



**June 2025**

## **TODD PAMPERIN ELECTED TO CWEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Living in the northern portion of the township of Wyoming, Todd Pamperin, of Tigerton, said he knows how important electricity is to rural areas. That importance was one of the reasons he decided to run for a seat on the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors.

"Electricity is one that I think a lot of people take for granted," Pamperin said. "I wanted to know more than just flipping a switch on and there's electricity."

Another reason he ran for a seat on the CWEC Board of Directors was to give back to the co-op members in his district – District 2.



The election for the vacant seat was contested, as Nathan Reichle was also on the ballot. Pamperin said he knew Reichle and had a good relationship with him. When the results of the election were announced at the CWEC 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Pamperin had received 195 votes, while Reichle had received 149.

Since Reichle had run for a seat on the board the previous year but was defeated, Pamperin said he was surprised when he heard he had received the most votes.

"I thought that the second time through, that it was going to be his (Reichle) chance," Pamperin said.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SET FOR JULY

For high school students who will be a sophomore or junior in the fall, Youth Leadership Conference is designed specifically for you. This three-day, all-expense paid program is jammed with fun, hands-on activities and seminars designed to help students identify



and develop their leadership skills. It is planned by high school students and features nationally recognized speakers.

This year's event, scheduled for July 15-17, will once again be held at UW-Stout in Menomonie.

High school students who are interested in being a sponsored representative of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, please contact your high school guidance counselor or Bert Lehman at 715-677-2220 or by email at [bert.lehman@cwecoop.com](mailto:bert.lehman@cwecoop.com).

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***Happy National Dairy Month  
to all the farmers in the  
CWEC service area.***

## **WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU SAVE**

When summer heats up, our electric bills tend to increase as air conditioners are working overtime, driving up home energy consumption. Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) is your local not-for-profit electricity provider, and we are committed to helping you beat the heat without breaking the bank.

As the temperatures get hotter over the next few months, we want to make sure you know about a range of energy-saving offerings designed specifically with you in mind. By taking advantage of these programs and services, you can manage your summer energy consumption and costs.



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## **MAZEMKE RETIRES FROM CWEC AFTER 16 YEARS**

Almost 16 years to the day of her first day working at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative



(CWECC), Brenda Mazemke has retired from CWECC. Mazemke began her career at CWECC on May 1, 2009, and retired May 2 of this year.

In 2009, Mazemke started as a member relations assistant to Mark Forseth, who was the vice-president of Member Relations at the time.

"When he retired, I became the manager of Member Relations," Mazemke said. "I've pretty much worked in this area the entire 16 years that I've been here."

Prior to working at CWECC, Mazemke worked at F+W Publications in Iola, but things were changing in the department she worked in, so she pursued a position with CWECC.

While Mazemke said it was a hard decision to retire, it was also an easy decision. After all, her husband, Mike, retired in January after not running for another term as the register of deeds for Waupaca County.

"With him retired, we both knew we wanted to retire so we could enjoy traveling and our grandkids and life a little bit," Mazemke said. "That kind of made it a little easier. But it's scary."



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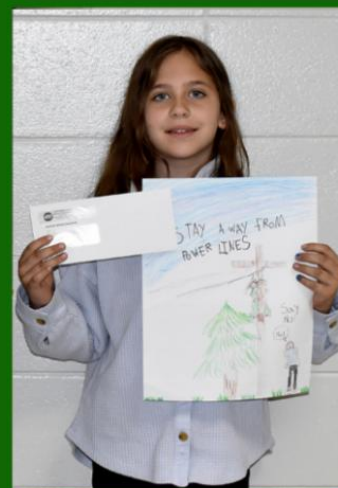
## Electricity Safety Poster Contest Winners



**Lilly Eckardt**  
Tigerton  
Elementary School



**Lukas Rzentkowski**  
Rosholt  
Elementary School



**Natalie Rzentkowski**  
Rosholt  
Elementary School

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) has announced the winners of the Electricity Safety Poster Contest held for third-grade students at the elementary schools in the CWECC service territory. The local students who created the top three posters and the prizes they won are listed below:

**First Place** – Lilly Eckardt, Tigerton Elementary School; \$25 prepaid debit card from Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) and a check for \$25 from CVEC.

**Second Place** – Lukas Rzentkowski, Rosholt Elementary School; \$15 check from CVEC.

**Third Place** – Natalie Rzentkowski, Rosholt Elementary School; \$10 check from CVEC.

The top three posters also advanced to a state competition hosted by WECA.

Congratulations to the top three students, and thank you to all the students who participated.

Some of the posters submitted for the contest are on display in the lobby at CVEC headquarters in Rosholt.

## FOURTH-GRADERS LEARN HOW TO BE SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY

To help promote Electrical Safety Month in May, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CVEC) once again provided electricity safety demonstrations to fourth grade students at six elementary schools in the CVEC service area. Elementary schools included those located in Birnamwood, Bowler, Iola, Rosholt, Tigerton, and Wittenberg.



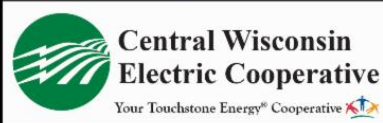
The demonstrations were conducted by CVEC linemen, and showed students firsthand the dangers that could occur if they aren't safe around electricity. Students learned about some of the safety equipment a lineman has to wear when they work around power lines. They were also shown examples of what overhead and underground power lines look like, and learned why they are constructed the way they are. Linemen also showed the students what happens if a tree branch, kite string, and fishing line come in contact with a power line.

"It's important for students to understand how dangerous electricity can be, and that they should never go near a downed power line or something that is in contact with a power line," said Bert Lehman, member relations specialist at CVEC. "During the classroom demonstrations, students see smoke, sparks, and flames, which help to reinforce that they need to stay away from power lines."

To help convey how dangerous electricity is, one of the demonstrations used a hot dog to simulate what would happen if a human body contacted a power line.

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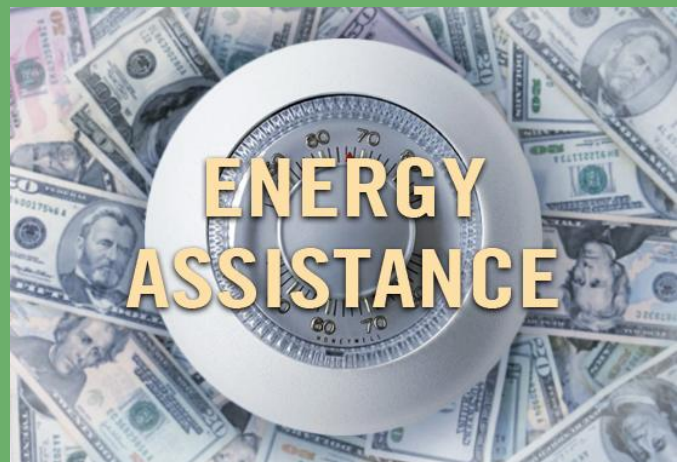


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Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's Commitment to Community Program is designed to help households with their energy costs, including electric bills. For many Wisconsin households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family budget. To better serve our members, CWEC is part of the Wisconsin Home Energy Plus (HE+) program. This program is funded through public benefits and federal dollars to help eligible low-

income households pay for home energy assistance and weatherization. Members may be eligible for energy assistance if they meet the HE+ program guidelines. Members should contact their local agency to determine eligibility.



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