



January 2025

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN PROVIDES TOYS TO 1,100 AREA CHILDREN

The 2024 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots campaign provided toys to around 1,100 area children.

Toys for the campaign were obtained through toy and monetary donations from area residents, organizations, and businesses.

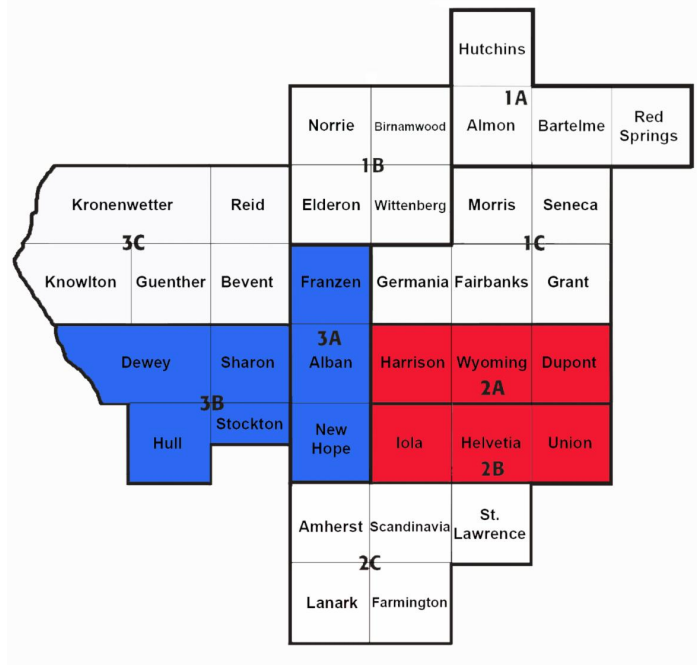


Toy donations were collected at more than 30 area businesses and schools in Birnamwood, Bowler, Clintonville, Iola, Manawa, Marion, Rosholt, Scandinavia, Tigerton, Waupaca, and Wittenberg. The monetary donations that were collected were used to purchase toys for the age groups that didn't have enough toys to fill requests. With those donations, roughly 3,100 toys, 625 books, and 1,000 stocking stuffers were distributed to area children. Those totals were on par with the numbers from the 2023 CWEC Toys for Tots campaign.

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2025 CWEC DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

On Saturday, January 11, the nominations committee will be meeting to set the slate of nominees for director at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative. There are two districts up for election this year. Each director seat is for a three-year term. If you know of anyone interested, please call the CWEC office at 715-677-2211 prior to Saturday, Jan. 11, and ask for Jodi.



District 2 – Consists of sub districts 2A & 2B - Townships of Harrison, Wyoming, Dupont, Iola, Helvetia, and Union. Current Director is Lee Lehrer, who is retiring from the board of directors.

District 3 – Consists of sub districts 3A & 3B – Townships of Dewey, Sharon, Hull, Stockton, Franzen, Alban, and New Hope. Current Director is Allen Zander.

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UNDERSTANDING FACTORS THAT IMPACT YOUR ENERGY BILLS

January brings some of the coldest weather of the year, and as our home heating systems work harder and longer to keep us warm, we typically see higher energy bills.

There are a few key factors that affect electricity prices, as well as a few ways you can make a meaningful impact on home energy savings.



When you receive your monthly bill from Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC), you're provided with a summary of how much electricity you used during the billing cycle. You can even see how electricity use may have spiked on days when you used more electricity, such as a particularly chilly day or when relatives were staying with you.

But you might be surprised to learn that beyond your monthly energy consumption, there are external factors that can impact the cost of electricity.

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OPERATION ROUND-UP 4TH QUARTER DONATIONS

Operation Round Up provides funds for worthwhile causes, including member hardship cases, educational purposes including scholarships, and charitable organizations. It is funded by volunteer donations from CWEC co-op members, allowing them the opportunity to give back to our local communities, a few cents each month. Electric bills are simply "rounded up" to the next whole dollar amount. The monthly "round up" could be as little as a

single penny, but never more than ninety-nine cents. The average donation is \$6 annually, which is tax deductible. Operation Round Up is an opt-out program.

The funds are held separately from any Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative funds and are administered by a member Board of Trustees. Applications are made for grants and these are reviewed quarterly for disbursement of funds.



LIST OF 4TH QUARTER DONATIONS

DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) Director Lee Lehrer has decided to retire from the board when his current term ends in April. He represents the following townships in District 2: Harrison, Wyoming, Dupont, Iola, Helvetia, and Union. CWEC is looking for qualified candidates from those townships to seek election onto the CWEC Board of Directors.

For more information about the eligibility and qualifications to be a director, as well as the nominating process, visit www.cwecoop.com.



Call the CWEC office at 715-677-2211, and ask for Jodi with any questions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION

POLE REPLACEMENTS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will begin

replacing some power poles in the townships listed below. The poles being replaced were determined by a recent pole inspection conducted by Karcz Pole Inspection.

Rosholt Feeder 1: Townships will be Alban, Harrison, New Hope and Franzen.

Iola Feeder 1: Townships will be Iola, Helvetia, Harrison and Wyoming.

If you have any questions, call our office at 715-677-2211.



WRAPPED IN SAVINGS

Ensuring your home is properly insulated can improve energy efficiency and make your home more comfortable. Insulation acts like a cozy coat that reduces heat loss during winter months and a protective layer that reduces heat gain during summer months.



Many older homes have less insulation than newer homes, but even newer homes can benefit from additional insulation. While it's not the least expensive efficiency improvement, adding insulation and air sealing your home can provide the biggest bang for your buck in energy savings and overall comfort.

The most common areas to insulate are attics, ceilings, crawlspaces or unconditioned basements, exterior and interior walls, floors, and ductwork located in unconditioned spaces.

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