



November 2023

LARGEST TURNOUT EVER FOR CWEC MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

This year's Member Appreciation Breakfast, held at the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Rosholt on October 28 saw the largest turnout ever. A total of 566 people were served at the event. We thank all those who attended.

In addition to a pancake breakfast, there were plenty of activities for attendees. There was a Halloween costume contest for kids, games to play, and each child received a goodie bag. In addition, CWEC linemen conducted hotline demonstrations.



The annual CWEC U.S. Marine Toys for Tots campaign was launched at the breakfast. We received 102 toys, stocking stuffers, and books donated by members. Non-perishable food items were also collected, with our generous members donating 376 items, which were donated to area food pantries.

A special thank you to Rural Health Initiative for providing blood pressure checks.

Door prize winners included: Andy Lemmer, Debbie Kulas, Ronald Rendt, Al Suehring, Matt Mlodik, Kari Goldsworthy, Elroy Koskey, JoAnn Wesson, Pat Kelly, and Diane Cirik.

A girls and boys 20-inch bike and helmet were also given away. The winners were Kenna Huisenga and Stanley Iczkowski.

Winners of the Halloween costume contest for kids included: Tuesday Knaup, Huxley Schnobrich, Finnegan Schnobrich, Sawyer Iczkowski, Michael Ott, Jillian Jakubek, Reid

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS REVEALED!

The 2023 Member Photo Contest capturing “Life in Rural Wisconsin” is now complete, and the 22 winning photos have been revealed! The selected photos are featured in the 2024 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Calendar, which was first available at our Member Appreciation Breakfast.

With 90 entries this year, the judges had their work cut out for them. CWEC thanks all of the members who participated. Information for the 2024 contest will be available in February 2024.



[LIST OF PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS](#)

SERVING UP SAVINGS

The holiday season is just around the corner and soon, festive music will flood the airwaves, sparkling lights and decorations will adorn homes and businesses, and good tidings will abound.

The holidays also bring a frenzy of decorating, cooking and family gatherings, and amid the hectic hustle and bustle, you may receive higher-than-usual energy bills.

Keeping this in mind, we want to take time to remind the members of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) about a few programs and efficiency tips to help lower your monthly energy use.



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CO-OP RETIRES \$275,000 IN CAPITAL CREDITS

This year, the board of directors approved the retirement of \$275,000 in capital credits. That amount was divided as follows: 70% of the \$275,000 went to members who had capital credits from 1993 and prior years; 30% went to members with capital credits from 1994 through 2018. All members who have been on CWECC electric lines for six years or longer received retired capital credits.



Active members whose retired capital credits were less than \$100 received a credit on their September electric bill, which was mailed to members in October. Checks were

mailed in October to active members whose retired capital credits amounted to more than \$100. Checks, with a minimum of \$10, were also mailed to all offline members who received retired capital credits.

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AREA KIDS NEED OUR HELP!

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than us, especially children. In our effort to accomplish the above, we are happy to once again partner with the U.S Marine Corps to make Christmas a little brighter for area children through the Toys for Tots program. We know that this year will once again be challenging to collect toys for area children.



Last year we were able to provide toys to more than 1,000 area children. All indications are we will need at least the same number of toys again this year. As you can imagine, it is a pretty daunting task to collect enough toys for that many children, especially with inflation still sticking around. This is where CWEC members can help. Help us spread a little Christmas joy this holiday season by donating a new unwrapped toy. **All of the toys we collect are distributed locally.**

To find the collection site nearest you, please see the accompanying list. If you would like us to do the shopping for you, you can make a check payable to Toys for Tots and mail it to us at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473. If you would like to donate online, go to <http://iola-wi.toysfortots.org>

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas.

TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION SITES

FIVE WAYS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

As the temperatures drop and the days grow shorter, there's a natural inclination to create a warm and cozy haven at home. Unfortunately, as we see increased use of heating equipment, candles and electrical items, the number of home fires tends to increase during winter months.

Here are five ways you can safeguard your home for the winter season.



1. Ensure carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working properly.

If your detectors are battery-operated, replace the batteries annually. Test the detectors once a month and give them a good dusting to ensure the sensors are clear of dirt and debris.

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