



# JOIN US OCTOBER 28 FOR PANCAKES



Lila Shower,  
President & CEO

October is Co-op Month, which has been a nationally recognized celebration since 1964. During the month of celebration, we acknowledge the benefits that cooperatives across the country bring to co-op members and the communities they serve.

October is also a time when we show our appreciation to our members at the annual CWEC Member Appreciation Breakfast. The pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 8 a.m. There will be local vendors in attendance selling their products, as well as blood-pressure screening, hotline demonstrations, and more. The CWEC Board of Directors and staff want to extend our thanks and appreciation to our members for allowing us to provide electric service to you and for letting us

be an integral part of the communities in which we serve.

October is also the month that the cooperative returns to you a portion of your capital credits. Capital credits are the revenues that remain at the end of the year once all expenses are paid. These revenues or margins are then assigned to members based on the amount of energy consumed during the year. Annually, the board approves the retirement of a portion of these capital credits and members see a credit on their electric bill. It's just another way that cooperatives add value back to their members.

On a sad note, Wisconsin electric cooperatives have had their first work fatality in more than 40 years. Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative lineworker Derrick Heisz, 45, died August 24 when he came into contact with an energized line. A total of 30 bucket trucks from 20 electric cooperatives in Wisconsin, as



well as a municipal utility and several contractors, led the funeral procession in Gays Mills on September 9 to honor Heisz. Our thoughts and prayers are with Heisz's family and the Scenic Rivers family. Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative lineman Chris Tuszke brought a bucket truck to the funeral procession.

The respect and admiration expressed for Heisz was unlike anything I had ever seen—it was powerful, beautiful, and heartbreaking.

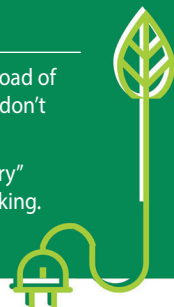
**SAFETY NOTE:** If you come across a downed electric line, stay away from it. Do not touch it, do not drive over it, do not go near it. Until testing is done, there is no way to know if the wire is live.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting and use a rinse aid to help dishes dry faster without spotting and streaking.

Source: Dept. of Energy



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The July regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held on July 27, 2023 at 7:59 a.m. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, minutes of the June 29, 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 changes/additions as presented from the Governance Committee's meeting on July 26, 2023:
  - 3.0 Metering and Metering Equipment – added verbiage
  - Appendix A-Schedule of Fees and Deposits – new Manual Meter Reading Fee (Monthly) of \$100
  - License Agreement-Town of Alban – new agreement for the use of the Community Room with the Town of Alban for elections and monthly meetings
  - 2.5.8 Distributed Generation – this item was tabled until the August board meeting
- The board approved removing the \$.02 Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) charge

and changing it to a \$.01 Distribution charge to help fund the new AMI system.

- The board approved holding the Joint Committee Dinner on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Following Kevin Kurtzweil's presentation to the board on the updated pricing from PGA for the HVAC repairs, the board approved option #3. Additional information will be provided to the board as requested once received from PGA.
- The board approved Director Zander's submitted report regarding the June 27, 2023 board workshop.

Operations – Kevin Kurtzweil reported on his submitted report.

Accounting and Finance – Lila Shower reported we currently have one member still disconnected from June. Staff reports will be moved to the beginning of the meeting to allow the operations staff to proceed with their day as needed. Payment has been made to Marco and will reflect a credit on the account that will be used towards our paging system work.

Member Relations – Brenda Mazemke reported we currently have 56 entries in our photo contest; this is up from a total of 52 last year. The board approved to proceed with the Town of Alban's loan request.

Administrative Services – Lori Patoka reported on her submitted report.

President & CEO Report – Lila Shower reviewed her submitted CEO report. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

# RECEIVE A \$20 CREDIT ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL FOR SIGNING UP FOR AN AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

Credit is for first-time participants only. The Automatic Payment Plan option allows transfer of funds from your checking, savings, or credit card account directly to Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's account to pay your electric bill. A direct withdrawal would be made on the due date of each month for the amount of your bill.

If you are interested in participating in this convenient payment method, please fill out the form below and return it to our office with the required information.

## I want to participate in the Automatic Payment Plan

Name(s) on CWEC Bill \_\_\_\_\_

CWEC Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If your payment is to be charged to your credit card provide the following information.

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Your Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

If your payment is to be delivered from a checking account, enclose a blank check. Write VOID across it and DO NOT SIGN IT.

If your payment is to be deducted from a savings account, enclose a deposit slip that includes your account number. Please allow one month for the setup of the Automatic Payment Plan.

CWEC has the right to cancel use of the Automatic Payment Plan.

I authorize Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative to instruct my financial institution to deduct payments from the account number on the voided check or savings account deposit slip I have included with this application. If at any time I decide to discontinue this payment service, I will notify Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Only first-time participants are eligible for a one-time \$20 credit. Member must remain on the Automatic Payment Plan for a minimum of 12 months. Mail this form with your current payment or mail it separately to CWEC, P.O. Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473. For more information, call 715-677-2211 or 800-377-2932.

**\$20 credit offer expires November 30, 2023**



*Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* Editor Dana Kelroy presents CWEC Member Relations Specialist Bert Lehman with an award of excellence for presentation of local news.

## CWEC WINS STATEWIDE MAGAZINE AWARD

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) recently won an award of excellence for presentation of local news in the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*, the voice of the state's rural electric cooperatives. Bert Lehman, member relations specialist at CWEC, serves as the editor of the co-op's local pages within the magazine.

CWEC's magazine pages earned an Honorable Mention in the category of Co-op News for the previous year. Lehman was also recognized for winning the magazine's cover photo challenge for the April 2023 issue and for writing the cover story of the August 2023 issue.

Awards were presented at the 2023 Communication Power Conference in Spring Green Aug. 24.

## REBATE REMINDER

With only a few months left in 2023, you may be thinking about completing projects around the house that include energy-saving home-improvement measures. These projects may include purchasing new, energy efficient appliances or insulating your home.

If you have any such projects, be sure to check the energy rebates available to our members. Go to [www.cwecoop.com/energy-conservation-rewards](http://www.cwecoop.com/energy-conservation-rewards) to see which Energy Star products qualify for a rebate.

Receipts must be submitted in the year the items are purchased to qualify.





# JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST & FUN!

## MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Saturday,  
October 28, 2023  
8–11 a.m.

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative  
Main Office in Rosholt,  
10401 Lystul Road



Come join the fun, as Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will host a pancake breakfast as a way to show its appreciation to its members.

- Door Prizes
- Bike Drawing for Kids (10 a.m. drawing)
- Kids Costume Contest (Judging at 9:45 a.m.)
- Bounce House for Kids
- Halloween Treat Bag for Kids
- Hotline Demo
- Paper Recycling
- Free Blood Pressure Screening provided by Rural Health Initiative staff
- Craft & Gift Fair with 25+ local vendors

Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to the CWEC Toys for Tots toy drive and we'll enter you in a special prize drawing.



Bring canned food items to be donated to local food pantries and receive one LED light bulb for every three food items. (Up to 15 limit)





# OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

**O**ctober is National Co-op Month, and Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: to provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including CWEC, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways "Co-ops Grow" for their members.

**Co-ops Grow Communities:** Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. "Concern for Community" is one of our core principles—and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

There are many examples of how CWEC helps the communities that it serves. In addition to working with area economic development groups, we offer a couple of different financing options for small business loans for new or expanding businesses.

CWEC also supports local communities by donating to local food pantries, and through the annual CWEC Toys for Tots campaign.

**Co-ops Grow Together:** Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!

**Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's Leaders:** Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events, or the Youth Leadership Conference (YLC), we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

There are many examples of how CWEC helps area youth to gain knowledge. Each May, CWEC conducts electricity safety demonstrations for fourth grade students at the elementary schools in the CWEC territory. Through its Operation Round Up program, and the generosity of its members, CWEC offers scholarships each year to members who are continuing their education after high school.



**Co-ops Grow for You:** At CWEC, your satisfaction is our number one goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!



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## Our Mission

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