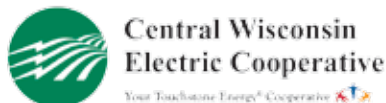




By Mike Wade,
President & CEO



FROM HERE TO THERE

With summer slipping away, I hope that each of you was able to have some summer fun and is ready for a spectacular fall.

Winter will be here before we know it. With this in mind, we are working to complete another construction season and finish our right-of-way vegetation management goals. Field testing of commercial metering and underground inspection is underway. Our new tracked bucket/digger is getting good use this summer and will be invaluable in the winter when our rights-of-way are covered with snow.

The board of directors has put the finishing touches on a new idle service policy. Like all utilities, we have a certain number of service locations that have been disconnected for years. These facilities sit idle and generate no revenue, yet require maintenance and can become a hazard. The board took bold action to clean up these services and remove them as a liability. For services that have been idle for 24 months, property owners will have the option of paying a line retention fee or having the service removed. This will allow us to clean up unused and unwanted services and also provide a revenue stream so that these services will pay their fair share of our operating costs.

This year has seen a decline in kWh sales during the first half of the year and as a result, weak margins. We continue to look for ways to operate more efficiently and lower our operating costs. Due to our decline in margins, we will be evaluating a rate increase in 2016. We are issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for a consultant to perform a cost-of-service study. This study will analyze our electric rates, revenue and expenses, and determine whether our rates are performing as expected. This study will be completed in early 2016, at which time we will report to you the results.

October is Co-op Month! It is the month when cooperatives across the nation celebrate the benefits of cooperative membership and the service and value cooperatives deliver to their members and communities. Join us for our annual Member Appreciation Breakfast at our office in Rosholt on Saturday, October 24, 2015. I look forward to seeing you there.

GET TO KNOW YOUR DIRECTOR



Ron Onesti

How long have you been a director?

I have been a director for four years.

Why did you want to become a director of CWEC?

I had been on the board for the Town of Almon for 18 years, so it seemed like a natural fit when nomination committee members Elton Strausburg and Bob Felts asked if I would be interested in being on the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

Tell me a little about your background.

In 1971 we bought our farm and became a member of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative. I was a self-employed dairy farmer for most of my life. I now work as a Jung Seed dealer. My wife is Pat and I have two children, a son, Ryan, and a daughter, Renee. We have three grandchildren, Brayden, 11 years old, and nine-month-old twins, Channing and Jaice. I played baseball, softball, and bowled most of my life. I am an active member of the Bowler Bay Riders snowmobile club.

Your experience outside the co-op?

I have been a member of co-ops for most of my life: AMPI-Morning Glory Farms, United Cooperative, and Land O' Lakes. I was on the board of directors for the Farm Bureau.

What do you like best about being a director?

Community service is something that I take great pride in as a CWEC director. We work very hard to help our members and the surrounding communities.

What do you see as a challenge(s) facing CWEC in the future?

I see a few big challenges: the EPA regulations, the co-op government regulations, and keeping rates reasonable for our members. There are many political issues that co-ops face, so we spend a lot of time reviewing these issues and meeting with state and local politicians.

What has been your greatest accomplishment as a director?

I am very proud to have been on the board when we hired our new president & CEO. I am very proud to have received my Board Leadership and Credentialed Cooperative Director certificates for attending education classes that help directors serve effectively on electric cooperative boards.



Cassie Baker



Tia Bestul



James Borgen



Zachary Brocken



Justin Cisewski



Shantel Cordova



Cassidy Detert



Michelle Ellie



Jessica Faldet

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Morgan Marquardt



Morgan McAuly



Regan McKay



Matthew Michalak



Melissa Michalak



Jacob Minniecheske

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is proud to announce that it has awarded \$21,500 in scholarships to these outstanding students.

CWEC is committed to helping our young members continue their education after high school. Scholarship monies come from the Operation Round Up program, which is funded by our members. We would like to thank our members who participate in the Operation Round Up program; to date, more than \$380,000 of Operation funds have been paid to worthwhile charitable and educational purposes.

First time Scholarship Winners

- Cassie Wojtalewicz-Baker**, Rosholt, daughter of Bryan and Kelly Baker, Northcentral Technical College, nursing
- Kelsey Berg**, Tigerton, daughter of Michael Berg and Tracy Berg, UW–Marinette, physical therapist
- Claire Bestul**, Iola, daughter of Travis and Jolie Bestul, UW–Green Bay, business
- Tia Bestul**, Iola, daughter of Tom and Connie Bestul, Fox Valley Technical College, horticulture
- Jasper Block**, Tigerton, son of Terry and Barbara Block, Milwaukee School of Engineering, engineering
- Emily Bonikowske**, Iola, daughter of John and Michelle Bonikowske, UW–Platteville, software engineering
- James Borgen**, Amherst, son of Neal and Kim Borgen, UW–Stevens Point, psychology or history
- Holly Boyle**, Iola, daughter of Tom and Heather Boyle, UW–Oshkosh, nursing
- Mikayla Brandenburg**, Mosinee, daughter of John and Lisa Brandenburg, University of Northwestern–St. Paul, MN, music education
- Madeline Brandl**, Rosholt, daughter of Jeffrey and Kathy Brandl, UW–Eau Claire, nursing
- Zachary Brocken**, Rosholt, son of Tom and Maureen Brocken, UW–Oshkosh, business
- Rachel Buza**, Custer, daughter of Donald and Leslie Buza, Mid-State Technical College, journalism
- Justin Cisewski**, Mosinee, son of Steve and Barb Cisewski, UW–Stevens Point, forest management
- Shantel Cordova**, Rosholt, daughter of Rich and Lora Cordova, Northcentral Technical College, diagnostic medical sonographer
- Cassidy Detert**, Marion, daughter of Lowell and Brenda Detert, biology

- Michelle Ellie**, Iola, daughter of Greg and Mary Ellie, UW–Green Bay, elementary education
- Jessica Faldet**, Iola, daughter of Bruce and Kristine Faldet, UW–Oshkosh, nursing
- Raymond Filtz**, Custer, son of Scott and GERALYN Filtz, UW–Stevens Point, dietetics
- Troy Flugaur**, Amherst Junction, son of Rick and Lesa Flugaur, Michigan Technical University, mechanical or electrical engineering
- Danielle Ganser**, Mosinee, daughter of Andrew Ganser and Julie Sitko, Northcentral Technical College, vet tech
- Adam Gibbs**, Custer, son of Bill and Kim Gibbs, Mid-State Technical College, IT network specialist
- Keenen Hayes**, Tigerton, daughter of Daniel and Anita Hayes, UW–Fox Valley, electrical engineering
- Brady Huettner**, Iola, son of Paula and Shannon Huettner, UW–La Crosse, exercise sports science
- Brianne Huettner**, Iola, daughter of Paul and Shannon Huettner, UW–Stevens Point, physician's assistant
- Monica Janz**, Mosinee daughter of Steven and Mayka Janz, UW–Madison, biochemistry
- Kylie Johnson**, Iola, daughter of Kevin and Wendy Johnson, UW–Stevens Point, elementary education
- Troy Karpinski**, Rosholt, son of Leo and Luann Karpinski, Mid-State Technical College, electrical power engineering
- Sadie Kolodziej**, Stevens Point, daughter of William and Diane Kolodziej, UW–Platteville, agriculture/biology teacher
- Kendra Kruzicki**, Wittenberg, daughter of Mark and Pam Kruzicki, UW–Stevens Point, occupational therapy
- Morgan Kruzicki**, Rosholt, daughter of Chris and Kelly Kruzicki, UW–Stevens Point, psychology
- Janessa Lepak**, Mosinee, daughter of Tim and Michelle Lepak, Mid-State Technical College, paramedic technician
- Austin Lewandowski**, Rosholt, son of Thomas and Mary Lewandowski, Northcentral Technical College, accounting
- Jessie Luedke**, Ogdensburg, daughter of Carl and Shelly Luedke, Northern Michigan University, law enforcement
- Megan Luedke**, Ogdensburg, daughter of Carl and Shelly Luedke, UW–Stout, graphic design and interactive media
- Alec Lund**, Iola, son of Jeff and Angie Lund, Fox Valley Technical College, law enforcement
- Emily Madson**, Iola, daughter of Steve and Marie Madson, Fox Valley Technical College, law enforcement
- Nicholas Madson**, Iola, son of Steve and Marie Madson, Ripon College, elementary education
- Brian Maes**, Rosholt, son of Joseph and Carol Maes, UW–Stevens Point, computer science



Troy Flugaur



Adam Gibbs



Monica Janz



Kylie Johnson



Kendra Kruzicki



Janessa Lepak



Brian Maes



Emily Madson



Nick Madson



Amelia Nievinski



Olivia Nillissen



Chad Nueske



Drew Payne



Jolene Peterson



Joe Serrano



Jacob Stewart



Shelby Trzebiatowski



Luke Yenter

Morgan Marquardt, Tigerton, daughter of Otto and Lisa Marquardt, UW–Green Bay, nursing/pre-med

Morgan McAuly, Birnamwood, daughter of Theodore and Pam McAuly, Northcentral Technical College–Antigo, human resources

Regan McKay, Wittenberg, daughter of Brad and Roslyn McKay, Northern Michigan University–Marquette, theater/performing arts

Matthew Michalak, Iola, son of Mark and Lynn Michalak, UW–Stevens Point, undecided

Melissa Michalak, Iola, daughter of Mark and Lynn Michalak, UW–Oshkosh, criminal justice

Jacob Minniecheske, Tigerton, son of Joel and Wanda Minniecheske, Northcentral Technical College, electromechanical technology

Karli Minniecheske, Tigerton, daughter of Paul and Amy Minniecheske, Northcentral Technical College, administrative

Desirae Nelson, Iola, daughter of Doug and Teresa Nelson, UW–Eau Claire, criminal justice

Amelia Nievinski, Eland, daughter of Joe and Faye Nievinski, Ripon College, biology or psychobiology

Olivia Nillissen, Birnamwood, daughter of Larry and Kris Nillissen, Duke University, biomedical engineering or medicine

Chase Nueske, Bowler, son of Roger and Stacey Nueske, Northcentral Technical College–Antigo, welding

Eric Ostrowski, Ogdensburg, son of Tom and Cheryl Ostrowski, Fabtech, diesel engine technician

Drew Payne, Birnamwood, son of Tony Payne and Holly Tuma, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, undecided

Jolene Peterson, Scandinavia, daughter of David and Lenore Peterson, UW–Oshkosh, medical technology

Brooke Phillips, Iola, daughter of Mike and Cindi Phillips, Bemidji State University, biology

Jeremiah Rein, Amherst Junction, son of Sarah Ludeman, Ripon College, pre-engineering

Madelynn Russ, Iola, daughter of Todd and Dixie Anderson, UW–Green Bay, elementary education

Joseph Serrano, Birnamwood, son of John and Theresa Serrano, Northeast Technical College–Green Bay, construction technology

Jacob Stewart, Tigerton, son of Paul and Kris Stewart, UW–Stout, civil engineering

Shelby Trzebiatowski, Iola, daughter of Gerald and Jackie Trzebiatowski, UW–Parkside, exercise science

Nora Vanden Bush, Iola, daughter of Mark and Paula Wojtalewicz, nursing

Devan Walski, Rosholt, daughter of Alan and Erin Walski, Northcentral Technical College, radiography

Damian Yaeger, Rosholt, son of Jim and Lynn Yaeger, sports medicine or physical/occupational therapy

Luke Yenter, Rosholt, son of Jess and Jane Yenter, UW–Milwaukee, materials science and engineering

Students previously awarded (not pictured): **Brett Allred**, Iola, son of Steven and Vicki Allred, UW–Stevens Point, communications; **Haley Bernas**, Stevens Point, daughter of Jim and Cindy Bernas, UW–Madison, elementary/special education; **Hannah Bonikowske**, Ogdensburg, daughter of John and Michelle Bonikowske, Marquette University, biomedical sciences; **Trevor Buza**, Custer, son of Donald and Leslie Buza, UW–Stevens Point, business; **Haley Dexter**, Wittenberg, daughter of Robert and Renee Kolb, UW–Stevens Point, physician assistant; **Jamie Docka**, Amherst, son of Jim and Danita Docka, Michigan Technical University, computer and electrical engineering; **Leah Glodowski**, Rosholt, daughter of Paul and Lois Glodowski, Carroll University, biology; **Philip Hayes**, Iola, son of Phil and Karen Hayes, UW–La Crosse, business management; **Jennifer Hvizdak**, Rosholt, daughter of Robert and Anne Hvizdak, UW–La Crosse, recreation management; **Jamie Kirschling**, Custer, daughter of Diane Kirschling, UW–Milwaukee, nursing; **Matt Knepfel**, Amherst Jct., son of Todd and Lori Knepfel, UW–Oshkosh, middle or high school social sciences teacher; **Allison Lockery**, Rosholt, daughter of Christopher and Christine Lockery, UW–La Crosse, marketing; **Kathrine Makovec**, Iola, daughter of John and Mary Makovec, UW–Stevens Point, psychology; **Tyler Marquardt**, Tigerton, son of Otto and Lisa Marquardt, UW–La Crosse, exercise /sports science; **Chelsea Martin**, Tigerton, daughter of Jon and Sue Martin, UW–Stevens Point, psychology; **Savannah Mauritz**, Tigerton, daughter of Mitch and Connie Mauritz, Northcentral Technical College, office assistant; **Lindsey Meis**, Custer, daughter of Gerald and Colleen Meis, UW–Green Bay, human biology; **Becky Peterson**, Scandinavia, daughter of David and Lenore Peterson, UW–Stevens Point, registered nurse; **Autumn Pingel**, Tigerton, daughter of LeGrace Pingel, UW–Green Bay, social work; **Kayla Romatowski**, Mosinee, daughter of Sue Romatowski, Viterbo University, nursing; **Lyza Schmidt**, Stevens Point, daughter of Ruth Schmidt, Fox Valley Technical College, kitchen and bath interior design; **Brooke Simonis**, Custer, daughter of Bryon and Laurie Simonis, UW–La Crosse, radiation therapy and athletic training; **Alexi Smith**, Iola, daughter of Bryan and Linda Smith, UW–Eau Claire, accounting; **Rachel Smith**, Custer, daughter of Jason and Ann Fletcher, UW–Madison, communicative science and disorders; **Travis Szeligowski**, Stevens Point, son of Matt and Tammy Szeligowski, UW–La Crosse, biology; **Nicole Tessen**, Iola, daughter of Todd and Michelle Tessen, UW–Oshkosh, accounting and finance; **Robert Uttecht**, Eland, son of Bob and Paula Uttecht, UW–Parkside, pre-health; **Nicholas Wavruk**, Iola, son of Ken and Karen Wavruk, UW–Oshkosh, computer engineering; **Erin Wick**, Bowler, daughter of Kevin and Sue Wick, UW–La Crosse, political science



CWEC ASSISTS TIGERTON AMBULANCE LIGHTING UPGRADE

Tigerton Ambulance Service recently completed an energy efficiency lighting upgrade to its facility. Tapping into Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op's Capital Credits for Conservation program, the project was done with no out-of-pocket cost to the village. In addition, the village received a \$220 rebate from the co-op for the upgrade.



Mark Forseth, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative vice president of member relations (right), presents Tigerton Village President Dale Breaker a check for the upgrade.

TIGERTON'S GROCERY STORE BECOMES ENERGY EFFICIENT

The newly opened Cedar Street Market Grocery Store in Tigerton upgraded its lighting, refrigeration equipment, and heating and cooling systems. Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op provided rebates to assist with the project.



When presenting the rebate check to store owner Judi Hegewald, CWEC Vice President Mark Forseth indicated he was amazed at the improvements Judi had done to the store.

"The store looks fantastic," Forseth said. "If they haven't done so I encourage folks to stop by and see for themselves."

CWEC also assisted by providing an economic development loan.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

Embarrass River Lions Club Fall Rummage Sale

September 4-5

Food and Bakery will be available. Morris Town Hall, Hwy J and Berg Rd. in Tigerton. For more information call 715-535-2098.

Portage County Fair

September 4-7

Parade on Main Street at noon on Saturday, Rosholt Fair Park. For more information go to www.rosholtfair.com.

Big Falls Bowhunters Free Corn Roast

Sunday, September 6

Parade at noon. Food stands, raffles, free corn, games. Live music throughout the day. Big Falls. For more information call 715-754-2359.

Office closed Monday, September 7, in honor of Labor Day

Embarrass River Lions Club Horse Trail Ride

September 25-27

Tigerton. Event Chair: Pete 715-853-5506. Trail Ride Chairperson: Deb 715-508-0097.

6th Annual Taste of Tigerton Apple Fest

Saturday, September 26

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Apple pies baked and unbaked for sale, demonstrations, vendors, contests. Tigerton Legion Park. For more information call 715-535-2110.

Rosholt Threshermen Rippin

Thru Rosholt

Saturday, September 26

Black top tractor pull on Main Street. Food, music, and drink. Rosholt.

"Go with the Grain (of Wood)

"Fall Art Show

Saturday, September 19, continuing Sat./

Sun. through October 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Featuring the sculptural talents of Bill Miltenberger, Len Pubanz, and Ron Zdroik.

This is a juried "wooden" show. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. Joins the Miles

of Art tour, a countywide celebration of the arts October 3 and 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information call 715-253-2737 or go

to www.wallsofwittenberg.com.

To submit your community events email brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com or call Brenda at 715-677-2211.

CWEC IDLE SERVICE POLICY

The board of directors for the co-op approved a policy to handle idle service accounts. An idle service is defined as an electric service that has been disconnected. Over time, idle services become uneconomical for the co-op to maintain.

The Idle Service Policy states that if a service remains idle for 24 months or longer, the cooperative may, at its discretion, notify the consumer that an idle service is located on their property and give the consumer the option to either retain or remove the idle service. Consumers who choose to retain the idle service without reconnecting the service will be assessed a monthly Line Retention Fee.

Failure to respond to the notice may result in the removal of the idle service by the co-op. Consumers who choose to have idle service locations reconnected will be subject to all applicable fees and agreements. For more information please contact the co-op.

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