</u>
District No. 1:		
Tom W. Smith	225	3 years
District No. 3:		
Sue Rombalski	284	3 years
Director At Large		
Ron Onesti	569	3 years

Certification of the Canvassers

We, the undersigned, certify that we have canvassed the ballots for the Board of Directors, for the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's election for 2014. The canvass occurred on April 4, 2014. We certify that the above tabulations and statement of votes cast and election results are correct and true, to the best of our abilities, as compiled from the original returns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, we have set our signatures hereto on the date signed:

April 4, 2014

Bruce J. Meagher
Bruce J. Meagher,
Attorney at Law/Canvasser

April 5, 2013

Anthony Cisewski
Anthony Cisewski, Canvasser



Kevin Peterson, 40th Assembly District State Representative and Tom Smith, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Board Member discuss some of the issues that co-ops are facing.



Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op Receives Tree Line USA Award

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative a Tree Line USA Utility for the sixth year in recognition of the co-op's national leadership in caring for trees while meeting service objectives. The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters select public and private utilities from across the nation that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests.

Tree and utility service lines are integral components of every community. By necessity, they must co-exist in close proximity, and each in its own way is essential to our high standard of living.

"Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is extremely honored and proud to receive this award for the sixth year. We are committed to providing dependable electricity and preserving the beauty of our countryside," said co-op Vice President Mark Forseth.

To learn more, visit www.cwecoop.com. ■



Don Kissinger, Wisconsin DNR urban & community forestry coordinator, presents the award to Mark Forseth, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative VP of marketing; Mike Wade, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative president & CEO; and Kevin Kurtzweil, VP of operations.

Dates to Remember in June

Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers' Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, June 1 • 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Waupaca County Fairgrounds, rain or shine. For more information contact Greg Blonde at 715-258-6230 ext. 12 or greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu.

Tigerton Rummage O'Rama Village Wide Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 7 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

For more information call 715-535-2110.

Manawa City-Wide Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 7

For more information call 920-596-2531.

FREE Fishing Weekend

Saturday, June 7–Sunday, June 8

Throughout the state of Wisconsin

Bring Your Tractor to Church Day

Sunday, June 1

Fun starts at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m., dinner immediately after the service. Hitterdahl Lutheran Church, N8808 Hwy J, Iola. 50/50 raffle and ham dinner, prizes for the tractors. For more information contact Don Faldet at 715-445-2943 or Steve Olson at 715-445-2930.

Rosholt High School Graduation

Sunday, June 1 • 2 p.m.

1st Annual Hitterdahl Church Motorcycle Blessing

Saturday, June 7

Ride to church begins at 10:30 a.m. at Rosholt Cycle, 207 Main St., Rosholt. Blessing at Hitterdahl Church at 1:30 p.m. No need to participate in the ride to receive the blessing. First 300 receive commemorative pin. There is no cost, but donations to the church are appreciated.

Rosholt Fire District Steak Fry

Saturday, June 14

Prizes and raffles. All proceeds go to the firefighter equipment fund. Rosholt Fair Park.

Walls of Wittenberg Presents: "Emerging Talents"

Exhibit of art by Wittenberg and Birnamwood students, K–12. Show opens 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Reception for students and families June 15 in the WOWSPACE after Wittenberg Days parade. Show continues Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., through July 6. WOWSPACE 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525 or visit www.wallofwwittenberg.com.

Flag Day • Saturday, June 14

25th Annual Strawberry Fest Train Show

Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday, June 22, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Waupaca Recreation Center. For more information call 715-824-2045 or visit www.wamrltd.com. Sponsored by the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders.

Strawberry Fest

Saturday, June 21 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Downtown Waupaca. Art/craft fair, strawberry shortcake, children's costume contest, live entertainment, food. For more information call 888-417-4040 or email discoverwaupaca@waupacaareachamber.com.

Walls of Wittenberg Third Thursday Concert in the Art Park

7 p.m.–9 p.m. in the Art Park. Burnt Toast and Jam return with their unique brand of blue grass music. Free, and free ice cream! In case of bad weather, the concert will move into the WOWSPACE. Donations welcome. For more information call 715-253-3525.

Midwest Renewable Energy Association Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair

Friday, June 20–Sunday, June 22. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Custer. For more information call 715-592-6595 or visit www.midwestrenew.org.

Father's Day • Sunday, June 15

Walls of Wittenberg 9th Annual Golf Outing/Fundraiser

Saturday, June 21 • Wittenberg
18 hole, 4 person scramble at Maple Hills Golf Course. Many prizes and raffles. \$75/person or \$300/team, payable in advance; fee includes golf and cart, lunch and dinner. Non-golfers welcome to join for dinner and raffle drawings, \$20/person. For more information call 715-253-2448 or visit www.wallofwwittenberg.com.

30th Annual Strawberry Fest

Sunday, June 22 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. First place \$500, cash prize and many other prizes. Iola Historical Society. For more information call 715-445-IOLA (4652) or visit www.iolahistoricalociety.org.

To submit your community events email brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com or call 715-677-2211.

CWEC Celebrates 76th Annual Meeting

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative celebrated its 76th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 5, with more than 200 members. The meeting, held at the Rosholt High School, started with donuts and coffee at 9 a.m. The business meeting began at 10 a.m. with President and CEO Mike Wade and Board Chairman Tony Buss presiding. Among the items on the agenda were the financial report, election of board positions, and a report on the overall state of the co-op.

Two directors and a director at large were re-elected to the board: Tom Smith, District 1; Sue Rombalski, District 3; and Ron Onesti, director at large.

The featured speaker was Sawyer Hintz, an Amherst High School senior, who was the Wisconsin representative

at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Sawyer represented CWEC at Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) 2012, served on the YLC 2013 board, and attended the NRECA Youth Leadership Council Tour held in Washington, D.C., in July 2013.

Area food pantries are thankful for the nearly 250 items of food donated by CWEC members at the annual meeting food drive. The food drive also helped to promote the many benefits of switching from standard incandescent lighting to CFLs; each person who donated three or more items to the food drive was given a CFL bulb.

Door prize winners were Robert Buss, Michelle Raddatz, Gene and

Rose Mancel, Fay Rosenow, Daniel and Anna Charneski, Betty Kohn, Carol Lehman, Ted and Pat Cychosz, Roger Gill, Jim and JoAnn Fischer, Neil Koepke, Glen and Delores Wiza, Gerald Jakubek, Verlyn Hanson, Greg and Sue Hintz, Ralph Moegenburg, Ron Yenter, Wesley Bowers, Steve Toboyek, Geraldine Bembenek, Joyce Filtz, Elaine Erickson, Harold and Cecelia Dais, Tom and Sandy Wiza, and Grand Prize Winners Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cherek, who won a 42-inch flat-screen TV.

After the official meeting concluded, Willie & Company provided entertainment. Peggy Miller, ventriloquist, along with her sidekick, Willie, sang songs, told jokes, and entertained the audience. Lunch was served after the entertainment. ■





Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative would like to thank the following vendors for their generous door prize donations to the 2014 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting:

- AJ Construction of Wisconsin
- Asplundh Tree Expert Co
- ATC
- CallNet Center Services
- Clearspring Energy Advisors
- Damage Prevention Services
- Dependable Service Hydraulics
- EIR Testing & Maintenance Co
- Lancaster & Associates Inc
- NISC
- Office Supplies 2 U
- RESCO
- Schierl Tire
- Stuart C Irby Co
- Terra-Therm Inc
- The Benefit Works
- Utility Sales & Services



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