




**Central Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Lila Shower, President & CEO

GRANT PROJECT WORK BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER

In the June issue of *Wisconsin Electric Cooperative News*, we informed you that Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) had been awarded almost \$1.3 million in grant funds as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, also known as the bi-partisan infrastructure law.

CWEC had originally applied for grant funding in February 2024.

I am happy to inform our members that we have been given the green light to start the grant projects. With the green

light to proceed, in late September we began the project of converting 2.5 miles of overhead lines to a three-phase underground line along Fairview Road in the townships of Bartelme and Almon in Shawano County. This line feeds the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

By converting this line from overhead to underground, it will make the infrastructure more resilient to natural hazards. This will help with preventing long power outages in the Stockbridge-Munsee area like the long outage in 2022 after a tornado hit the area.

The co-op received slightly more than \$400,000 in grant funds for this project.

Once that project is completed, the co-op will begin the second project that it was awarded grant funds for. This project, which the co-op received almost \$900,000 in grant funds for, will provide a tie-in between CWEC's Wittenberg and Groenier substations. The tie-in will give the co-op another tie-in option, as well as the opportunity to back feed electricity. This will mean less time co-op members serviced by those substations will be out of power when there are power outages.

We are happy to get these projects started and look forward to completing them for our members.

Ready or not, the holiday season is approaching. It is the time of the year when everyone begins planning for the holidays. CWEC will once again be conducting a Toys for Tots campaign for area families in need. Toy donation boxes will be set up at various schools and businesses in our service area. A list of those schools and businesses can be found on page 18.

If you are able to donate to this year's campaign, your generous donation will help put smiles on the faces of children who may not otherwise get toys for Christmas. You can donate toys at any of the listed donation collection sites. The deadline to donate toys at those sites is Tuesday, Dec. 2. If you want to make a monetary donation, you can send the donation or drop off the donation at our office.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you and be safe and stay healthy as you enjoy this holiday season.



Work began in late September to bury an electric line underground on a 2.5-mile stretch on Fairview Road. Part of the cost of the project will be paid for with a grant that CWEC was previously awarded.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held at 8:00 a.m. on August 26, 2025. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, meeting minutes of July 31, 2025, new and terminated memberships, and the monthly safety and compliance report were approved.

Action Items

- Monthly Financial Statements and Reports were reviewed by the Finance Committee.
- The Governance Committee reviewed Policy 406, Corporate Contributions and Sponsorships. A motion was made and seconded to remove "As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative", from the Purpose Section. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to add a new rate of \$12.25 for 101 watt bulbs. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Director Zander as the NRECA District 5 Voting Delegate for CFC Candidates. Motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Director Onesti as the Voting Delegate for the Annual WECA Meeting.

Operations and Engineering—Mr. Kurtzweil's written report was submitted in his absence.

Accounting and Finance—Financial reports were presented by Ms. Claussen. The PCA for July was -\$0.00635.

Member Services—Mr. Lehman's written report was submitted in his absence.

President and CEO—Lila Shower, President and CEO, reported on her submitted report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

With the holiday season approaching and more time spent in the kitchen, consider ways to save energy in the heart of your home. When possible, cook meals with smaller, energy efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens, slow cookers and air fryers. When using the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean so they reflect heat more efficiently. After your holiday meals are complete, load the dishwasher fully before starting the wash cycle.

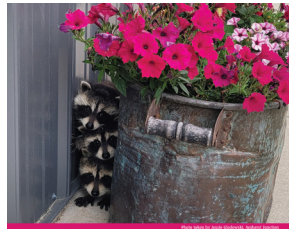
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CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS REVEALED

The 2025 Member Photo Contest capturing “Life in Rural Wisconsin” is now complete, and the 22 winning photos have been revealed. The selected photos are being featured in the 2026 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Calendar, which was first available at the CWEC Member Appreciation Breakfast.

With 57 entries this year, the judges had their work cut out for them. CWEC thanks all of the members who participated. Information for the 2026 contest will be available in February 2026.

You can view all the winning photos at www.cwecoop.com. The 2026 CWEC calendar is available at the CWEC office.



Submitted photos that were chosen include:

Kimberly Schreiber, Bowler – cover
 Brooke Allred, Iola – January
 Cass Reynolds, Iola – February
 Benjamin Flanscha, Iola – March
 Jessie Glodowski, Amherst Junction – April
 Phyllis Kolodziej, Stevens Point – May
 Laura Wendler, Wittenberg – June
 Donn Lord, Tigerton – July
 Ken Hynek, Rosholt – August
 Mary Ellie, Iola – September
 Kevin Hujet, Custer – October
 Deb McCue, Iola – November
 Karley Poppe, Tigerton – December
 Trisha Paiser, Bowler – January 2027

HONORABLE MENTION

Jeanne Opperman, Iola
 Deb McCue, Iola
 Annette Schreiber, Bowler
 Greg Loescher, Iola
 Donn Lord, Tigerton
 Trisha Paiser, Bowler
 Brooke Allred, Iola
 Anne Burg, Rosholt

Thanks to all who participated!





CO-OP RETIRES \$300,000 IN CAPITAL CREDITS

What are Capital Credits?

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

Unlike investor-owned utilities that maximize profits to pay dividends to shareholders, CWEC, 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 CWEC 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 \$300,000 in capital credits. The retirement will involve capital credits from the 2019 allocations and prior.

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 offline 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.

STAY SAFE THIS HUNTING SEASON

As you head outdoors to hunt this season, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative encourages you to be aware of overhead power lines, utility poles and other electrical equipment while hunting. Here’s how you can help avoid accidents:

- Keep clear of electrical equipment.
- Never shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Be aware of power line and equipment locations where you hunt.
- Never place deer stands on utility poles.
- Never place decoys on power lines or other electrical equipment.

We also encourage all hunters to be aware of one another and be familiar with their surroundings.

Good luck with your hunt.



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, 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 more than 3,500 toys to more than 1,100 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. 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 Tuesday, December 2, 2025

BIRNAMWOOD

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

Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School
337 Main Street
Birnamwood, WI 54414
715-253-2763

Dollar General
472 US-45
Birnamwood
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

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

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

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

WAUPACA

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

Wittenberg-Birnamwood Elementary School
300 S Prouty Street
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2221

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School
400 W Grand Avenue
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-2211



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