

April 2023

ALMOST 250 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTEND CWEC ANNUAL MEETING

The 85th Annual Meeting for Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) was held April 13 at Rosholt High School. There were 243 members and guests in attendance, which was an increase over the previous year.

Members in attendance voted in favor of a bylaw amendment that will simplify the voting procedures for uncontested board of director elections. Prior to the change, ballots



needed to be mailed to members for all board of director elections, even if the elections were uncontested. The bylaw change now allows members to elect directors in uncontested elections by a unanimous consent or voice vote at the annual meeting. This will save the co-op money as it will eliminated the costs to print and mail ballots.

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CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, it's time to get moving on the yard work that needs to be done. Some of this yard work may include the need for digging on your property. If that is the case, property owners need to take proper safety steps.

The first step to ensure safe digging is to call Diggers Hotline at 811. Diggers Hotline is a free service that must be used if you plan on doing any kind of digging in order to avoid damaging underground lines. A property owner must call Diggers Hotline at least three working days before they start digging.

Wisconsin Statute 182.0175 requires that property owners notify Diggers Hotline before they excavate, grade, trench, dig, drill, augur, tunnel, scrape, plow cable or pipe.



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PREPARING TO SERVE YOU BETTER

Providing reliable power to you is and will always be top priority for Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative. These days, power reliability seems to be making news now more than ever.

As the energy industry continues to transition and more segments of the economy are becoming electrified, such as vehicles, machinery and even lawn equipment, additional pressures are being placed on our nation's electric grid.

With summer storm season



approaching, we thought it would be a good time to tell you about a few measures we're taking to ensure you continue receiving the reliable power you depend on and deserve.

Let us be the first to say we love trees and the charm they add to our communities, and we know you do too. While trees provide shade and add beauty to our area, you may be surprised to learn that overgrown vegetation accounts for about half of all power outages.

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ENERGY-SAVING PROJECTS FOR THE WEEKEND WARRIOR

Are you a weekend warrior? If you're considering home improvement upgrades that save energy *and* money, we've got a few project ideas for you--all of which can be completed in a day or less!

Here are three energy-saving projects that you can easily tackle whether you're a weekend warrior pro or a DIY dabbler.

Get smart about home cooling and heating

Cooling and heating your home typically account for a large portion of energy bills. Smart



thermostats can help keep your cooling and heating costs in check, with ENERGY STAR®-certified models saving about 8% on annual energy costs.

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UNDERGROUND LINE INSPECTIONS BEGIN

To help ensure the integrity of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's (CWEC) electric system, inspections of its underground powerline system were scheduled to begin April 18. Once started, it will take about 3-4 weeks to complete the inspections.

CWEC has contracted with Karcz Utility Services, LLC to perform the inspections. If part of the



system to be inspected is in the yard of a CWEC member, a representative from Karcz Utility Services will knock on the member's residence door, identify themselves, and state the reason for being there.

The inspections will take place in areas serviced by Dewey Substation Feeders #1 & 2 and Groenier Substation Feeders #1 and #2. Townships included in the Dewey Feeder #1 & #2 area include: Eau Pleine, Dewey, Knowlton, Bevent, and Hull. Townships included in the Groenier Feeders #1 and #2 area include: Bevent, Franzen, Reid, Elderon, Alban, Stockton, and Sharon.

CALLING ALL THIRD-GRADERS:

You're invited to participate in Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

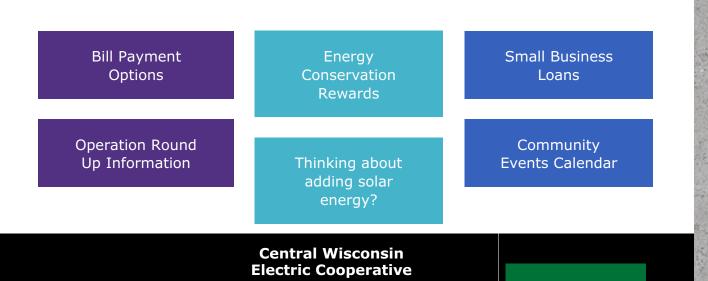
Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to your local electric cooperative by **May 31, 2023**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card**! The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

1st place – Chromebook 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card 3rd place – \$75 Gift Card

Visit www.weca.coop for details and an entry form.

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) will also offer a \$25 check to one local winner, a \$15 check to a local second place poster, and a \$10 check to a local third place poster. Registration forms and eligibility details can also be found on the CWEC website at www.cwecoop.com under the "News" tab.

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