



July 2026

## LUCAS WAMHOFF: CWECC'S NEWEST LINEMAN

When Lucas Wamhoff was hired by Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) as an apprentice lineman in early March, little did he know that two ice storms would hit the area roughly one month later, that resulted in an almost weeklong power restoration process.

Wamhoff said that week of restoring power was nerve-racking and hectic, but he assisted any way he could to restore power to CWECC members. And despite the 16-hour days, his goal to become a journeyman lineman was still strong.

Since his grandpa was an electric lineman, Wamhoff said he was familiar with the career, and when he was 18 years old, decided that was the career he wanted to pursue. Prior to joining CWECC, he said he worked for two different companies that electric cooperatives contracted work to. In addition, he was enrolled in school to work towards becoming a journeyman lineman.



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## SPENCER HAKES JOINS CWECC OPERATIONS TEAM

Spencer Hakes, who recently completed schooling at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, was recently hired by Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) as a temporary employee working in the CWECC operations department.



With a goal of becoming a journeyman lineman in the future, Hakes said he is excited to be working at CWEC, as it is the first step of him reaching his goal.

“Right now, I’m just learning everything that I can, trying to get to the next step,” Hakes said.

He said he has been learning a lot in his short time with CWEC so far.

His days entail working on projects in the shop area and helping linemen perform tasks in the field, such as replacing power poles and helping with power restoration after storms.

“It’s good to put stuff that I learned in school to actual real use and see how it actually works,” Hakes said.



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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026, in recognition of the Independence Day holiday. From everyone at CWEC, we wish you a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday.

## 2026 CWEC MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

### “Life in Rural Wisconsin”

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is holding its annual photo contest for members’ photos to be featured in its 2027 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.

- Photos must be taken within the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative service area.
- Photos should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, people, etc.)
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Contest will run until August 24, 2026; however, submitted photos can be taken during anytime of the year.





## SHIFT TIMING, SHIFT SAVINGS

As we settle into the heat of July, our homes naturally use more electricity. Air conditioners run longer, refrigerators work harder and daily routines—from cooking dinner to doing laundry—often overlap during the warmest parts of the day. That's also when the demand for electricity across our community is at its highest.

At Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC), our top priority is delivering safe, reliable and affordable power whenever you need it. But during peak energy hours there's added pressure on the grid as homes and businesses require larger amounts of electricity, all at the same time. On the hottest days, that strain can be significant.

The good news is that small changes at home can make a meaningful difference.

Think of our electric grid like a highway system. During rush hour, traffic is heavy, congestion builds and everything slows down. But when drivers adjust their schedules, even slightly, it helps ease the bottleneck. The same principle applies to energy use.

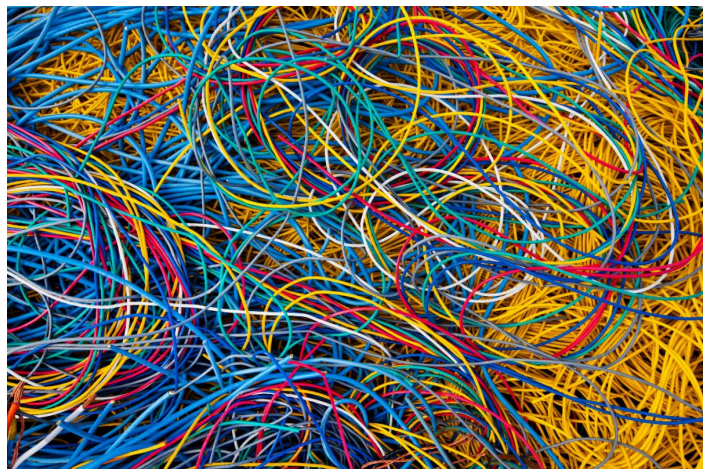


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## BALANCING DATA CENTER DEMAND AND RELIABILITY

Data centers may feel like a big-city phenomenon, but more and more of them are showing up in rural communities like ours—and there's good reason for that. Rural areas offer what data centers need most: affordable land, room to grow and access to transmission lines that can move large amounts of power.

What makes data centers different from other large businesses is their appetite for electricity. These facilities run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Servers must stay online constantly, which means power needs to be reliable every minute of every day.



For electric cooperatives like Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC), powering data centers create both opportunities and challenges.

On the plus side, data centers have the potential to bring steady, long-term, load growth that helps support investments in the local grid. With proper planning and policy support, those



upgrades — including new substations, stronger lines and smarter technology — could benefit all CWEAC members and help keep electricity rates steady.

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## WHY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT MATTERS

There's something timeless about trees. They ground us. They remind us of where we've been, and they stretch toward what's ahead. Here in our community, we take pride in the natural beauty that surrounds us —the shade on a summer afternoon, the colors that mark the changing seasons, the quiet strength of something that grows slowly but endures.

At the same time, we share another responsibility—one that's just as essential to our daily lives.

The responsibility to keep the lights on, to power our homes and businesses, to make sure that when you flip a switch, the energy you depend on is there.

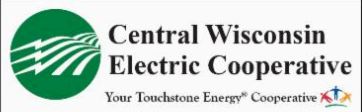


That's why Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEAC) works every day to strike a careful balance between preserving the beauty we cherish and delivering the reliable electricity you expect.

One of the most important ways we do that is through regular tree trimming.

Now, it may not always be obvious, but keeping lines clear of overgrown vegetation plays a major role in preventing power outages. We've all seen what can happen when severe weather rolls in—strong winds, heavy ice or sudden storms can bring down branches and, with them, power lines and poles. In fact, nearly half of all power outages can be traced back to trees and vegetation coming into contact with electrical infrastructure.

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## 2026 CWEC CALENDAR CORRECTION

It has been brought to our attention that there is a mistake in the CWEC 2026 calendar. July 31 was accidentally omitted from the calendar. Below is a corrected version of the calendar.

A corrected version of the month of July that can be printed and attached to the calendar can be found here: [CORRECT JULY 2026 CALENDAR DAYS](#)

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### Energy Conservation Rewards

Did you know your cooperative offers rebates for energy efficiency upgrades? If not, we're pleased to inform you we offer rebates for all sorts of upgrades including Energy Star appliance purchases, insulation, new windows, heat pumps, alternative water heaters, LED lighting and much more. For a detailed listing please visit [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) or give us a call.

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