



October 2024

MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST SET FOR OCTOBER 26 IN ROSHOLT

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) will host its Member Appreciation Breakfast at its headquarters in Rosholt on Saturday, Oct. 26 as a way to show its appreciation to its members. The breakfast is scheduled to take place from 8-11 a.m.

In addition to a pancake breakfast, the following will be available at the event:

- Door Prizes
- Kids Costume Contest (Judging at 9:45 a.m.)
- Halloween Treat Bag for Kids
- Kids Bike Drawing at 10 a.m.
- Bounce House
- Hotline Demonstrations
- Craft & Gift Fair featuring local vendors
- Free Blood Pressure Screening provided by Northwest First Responders staff



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CO-OPS POWER COMMUNITIES WITH PURPOSE

Communities come in all shapes

and sizes. Some are based on geographical proximity, some are based on shared interests or hobbies, and some communities can even be found in virtual spaces like social media groups. Regardless of where or how they are formed, communities can bring people together and create a sense of belonging.



HAPPY COOPERATIVE MONTH

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) is deeply committed to our members, and we're glad you are part of the electric cooperative community.

This October, more than 30,000 cooperatives across the U.S. are celebrating National Co-op Month. It's a time to reflect on all the aspects that set cooperatives apart from other types of businesses, but more importantly, it's a time to celebrate the power of co-op membership.

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ROSHOLT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES \$1,000 STEAM GRANT FOR MATH INTERVENTION

The Rosholt School District has received a \$1,000 STEAM grant from Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) to be used to purchase Math Genius Squad training materials for their Building First Through Third Grade Math Instruction Resources program.



The Math Genius Squad training materials will help the district's new teachers, said Elizabeth MacDonald, math interventionist for the Rosholt School District.

"It has many different math resources. It has creative PowerPoints that go along with our current curriculum," MacDonald said. "It also has video trainings that will help train them for each lesson. And then it also has Spanish resources, which will help out with our new population of Spanish speakers."

MacDonald added, "We have the Expressions math curriculum, and the Math Genius Squad is all based on our current math curriculum so it will help give more support for our mathematics program."

The Math Genius Squad training materials will also be able to be used in future years, MacDonald said.

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CYBERSECURITY TIPS FOR A SAFER DIGITAL WORLD

Did you know the average household with internet access owns about 17 connected devices? That figure covers a wide range of electronics, including smart phones, computers, streaming devices, smart speakers, home assistants and more. Given our increasing reliance on internet-connected technologies, the likelihood of new cyber threats is ever-present.



Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is deeply committed to ensuring our local system is safe and secure. We routinely monitor and manage cyber risks, and we work together with other co-ops to share the latest advancements in cybersecurity measures that make us stronger. But you can help, too.

When we all work together to stay safe online, we lower the risk of cyber threats to our systems, online accounts and sensitive data.

October is National Cybersecurity Month, and while good cyber hygiene should be practiced year-round, we'd like to share a few cybersecurity tips to help you bolster your online safety.

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CWEC WINS STATEWIDE MAGAZINE AWARD

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) recently won an award of excellence for presentation of local news in the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*, the voice of the state's rural electric cooperatives. Bert Lehman, member relations specialist at CWEC, serves as the editor of the co-op's local pages within the magazine. Awards were presented at the 2024 Communication Power Conference in Stevens Point Aug. 28.



CWEC's magazine pages won Honorable Mention in the category of Human Interest for the previous year.

Founded in 1940, the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* focuses on statewide issues that affect electric cooperatives, promoting the general welfare of Wisconsin's electric cooperatives, their member-owners, and the areas they serve. Nineteen electric cooperatives throughout the state are responsible for their own local sections within the magazine, which reaches 152,000 mailboxes each month.

LATE FEE NOTICE!

Beginning Oct. 1, the late fee for paying your electric bill late will be \$10 or 2% of the past due balance, whichever is greater. The fee change will be put into place with the October billing, which covers September's electricity usage.

Previously, the late fee was 2% of the past due balance, plus \$2.

IS A DUCTLESS MINI-SPLIT SYSTEM RIGHT FOR YOUR HOME?

How would you like a personalized comfort zone within your home? One where the temperature is customized to your liking and may be different than the temperature in the shared living areas or other rooms in the house. This flexibility and customization are precisely why mini-split systems, also known as ductless air-source heat pumps, and their energy efficiency aspects are so popular.

Let's unpack some mini-split basics and explore whether this type of system is a good choice for your home heating and cooling needs.

A mini-split system is a type of HVAC equipment used for heating and cooling, allowing you to control the temperature in individual rooms or spaces. Similar to central heating and cooling, mini-split systems have two main components--an outdoor compressor and an indoor air-handling unit(s). A narrow conduit links the indoor unit(s) to the outdoor compressor.



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