



HAPPY NOVEMBER, EVERYONE!



**Central Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



**Lila Shower,
President & CEO**

I love celebrating Thanksgiving. It's a holiday where you don't have to purchase presents for anyone—you just get to sit back, eat food, and watch parades and football. And if it is your thing, maybe get in a great day of shopping on “Black Friday.”

It is also a time in my family when we talk about deer hunting. We strategize with our hunting buddies the night before opening day. We stay up too late and then we are up too early the next morning to get out to our stands before the sun is up. We may even end up dozing off a bit in the warm morning sun after getting settled in. Too often, every sound in the woods is, “A trophy buck heading my way” when in reality, it is just a noisy squirrel or a fleeing rabbit. There are so many fun things about growing up in rural Wisconsin, so please remember to stay safe out there this hunting season!

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At the September CWEC Board of Directors meeting, the directors approved the retirement of capital credits in the amount of \$275,000. Capital credits are the margins distributed to the members of the CWEC based on their energy purchases from the cooperative in previous years. The capital credit retirement this year will be made by applying 70% of the retirement to the oldest year on record and 30% of the retirement to more recent years. This

method provides a fair retirement rotation and allows us to clear older years off the books. Giving back all profits the cooperative makes is one of the best things about being a co-op member.

One of the most beneficial and rewarding community service programs we participate in is the Toys for Tots program. Your generous donation of toys has put smiles on the faces of thousands of children since the program began. With Christmas just around the corner, our Toys for Tots campaign has begun. See page 17 for a list of Toys

for Tots donation drop locations in area communities. These toys will find their way into the hands of deserving children in our area. Thank you for continuing to support our local families.

I wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The holiday season is upon us, and that means we'll be using more energy in the kitchen. When possible, cook with smaller countertop appliances instead of the stovetop or oven. Smaller appliances like slow cookers, air fryers, and Instant Pots consume less energy.

When using the oven or stovetop, match the size of the pot to the heating element and place a lid over the pot while cooking. The food will cook faster, and you'll use less energy.

Source: Dept. of Energy



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The August regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held on August 23, 2023 at 7:50 a.m. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting, new and terminated memberships, monthly safety and compliance report, and estate capital credit retirements were approved.

Action Items

- Monthly Financial Statements and Reports were approved. Finance Committee reviewed checks written and the board, CEO and employee expenses.
- The board approved the following as presented from the Governance Committee's meeting.
 - DGA rate approval – The new rate has been recommended for board approval.

- DGCOM rate approval – the new rate has been recommended for board approval.
- c. The board approved the change to the DG Policy.

Operations – Kevin Kurtzweil reported on his submitted report.

Accounting and Finance – Stacy Claussen reported we currently have six members still disconnected from our last round of disconnects. The first 178 new AMI meters have been installed with more gateways and relays to be installed shortly. The software is working nicely.

Member Relations – Brenda Mazemke reported we currently have 84 entries in our photo contest; this is up from a total of 52 last year. We currently have 14 vendors so far for the Member Appreciation Breakfast. Nueske Meats is celebrating 90 years with an event on September 16, 2023.

President & CEO Report – Lila Shower reviewed her submitted CEO report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

CO-OP RETIRES \$275,000 IN CAPITAL CREDITS

WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS?

One of the benefits of being a member of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) is that members are eligible to receive capital credits, which represent your ownership in CWECC.

Unlike investor-owned utilities that maximize profits to pay dividends to shareholders, CWECC, which is a not-for-profit electric cooperative, provides our members with “at cost” electric service. We do not exist to earn a profit.

When each year’s finances are audited and closed out, the remaining profit or margins are allocated to the members based on the amount each member paid for electricity during the year in the form of capital credits. These capital credits are used by the co-op to help build and maintain the CWECC electric system. When the co-op’s finances permit, the Board of Directors approves a portion of the allocated capital credits to be retired, and paid back to you—the members.

ALLOCATION OF RETIRED CAPITAL CREDITS

This year, the board of directors approved the retirement of \$275,000 in capital credits. That amount was divided as follows: 70% of the \$275,000 went to members who had capital credits from 1993 and prior years; 30% went to members with capital credits from 1994 through 2018. All members who have been on CWECC electric lines for six years or longer received retired capital credits.

Active members whose retired capital credits were less than \$100 received a credit on their September electric bill, which was mailed to members in October. Checks were mailed in October to active members whose retired capital credits amounted to more than \$100. Checks, with a minimum of \$10, were also mailed to all off-line members who received retired capital credits.

For more information about capital credits, or to resolve a capital credit account issue, please call our office at 715-677-2211, or send an email to cwec@cwecoop.com.



CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS REVEALED!

The 2023 Member Photo Contest capturing “Life in Rural Wisconsin” is now complete, and the 22 winning photos have been revealed! The selected photos will be featured in the 2024 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Calendar, which was first available at our Member Appreciation Breakfast.

With 90 entries this year, the judges had their work cut out for them. CWECC thanks all of the members who participated. Information for the 2024 contest will be available in February 2024. You can view all the winning photos at www.cwecoop.com.

Submitted photos that were chosen include:

Karl Hanke, Wittenberg – cover
Cheri Smith, Custer – January
Fred Fleishauer, Custer – February
Dan Toftum, Amherst – March
Michelle Adserias, Ogdensburg – April
Linda Wise, Stevens Point – May
Elizabeth Nennig, Ogdensburg – June
Michelle McClone, Town of Almon – July
Karley Poppe, Tigerton – August
Mary Ellie, Iola – September
Catelin Fischer, Ogdensburg – October
John Mikels, Iola – November

Brantley Beilke, Wittenberg – December
Donn Lord, Tigerton – January 2025

HONORABLE MENTION

Mary Ellie, Iola
Lori Whitewing, Wittenberg
Kimberly Schreiber, Bowler
Deb McCue, Iola
Kortney Belongia, Tigerton
Sue Hintz, Tigerton
Linda Wierzbza, Wittenberg
Autumn Koback, Stevens Point



Tigerton Elementary School donation

Tigerton Elementary School fourth-grade students (L-R) Scarlett LaBree, Ainsley Heinz, and Colton Giese, with third-grade teacher Michelle Brady, accept a check for \$50 for art supplies from Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative. Tigerton Elementary School was randomly selected for the donation from a list of schools that participated in the Electrical Safety Poster Contest held in May.





AREA KIDS NEED OUR HELP!

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than us, especially children. In our effort to accomplish the above, we are happy to once again partner with the U.S Marine Corps to make Christmas a little brighter for area children through the Toys for Tots program. We know that this year will once again be challenging to collect toys for area children.

Last year we were able to provide toys to more than 1,000 area children. All indications are we will need at least the same number of toys again this year. As you can imagine, it is a pretty daunting task to collect enough toys for that

many children, especially with inflation still sticking around. This is where CWEC members can help. Help us spread a little Christmas joy this holiday season by donating a new unwrapped toy. All of the toys we collect are distributed locally.

To find the collection site nearest you, please see the accompanying list. If you would like us to do the shopping for you, you can make a check payable to Toys for Tots and mail it to us at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473. If you would like to donate online, go to <http://iola-wi.toysfortots.org>

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas.

Toy Collection Sites – Final Toy Pick-Up Friday, December 1, 2023



BIRNAMWOOD

Banner Bank
416 Main St.
Biramwood, WI 54414
715-449-2556

Dollar General
472 US-45
Biramwood
715-449-6705

BOWLER

Bowler Schools
500 S. Almon St.
Bowler, WI 54416
715-793-4101

1st National Bank
102 E. Railroad
Bowler, WI 54416
715-793-5200

CLINTONVILLE

Mills Fleet Farm
500 S Main Street.
Clintonville, WI 54929
715-823-6571

IOLA

Bank First
295 E State Street
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-3211

Iola-Scandinavia Elementary School
450 E Division St
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-2411

Iola-Scandinavia High School
540 S Jackson St
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-2211

Iola-Scandinavia Community Fitness & Aquatic Center
445 S Jackson St
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-2411

Iola Village Library
180 S Main
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-4330

Premier Community Bank
505 E State Drive
Iola, WI 54945
715-445-4700

MANAWA

Manawa Elementary School
800 Beech St.
Manawa, WI 54949
920-596-2524

Little Wolf High School
515 E 4th Street
Manawa, WI 54949
920-596-2525

Premier Community Bank
341 S Bridge St
Manawa, WI 54949
920-596-2531

MARION

Dollar General
213 Industrial Drive
Marion, WI 54950
715-793-0110

Family Dollar
1110 N Main Street
Marion, WI 54950

ROSHOLT

Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op
10401 Lystul Rd
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-2211

Community First Bank
275 W. Grand Ave.
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-4523

Dollar General
436 W Grand Avenue W
Rosholt, WI 54473
414-239-9449

Rosholt Middle School/ High School
346 Randolph St W
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-4541

Rosholt Elementary School
346 Randolph St W
Rosholt, WI 54473
715-677-4543

SCANDINAVIA

Silver Lake Lanes
N6311 State Road 49
Scandinavia, WI 54977
715-467-2700

TIGERTON

1st National Bank
140 Cedar St.
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-535-2291

Anita Haircut
309 Cedar Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-535-2245

Apex Nutrition
212 Cedar Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-326-1800

Premier Community Bank
112 US-45
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-535-3300

Tigerton Library
221 Birch Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
715-535-2262

WAUPACA

Danes Hall of Waupaca
Drive-Thru ONLY
Sat., Dec. 2
10 a.m.-4 p.m. toy drop-off
301 N Main Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-942-2660

Mills Fleet Farm
2016 Farm Drive
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-3851

RE/MAX Lyons Real Estate
206 W Fulton St
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-9565

WITTENBERG

Associated Bank
501 S. Webb St.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2127

Banner Bank
202 S. Westgor Ave.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2999

Dollar General
309 N Genesee Street
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-449-6740

Wagner's Shell Food Mart
504 E. Grand Ave.
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-6231

Wittenberg Shell
413 N. Genesee
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2888




HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business will resume on Monday, November 27. From everyone here at CWEC, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday.

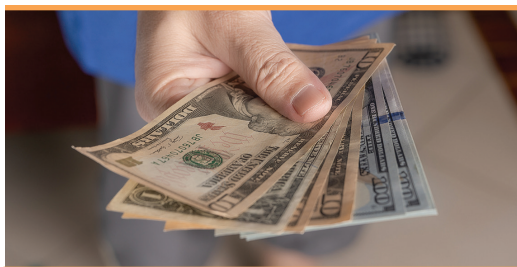


REMINDER:

Daylight Saving Time ends November 5

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Fall Back



NEED HELP PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILLS?

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's Commitment to Community Program is designed to help households with their energy costs, including electric bills. For many Wisconsin households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family budget. To better serve our members, CWEC is part of the Wisconsin Home Energy Plus (HE+) program.

This program is funded through public benefits and federal dollars to help eligible low-income households pay for home energy assistance and weatherization. Members may be eligible if they meet the HE+ program guidelines. Members should contact their local agency to determine eligibility.

County	Agency	Telephone Number
Marathon	Energy Services, Inc.	715-842-3111
Portage	Energy Services, Inc.	715-344-5999
Shawano	Dept. of Human Services	715-526-4740
Waupaca	Energy Services, Inc.	715-258-6820

MAIL YOUR LETTERS TO SANTA AT OUR OFFICE

Do you want to send a letter to Santa this year? If so, we have great news. Children 10 years of age and under will be able to drop off a letter for Santa at our office in Rosholt. When children drop off a letter for Santa at our office, they will also receive a free gift and will be entered into a contest with the chance to win one of three prizes. The grand prize will be a large filled stocking. Letters to Santa can also be mailed to our office to be entered into the contest.

Stop by our office to pick up an entry form or download and print one from our website at www.cwecoop.com. The contest is open to the children of CWEC members only. All you have to do is color or write a message to Santa and completely fill out the entry form with the requested information to be eligible. When completed, drop your entry form and letter to Santa in



the mailbox located in our lobby or mail it to us and we'll place it in the mailbox. Entry form and letter must be dropped off in person to receive the free gift.

As stated, children 10 years of age and younger are eligible to be entered into the drawing to win the grand prize of a large filled stocking. A second and third place prize of lesser value will also be awarded. Prize winners will be chosen through random drawings. Entries must be received by Friday,

December 15, and the drawings for the three winners will be held on Monday, Dec. 18. Winners will be notified by CWEC and prizes must be picked up at the CWEC headquarters in Rosholt.

Winners will be chosen by random drawing only; written content or coloring will not be considered or judged.



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Our Mission

**We are your trusted energy
partner and provider of
valued community support.**