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## TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN HELPS MORE THAN 1,000 AREA CHILDREN

With the help of local businesses and residents, the 2022 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) Toys for Tots campaign helped bring joy this Christmas to more than 1,000 area children.

For more than 15 years CWEC has partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to organize a Toys for Tots campaign in the CWEC service area. Through the campaign, CWEC provides help to area families in need by supplying donated toys to the families, so they can give their children Christmas presents.



Toy donations were collected at more than 30 area businesses in the CWEC service area. Monetary donations were also collected, which were used to purchase toys. With those donations, roughly 2,500 toys, 150 books, and 650 stocking stuffers were distributed to area children.

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## BEAT THE PEAK

If you look around your home, you likely have more devices and equipment that require electricity than ever before. Our connected lives are

increasingly dependent on more electricity to function. At the same time, as demand for electricity rises, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) must deliver an uninterrupted 24/7 power supply--regardless of market conditions or other circumstances.



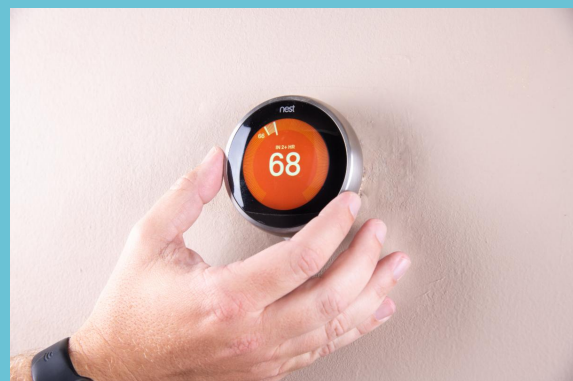
As you would expect based on your family's habits, electricity use fluctuates throughout the day based on consumer demand. CWEC must be able to provide enough electricity to meet the energy needs of all members during times of highest energy use or "peak hours." These peak times are typically in the morning as people start their day and in the evening as people return to their homes.

What you may not know is that electric utilities including CWEC typically pay more for electricity--either from a power plant or from another utility with excess power--during those morning and evening "energy rush hours." In addition, the demand for electricity is even higher when it's especially cold outside, when heating systems must run longer to warm our homes.

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## FIVE WAYS TO FIGHT THE WINTER CHILL AND SAVE ENERGY

We all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and all fun outdoor activities that go with it.



But there's one thing we can all agree on: high winter bills are never fun. Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) is here to help you find ways to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

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## OIL CIRCUIT RECLOSERS MAINTENANCE

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) has started doing maintenance on Oil Circuit Reclosers (OCR). Much like a circuit breaker in your home, an OCR is a device on our lines that senses faults and disconnects a section of line when it detects a fault.

The maintenance will take place on OCRs on the Groenier and Rosholt substations.

Townships that will be impacted by the maintenance include parts of: Stockton, Sharon, Bevent, Franzen, Alban, Harrison, New Hope, and Reid.

CWEC linemen will remove the OCRs from the field, and bring them to the CWEC shop in Rosholt, where the maintenance will be done. The maintenance will be completed by Recloser Services from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. After the maintenance is completed, the OCRs will be reinstalled in the field by CWEC linemen.



Members of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative or their dependent children who are or will be attending college, vocational, or technical college are eligible to apply for Operation Round Up scholarships. Both traditional and nontraditional students are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, either the student or parents must have their primary residence located on CWEC lines and participate in Operation Round Up.

Applications are also being accepted for the CWEC Electric Utility Worker Scholarship. The scholarship has been established to assist a student pursuing a technical college education in an electric program that lends itself to employment in the electric utility industry.

**Deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 1, 2023.**

For More Information or to  
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## LETTERS TO SANTA WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Maddyx Waltenberg, Renly Skierka, and Rachel Anderson for finishing first, second, and third, respectively in the Letters to Santa contest. Each won a stocking full of prizes.

In total, we received Letters to Santa from 20 children.



**1st Place**  
**Maddyx Waltenberg**



**2nd Place**  
**Renly Skierka**



**3rd Place**  
**Rachel Anderson**

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY KITS AVAILABLE

We still have free energy efficiency kits available for our members. These kits were given to members in attendance at our annual meeting in April last year. If you did not receive one at the annual meeting, or have not picked one up since then, you can stop by our office in Rosholt to receive one.



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