



**Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative**  
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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President & CEO

## FROM HERE TO THERE

About a month ago, I began to notice a few leaves changing color. The fall transformation is slow at the beginning, but it picks

up speed and becomes a race. Without a doubt, my favorite season of the year is fall. I love the cool temperatures and the beautiful fall colors. Having lived in Wisconsin for three years, I greatly appreciate a warm summer, but I am thankful that fall has arrived. Now if I can only find my leaf rake.

The board of directors is finalizing adjustments to our electric rates and we are expecting to have these approved at our September board meeting. We will be increasing facility charges, dropping several rates that have low participation, and moving our power cost adjustment back to zero. These changes are necessary to keep our cooperative financially

healthy and will be described in next month's magazine.

Thanks go out to all of our members who have weathered the many summer storms we experienced. It seems that we were particularly hit hard with widespread wind storms that caused outages due to falling limbs and trees. Your patience was appreciated as our linemen and operations employees worked diligently and carefully to restore power in a safe and efficient manner.



### CO-OP MONTH 2016

National Cooperative Month is observed in October by more than 29,000 cooperatives nationwide. It is a time to celebrate the advantages of the cooperative business model and recognize the many benefits cooperatives bring to their

members and communities. Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is proud to be a part of the cooperative family, and we strive to adhere to the seven cooperative principals:

- 1) Voluntary and Open Membership
- 2) Democratic Member Control
- 3) Members' Economic Participation
- 4) Autonomy And Independence
- 5) Education, Training and Information
- 6) Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 7) Concern For Community

October is also a time to show our appreciation to our members at our annual Member Appreciation Breakfast. The pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 29, beginning at 8 a.m. The directors and staff of CWEC want to extend our thanks and appreciation for allowing us to provide electric service to you and be an integral part of the communities in which we serve. Come join us!

MY CO-OP

## COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY



Far left: Clifford Kessen, Operation Round Up board member, presents a check to Virginia Kaufman from the Tigerton Main Street program. They are raising money to help pay for their new Christmas street lights.

Left: Operation Round Up board member Marlene Wepner is presenting a check to Dan Kaptiz from the Wittenberg Area Baseball Association. They are raising money for the Wittenberg Area Ballfield Renovation Fund.



# Teens Discover the Cooperative Difference at YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative had the pleasure of sponsoring six area high school students at the 2016 WECA Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) held July 13–15 at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls campus. The Youth Leadership Congress is co-sponsored by UW–River Falls and Wisconsin’s electric cooperatives. This year’s teens were from four area high schools: Ethan Michalowski, Little Wolf (Manawa) High School; Sydney Hintz, Amherst High School; Ryan Konkell, Rosholt High School; Angela Gauerke

and Abigail Briquetlet, Iola-Scandinavia High School.

This summer, YLC celebrated 53 years! More than 125 high school students from across Wisconsin participated in this year’s three-day event. The congress offers attendees the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and learn a little about cooperatives. Through a mix of workshop sessions, hands-on activities, and team-building exercises, students were exposed to a variety of real-life issues and given the opportunity to

identify and explore their leadership potential. In addition to the hands-on workshops, nationally recognized speakers motivated attendees and gave them skills and ideas to bring back to their communities and schools as strong leaders.

Craig Hillier returned with his high-energy “Breakthrough” program. At the banquet, students learned the fine points of formal dinner etiquette. Featured speaker Jill Ann Anderson, speaker, trainer, and coach, gave her leadership presentation “Falling Forward: Turning Mistakes Into Stepping Stones for Success” to close the program on Friday.

Although the program is very educational, the focus is on having fun. It’s an excellent way for students to make new friends from around the state and in the process make lasting memories.

The entire program is planned, and in many cases presented, by a Youth Board selected by their peers. The Youth Board selected this year, plans next year’s congress. We are proud to announce that Ethan Michalowski was chosen by his peers to be on the 2016–2017 YLC board. In addition, Ethan will be representing CWEC and his school next June in Washington, D.C., with other high school students from throughout the United States representing their co-ops. Congratulations, Ethan!



All dressed up for the etiquette dinner—Ryan Konkell, Rosholt High School; Sydney Hintz, Amherst High School; Angela Gauerke and Abigail Briquetlet, Iola-Scandinavia High School; and Ethan Michalowski, Little Wolf (Manawa) High School. At the top: Students participate in one of the many team-building activities at Youth Leadership Congress.



## Here is what some of the kids had to say about their Youth Leadership experience:

I would love to thank you for sponsoring me this year to go to the Youth Leadership Congress. I had a blast and it was an amazing experience! I met so many people and learned a lot about cooperatives and of course leadership. I learned what a cooperative was and how they work. I learned how cooperatives started and why. I learned that cooperatives are there to help people and that they truly do want to help. I learned a lot about myself and what kind of person I was. I worked a lot on my leadership and I tried being a fun and exciting person. I met new people and made a ton of new awesome friends. I just wish the congress was longer! Thank you very much!

*Ryan Konkel, Rosholt High School*

First off, I would like to thank you for providing me with an excellent opportunity to grow as a leader and to become more knowledgeable on the topic of cooperatives through the Youth Leadership Congress. Thanks not only for providing me the opportunity, but for sponsoring me as well! I will say, although I may have been overwhelmed the first day, I learned an enormous amount of information about co-ops. One of the very first things I learned was that there are seven principles relating to co-ops. If I had to choose one word to remember what co-ops are all about, it would be 'community'. This makes sense to me because co-ops are so involved with their community. After all, they are locally owned and controlled.

*Angela Gauerke, Iola-Scandinavia High School*

Thank you for sponsoring me to attend the Youth Leadership Congress at UW-River Falls. I had such an amazing time there. I was able to make some amazing new friendships, and this camp helped me to open up more and really put myself out there. I was even elected to the Youth Board and I get the privilege of planning the next Youth Congress. But perhaps the most important part of camp, as well as my favorite part, was being able to learn so much about cooperatives. I went into this camp not even knowing what a co-op was or what they did, and I left bursting with knowledge and excitement to be part of such a wonderful organization. I learned what co-ops did, how they did it, and even the history of the first co-op. Throughout all this learning I was connecting, bonding, and making everlasting friendships, and it is all thanks to you. Without your sponsorship I never would have been able to attend this camp and experience all that I did.

*Ethan Michalowski, Little Wolf High School*

# Member Appreciation PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 29



Serving 8–11 a.m.  
CWEC Office in Rosholt, 10401 Lystul Road



Help us Kick off our  
Toys for Tots and Stuff  
the Cart! Back to School  
Supplies Drives

Attendance Gifts • Bucket Rides • Bounce House • Costume Contest for Kids • Free Blood-Pressure Screening • Petting Zoo



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

### Caroline Lions Colorama 28th Annual Fall Trail Ride

**September 29, 30, October 1, 2**  
World's largest trail ride, food, music, wagon rides, tournaments, auction, and raffle drawing. Huge parade on Sunday at 1 p.m. Caroline. For more information go to [www.carolinelionscolorama.com](http://www.carolinelionscolorama.com).



### 7th Annual Lost Arts and Taste of Norway Saturday, October 1

Food, crafts, demonstrations, kids fun run, games, miniature ponies and goats, horse-drawn wagon rides, classic tractors on display, and tours of the Iola Historical Society. Iola Historical Village, 210 Depot Street, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Iola. For more information go to [www.iolahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.iolahistoricalsociety.org).

### Hidden Studios Art Tour – Art Along the Ice Age Trail September 30–October 2

Visit eight studios, showcasing 20 artists. A tour of working studios in Central Wisconsin. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday. Free, self-guided. Explore winding roads, quaint communities, and fine art while discovering the Hidden Studios. For more information go to [www.hiddenstudiosarttour.com](http://www.hiddenstudiosarttour.com).

### Potato Pancake Dinner Sunday, October 2

Serving homemade pies 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Tilleda Community Center. Sponsored by Tilleda Peace Lutheran Church, Tilleda. For more information call 715-851-5520.

### 10th Annual Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce Craft & Gift Fair Saturday, October 1



Held in conjunction with Lost Arts and Taste of Norway at the Iola Historical Village, 210 Depot Street, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Iola. For vendor information call Mary at 715-445-4005. For more information go to [www.ischamber.com](http://www.ischamber.com) or on Facebook (Iola-Scandinavia Chamber/Hometown).

### Our Saviors Lutheran Church Annual Fall Luncheon Wednesday, October 5

11 a.m.–1 p.m., \$8 adult, \$3 children age 3–12, under 3 free. Hot and cold dishes, cookies and bars, coffee and lemonade. To-go containers available. Our Saviors Lutheran Church dining room, Iola. Sponsored by the Women of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. For more information call Pat at 715-445-2964.



### Hitterdahl Pancake Supper Saturday, October 8

4–7 p.m. Featuring potato and buttermilk pancakes N8808 Country Rd J, Iola. For more information call 715-445-2387.

### St. Joseph Parish Harvest Dinner Sunday, October 9

9 a.m. Mass, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. family-style dinner. Doors open at 8 a.m., soup sales begin after mass, polka music by Smokey Express, and cash raffle. Galloway.

### 2016 Inaugural Symco Dasheree Saturday, October 15

4 p.m. On the Historic Union Threshere Grounds in Symco. Non-competitive, fun 5K run/walk. To register email [symcodasheree@gmail.com](mailto:symcodasheree@gmail.com) or call 920-596-3310. All proceeds donated to the Manawa Area Veterans Freedom Park.

### Lutefisk Supper and Norwegian Bake and Craft Sale Saturday, October 15

Serving 12:30–6:30 p.m. Traditional Norwegian supper. Northland Lutheran Church, Northland. For more information call 715-445-2956.

### CWEC Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 29



Serving 8–11 a.m. Door prizes, costume contest prizes for the kids, exhibits, bucket rides, bounce house, petting zoo. Free blood-pressure screening. Toys for Tots and Stuff the Cart School Supplies Drive. Main office in Rosholt, 10401 Lystul Road. For more information or directions call 715-677-2211.



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


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