



Electric Line

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WELCOME TO THE CWEC E-NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's (CWEC) electronic version of the Electric Line Newsletter. Each month the Electric Line Newsletter will include information pertaining to the happenings at CWEC, as well as articles about energy efficiency, and other topics pertaining to electricity.

It is our goal to keep our members up-to-date about what is taking place at CWEC, as well as in the communities it serves. We also want to provide our members with information about how they can save money on their electric bills.

We hope you enjoy this electronic Electric Line Newsletter, and we look forward to providing it to you each month.

SMALL CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES

The holiday season is finally here. Some call it the most wonderful season of all. That's because we associate it with family traditions and gathering with friends and loved ones. It's a time of giving and spreading joy.

But giving back reminds us of the many good things we have right here in our community and why it's so important to spread the good as far as we can, especially to the most vulnerable in our local area. We're also reminded of how wonderful our communities are and what a big impact we can have when we work together.

When you are a member of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC), you help us spread the good throughout the year. Through our Operation Round Up program,



your donations help local organizations, families, and students. Operation Round Up is an “opt-out” program in which participating members round up their electric bill each month to the nearest dollar. On average, the annual donation is around \$6.

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KEEPING PETS AND ENERGY BILLS COMFORTABLE

I don't know about you, but we consider our four-legged companions part of the family. Pet owners can't imagine life without them. That's why during the winter months, it's important to make sure the *whole* family, including our four-legged members, is cozy--without taking a big "bite" out of a family budget.

This month, we'd like to share a few simple ways you can make your home more comfortable this winter, which can ultimately help you save on energy bills.



At the onset of the cold weather season, make sure to replace the HVAC filter for better air quality and to help the unit operate more efficiently. You can also keep your home cozier by caulking and weatherstripping windows and doors. If your home is particularly chilly, you can tape or affix heavy, clear plastic to the inside of your window frames to create an additional barrier against the cold. Ensure that the plastic is tightly sealed to the frame to help reduce infiltration.

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INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

This year's Member Appreciation Breakfast, held at the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Rosholt on October 29 saw an increase in attendance, with 546 people attending the event. We thank everyone who attended this annual event.

In addition to a pancake breakfast, there were plenty of activities for attendees. A bounce house returned for kids to play in. Kids could also play games, and received a goodie bag.

The annual CWEC Marine Toys for Tots campaign was launched at the breakfast.

We received 105 toys, stocking stuffers, and books donated by members. Non-perishable food items were also collected at the event, with our generous



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PUBLIC NOTICE: UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) has unclaimed patronage capital funds for former members of CWEC.

Funds for these people have been unclaimed for three years. In accordance with Cooperative bylaws, after a specified matter of time, the unclaimed funds shall be forfeited from the Cooperative to be used for educational loans, scholarships, or charitable purposes.

The listing of names is published on our website at: www.cwecoop.com/capital-credits. If you do not have access to our website online, you may request a listing by contacting our office during regular business hours.

If you know the whereabouts of these former members, please ask either the individual member or the estate executor to contact us at 800-377-2932.

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All of us at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative wish all of our members a happy holiday season.

Our office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 & Monday, Dec. 26 in observation of the Christmas holiday. Our office will also be closed Monday, Jan. 2 in observation of New Year's Day.



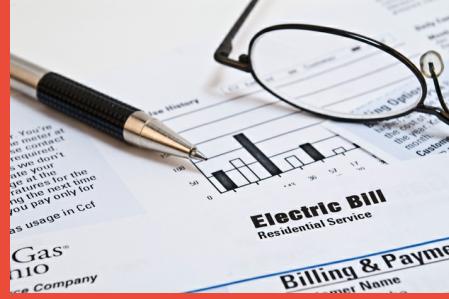
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ELECTRIC BILLS CONTINUE TO RISE

Even though Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative had been successful for almost two years in keeping

your Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) to a zero or a negative number, it has recently been a positive number on your electric bill. The positive number reflects higher than expected wholesale power costs from Alliant Energy.

We continue to see an increase in demand and a limited supply of natural gas. This has once again caused our wholesale power costs from Alliant Energy to continue to be higher than expected. This has caused the PCA on your most recent electric bill to reflect the highest PCA rate ever seen. We expect the trend of a high PCA to continue, and encourage our members to consider energy savings and efficiency practices to reduce their electric bills.



If you have questions about the PCA, please contact our office at 800-377-2932.

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