



Special points of interest:

- CWEC office closed Monday, May 29, 2017 to observe Memorial Day

• Facebook-become a friend of CWEC on Facebook – Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative



- Follow CWEC on Twitter



• SmartHub – CWEC has an on-line payment option. To access SmartHub go to www.cwecoop.com and click on the Pay Bill Option button on the home page.



- MainStreet Messenger Medical Alert Systems for more details call 715-677-2211 or 1-800-377-2932
- Visit us at www.cwecoop.com



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

You are invited to Your Cooperative's 79TH ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

NEW LOCATION!

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
400 W. GRAND ST., WITTENBERG, WI 54499

Registration begins at 9:00am • socialize over coffee and rolls

- Various informational displays
- Food Pantry Collection
Bring three or more on-perishable food items and receive a FREE LED bulb (limit 3 per family)
- Entertainment by the Bowler High School Band at 10:00am
- Business Meeting at 10:30am
- Lunch will be served after the business meeting
- Attendance gifts
- Numerous door prizes, including a grand prize big screen TV. Winners need to be present.

Don't Forget to Vote!

District 1 and 3 candidate and Director at Large candidate ballots and bios mail on Friday, March 17, 2017. Your completed ballot needs to be returned by Friday, April 7, 2017.

2016 Annual Report

Your 2016 Annual Report will be in the April Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News. Please bring the bottom slip along to the Annual Meeting and be entered for a chance to win a \$50 electric credit.

Scholarships Available

Once again, scholarships will be available to college, vocational, and technical school bound students through the CWEC Operation Round Up program. Both traditional and nontraditional students are encouraged to apply. To be eligible, either the student or parents must have their primary residence located on CWEC lines and participate in Operation Round Up. Applications and guidelines are available from your high school guidance counselor, online at www.cwecoop.com (Member Services Section) or by contacting Brenda Mazemke at 715-677-2211 or by email at brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com.

The deadline for returning completed applications is Monday, April 3, 2017. Please mail your completed scholarship application to the address below, or drop it off in person at the CWEC office in Rosholt.

CWEC • Attn: Scholarship Program
PO Box 100 • Rosholt, WI 54473

Thank a Lineman!

April 10 is National Lineman Appreciation Day! Help us honor the men and women who power our lives. Rain or shine, our linemen work around the clock to do one thing: Keep the lights on!



Thank you- Gabriel Pospyhalla, Quinton Zdroik, Richard Lashua, Chris Tuszke, Mackenzie Yarbrough, John Bestul, and Dell Olson.
(missing Jason Walter)

“Life in Rural Wisconsin”

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is holding our annual photo contest for members' photos to be featured in our 2018 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.



- Photos must be taken within the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative service area.
- Photos should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, people, etc.).
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.

Contest will run from April 1, 2017 until August 25, 2017; however, submitted photos can be taken outside of this date range.

Photo Contest Entry Options:

- Email: Brenda Mazemke brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com.
- Mail: PO Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473. (photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size)
- Drop Off: Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Office - 10401 Lystul Road, Rosholt. (photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size)

For a complete set of rules as well as entry forms and photo release forms, visit our website, www.cwecoop.com.

Toys for Tots Drive Helps Area Kids



Christmas was made a little brighter for more than 700 area kids thanks to the generosity of many of you and with the help from the local businesses and organizations. Each year, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative partners with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to coordinate a Toys for Tots campaign. The toys were given to children in the Tigerton, Bowler, Wittenberg, Birnamwood, Rosholt, Manawa, Iola, and Scandinavia areas. In addition, this year we helped children through area churches, food pantries, and Waupaca County Health and Human Services. We would like to thank all of those who made this year's program a huge success and helped put a smile on a child's face for Christmas. Thank you to all of the collection sites.



UAW Local 2020 at Donaldson Co “elves”

Be Prepared for Spring Storms

Lightning from thunderstorms kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes, according to the American Red Cross. As spring arrives, make sure you're prepared to handle storms that come with the changing season. Follow these tips from the Red Cross to stay safe.

Stay away from down power lines. Electricity could still be flowing through them. Report them to Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative at 1-800-377-2932 immediately.

Hear thunder? Head inside. If you can hear it, you could be in danger from lightning. Stay indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder—a recommendation from the National Weather Service. If you're outside and can't seek shelter indoors, avoid high ground, water, tall isolated trees, and metal objects like bleachers or fences.

Unplug your electronics. Avoid using electrical items and telephones, which can carry power surges. Keep a battery-powered TV or radio on hand for weather updates.

Delay outdoor activities. If conditions are right for a thunderstorm, postpone the baseball game and stay inside—it doesn't have to be raining for lightning to strike.

Assemble an emergency preparedness kit with

- Water—one gallon per person, per day;
- Non-perishable food;
- Flashlight;
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (preferably NOAA weather radio) and extra batteries;
- First-aid kit;
- Seven-day medicine supply;
- Copies of personal documents;
- Cell phone with chargers;
- Emergency contact information; and
- Cash.

Source: American Red Cross

Diggers Hotline

Diggers Hotline is a free service that locates buried lines. Call at least three working days before you start digging. Call 811 before you dig. It's the law.



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Electric Line

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