



November 2024

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CWEC MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

This year's Member Appreciation Breakfast, held at the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Rosholt on October 26, saw a record turnout. A total of 605 people were served breakfast at the event. We thank everyone 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.

The annual CWEC Marine Toys for Tots campaign was launched at the breakfast. We received 150 toys, stocking stuffers, and books donated by members.

Non-perishable food items were also collected, with our generous members donating 488 items, which were donated to area food pantries.

A special thank you to Northwest First Responders for providing blood pressure checks. They provided blood pressure screenings to around 30 breakfast attendees.

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CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS REVEALED

The 2024 Member Photo Contest capturing “Life in Rural Wisconsin” is now complete, and the 22 winning photos have been revealed. The selected photos will be featured in the 2025 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Calendar, which was first available at the CWEC Member Appreciation Breakfast.

With 72 entries this year, the judges had their work cut out for them. CWEC thanks all of the members who participated. Information for the 2025 contest will be available in February 2025.



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CO-OP RETIRES \$250,000 IN CAPITAL CREDITS

Each year, when the CWEC finances are audited and closed out, the remaining profit or margins are allocated to the members based on the amount each member paid for electricity during the year in the form of capital credits. These capital credits are used by the co-op to help build and maintain the CWEC electric system. When the co-op’s finances permit, the Board of Directors approves a portion of the allocated capital credits to be retired, and paid back to you – the members.



This year, the CWEC Board of Directors approved the retirement of \$250,000 in capital credits. The retirement will involve capital credits accumulated prior to 2019.

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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2024 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate, 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 more than 3,500 toys to more than 1,100 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. 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

CORRECTION TO ARTICLE DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

In the November issue of the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Electric Line Newsletter, we included information about CWEC Director Lee Lehrer retiring from the board when his current term ends in April. Some of the townships that we listed that he represents in District 2 were incorrect. The correct townships that he represents include: 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.

HAPPY
Thanks Giving

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business will resume on Monday, December 2. From everyone here at CWEC, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday.

REMINDER:

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 3. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.



MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT

As November kicks off, it's hard to believe we'll soon be gathering with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season. This festive time of year brings joy and warmth, but as the weather gets cooler and we spend more time indoors, the holidays can also bring increased energy use and a higher risk of electrical and fire hazards.



As your local electric cooperative, our team at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative cares about your wellbeing. This month, we'd like to share a few practical tips to help you stay safe and efficient during the holiday season.

Safety first.

A lot of families truly enjoy decorating their homes for the holidays. But before you deck the halls, you should always check electrical cords and light strands to make sure they aren't frayed or damaged. This will give you peace of mind, knowing your holiday lights are ready to safely brighten your home. You should also double check the lights you use outside to make sure they're rated for outdoor use.

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