



Central Wisconsin  
Electric Cooperative

Your Sustainable Energy Cooperative



By Mike Wade,  
President & CEO

## FROM HERE TO THERE

Although we will miss it, summer is just a few weeks away from being history. I like summer, but truth be told, I am all about fall. Cool weather and autumn colors are what I like, and Wisconsin definitely knows how to put on a great show in the fall. And fall is the time of year that your cooperative

holds its annual Member Appreciation Breakfast. Make plans to join us for pancakes and sausage on Saturday, October 28, at our office outside of Rosholt. We will have fun for the entire family and we look forward to visiting with you and eating way too many pancakes.

Our kWh sales are down in the first six months of the year for the third straight year in a row, a testament to the beautiful weather we enjoy and the energy efficiency products available for our members to use. Although we love strong sales as it helps keep our rates low, we understand our members need to keep their electric bills affordable and we embrace the conservation efforts that our members observe. If you have

not done so, go to our website and select the Member Services tab to find rebates available for many of the energy efficient products you buy.

To honor the creation of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, there will be an unveiling of a historical marker in Iola on October 3 at 1:30 p.m. The marker will be placed adjacent to the village hall of Iola near 180 South Main Street. This marker will serve as a reminder of the hardships faced by our forefathers as they struggled without the benefit of electric energy and the steps they took to control their destiny and to start a program that has lasted 80 years. If you have time, please join us in Iola on October 3 as we dedicate this marker to our cooperative's beginning.

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 outside of Rosholt on Saturday, October 28, 2017. I look forward to seeing you there.

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held at the headquarters in Rosholt at 8 a.m. on June 21, 2017. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, minutes of the May 25, 2017, meeting, new and terminated memberships, and the monthly safety report were approved.

### Action Items

- a. Monthly Financial Statements and Reports were approved. Finance Committee reviewed checks written, and the board and CEO expenses.
- b. Governance Committee approved changes to Chapter 4.0 Billings, Payment and Special Charges, and Policy 108 – Director Election (Addendum) was approved.
- c. The board reviewed progress made in each department on the board-approved goals of 2017.
- d. The board approved a revision to our qualifying facility electric rate for small hydro facilities.
- e. Directors' attendance at the WECA Emerging Energy Issues Summit in Stevens Point on August 15, 2017, was approved.
- f. The board discussed finding a replacement member for the 2018 Nominations Committee to fill the position held by a member in sub-district 2(c). Sub-district townships include: Amherst, Scandinavia, St. Lawrence, Lanark, and Farmington.

- g. The board discussed the service availability fee for members with multiple meters.
- h. VP of operations and the line manager presented guidelines being developed for large-scale outage restoration.
- i. The board agreed to continue investing in ATC as part of the third capital call of 2017.

Operations and Engineering – Completed total system overhead line inspection. Started underground inspection and CT meter inspection. Congratulations to Gabriel Pospyhalla and Quinton Zdroik on their completion of Apprenticeship School—they have reached journeyman lineman status as of June 5, 2017.

Accounting and Finance – Negative PCA for our June billing (May usage). Cannon technicians provided software updates and worked in the field on several meter communications issues.

Member Services – We have seven students registered to attend this year's Youth Leadership Congress this July at UW-River Falls. We have two employee chaperones attending the event with the group.

President and CEO Report – Continue working on our existing line extension policy. Following a change to the Dairyland Power Cooperative bylaws, the Class B membership category has been removed.

Directors reported on WECA Board Meeting, WECA Education and Finance Committee Meetings, the Dairyland Annual Meeting, and CFC Forum they attended.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.



Molly Andreae



Patrick Bailey



Cole Bemenek



Tiffany Bestul



Jenna Brandl



Kyle Check



Alexis Cordova



Corrissa Konkol



Jaylyn Lepak



Rebecca Levandoski



Travis Marquardt



Lonna Minniecheske



Emily Moderson



Natalie Ockwig

## Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship Recipients

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is proud to announce that it has awarded \$17,575 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 thank our members who participate in the Operation Round Up program; to date, more than \$451,000 of Operation funds have been paid to worthwhile charitable and educational purposes.

### First time Scholarship Winners

**Molly Andreae**, Rosholt, daughter of Jeremy and Jessica Andreae, UW-Stevens Point, undecided

**Patrick Bailey**, Tigerton, son of Patrick Bailey and Mindy Bailey, UW-Stevens Point, biology

**Cole Bemenek**, Rosholt, son of Tom and Chris Bemenek, UW-La Crosse, finance

**Tiffany Bestul**, Iola, daughter of Tom and Connie Bestul, Fox Valley Technical College, agribusiness dairy technician

**Kathryn Borgen**, Amherst, daughter of Neal and Kim Borgen, UW-Green Bay, nursing

**Jenna Brandl**, Rosholt, daughter of Wade and Tina Brandl, Northcentral Technical College, medical field

**Blade Cameron**, Birnamwood, son of Steven and Rebecca Cameron, UW-Stevens Point, master's in athletic training

**Kyle Check**, Rosholt, son of Todd and Keri Check, UW-Stevens Point, mathematics

**Adam Cherek**, Iola, son of Neil and Jackie Cherek, UW-Madison, electrical engineering

**Alexis Cordova**, Rosholt, daughter of Rich and Lora Cordova, Northcentral Technical College, architectural design and technology

**Mason Enjaian**, Wittenberg, son of Marianne Rhodes, Northcentral Technical College, wood science

**Megan Fromfeld**, Rosholt, daughter of Ken and Amber Fromfeld, Midstate Technical College, business management

**Andrew Fromfeld**, Rosholt, son of Ken and Amber Fromfeld, UW-Stevens Point, medical field

**Brittany Gagas**, Rosholt, daughter of Chris and Kristie Gagas, UW-Stevens Point, early education

**McKenzie Glodowski**, Rosholt, daughter of Keith and Tracy Glodowski, Northcentral Technical College, agribusiness

**Kalei Groshek**, Eland, daughter of Jamie and Stacey Groshek, UW-La Crosse, psychology

**Nick Hansen**, Iola, son of Rick and Tracy Hansen, Northeast Technical College, electrical power distribution

**Angela Hoffmann**, Tigerton, daughter of John and Jenny Hoffmann, UW-Stevens Point, pre-pharmacy

**Kyle Jobke**, Marion, son of Kurt and Donna Jobke, undecided, business

**Kendall Johnson**, Iola, daughter of Kevin and Wendy Johnson, UW-Stevens Point, communication sciences and disorders

**Taylor Kaminski**, Rosholt, son of Robert and Amy Wojtalewicz, UW-Oshkosh, pre-nursing

**Mariah Kluck**, Rosholt, daughter of Kevin and Lori Kluck, St. Norbert College, education

**Corrissa Konkol**, Eland, daughter of Chad and Sherry Konkol, UW-Stevens Point, biology

**Justin Krause**, Ogdensburg, son of Derek and Denise Krause, UW-Madison, engineering

**Jaylyn Lepak**, Mosinee, daughter of Tim and Michelle Lepak, UW-Marshfield, nursing

**Rebecca Levandoski**, Tigerton, daughter of Tom and Bonnie Levandoski, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, radiology technician

**Travis Marquardt**, Tigerton, son of Otto and Lisa Marquardt, UW-Platteville, electrical engineering

**Nathan Miller**, Tigerton, son of Jeff and Jani Miller, UW-Madison, environmental engineering

**Lonna Minniecheske**, Tigerton, daughter of Paul and Amy Minniecheske, UW-Marathon, undecided

**Emily Moderson**, Tigerton, daughter of Peter Moderson and Jolene Dobizl, UW-Green Bay, early childhood education

**David Mortenson**, Ogdensburg, son of Dan and Shana Mortenson, Fox Valley Technical College, electro-mechanical engineering

**Nadia Ockwig**, Rosholt, daughter of Nicholas and Natalie Ockwig, UW-Stout, undecided

**Alan Parrott**, Tigerton, son of Dennis and Brenda Parrott, Fox Valley Technical College, natural resource technician

**Eugene Pliska**, Waupaca, son of David and Flonnie Pliska, Ripon College, business management

**Mallory Rekowski**, Wittenberg, daughter of Pete and Tracy Rekowski, UW-Fox Valley, animal behavior

**Elizabeth Selle**, Tigerton, daughter of David and Paula Smith, Northeast Technical College, nursing

**Amie Smith**, Iola, daughter of Bryan and Linda Smith, UW-La Crosse, radiation therapy



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Elizabeth Selle



Amie Smith



Serena Smith



Allison Stewart



Jacob Strassburg



Andy Tepp



Devin Thompson



Katie Tryba



Jenna Van Tassel



Makayla Verkuilen



Riley Walski

**Serena Smith**, Tigerton, daughter of Brent and Mary Smith, UW-Milwaukee, atmospheric science

**Allison Stewart**, Tigerton, daughter of Paul and Kris Stewart, UW-River Falls, vet-tech

**Jacob Strassburg**, Wittenberg, son of Jeff and Jeni Strassburg, Fox Valley Technical College, agribusiness/science technology

**Clare Taylor**, Iola, daughter of Mitchell and Kristine Taylor, UW-Stevens Point, musical theater and communications

**Andy Tepp**, Stevens Point, son of Troy and Gina Tepp, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, biology/pre-med

**Devin Thompson**, Rosholt, son of Don and Melissa Thompson, UW-Stout, mechanical engineering

**Katie Tryba**, Wittenberg, daughter of Dennis and Kari Tryba, Northcentral Technical College, medical assistant

**Jessica Trzebiatowski**, Iola, daughter of Gary and Jackie Trzebiatowski, Fox Valley Technical College, forensic science

**Jordan Trzebiatowski**, Iola, daughter of Gary and Jackie Trzebiatowski, Northcentral Technical College, radiologic technician

**Jenna Van Tassel**, Hatley, daughter of Audrey Yenter, Midstate Technical College, software development

**Jesse Vaughan**, Iola, daughter of Mark and Mary Vaughan, UW-Stevens Point, accounting

**Maykayla Verkuilen**, Wittenberg, daughter of Darrelle and Karen Verkuilen, St. Cloud Community and Technical College, ultrasound technician

**Elijah Wachowiak**, Custer, son of Cody and Jamie Bronk, UW-Eau Claire, mathematics

**Riley Walski**, Rosholt, son of Alan and Erin Walski, Northeast Technical College, business management

**Erica Wolf**, Birmamwood, daughter of Dan and Jenny Wolf, Northcentral Technical College, nursing

**Karol Wroblewski**, Iola, son of Gerard Wroblewski and Lisa Mercurio, Chippewa Valley Technical College, agronomy and large animal management

**Students who have been awarded the scholarship previously (not pictured):**

**Dakota Bazile**, Tigerton, son of Shane and Amy Bazile, UW-Platteville, physical therapy; **Emily Bonikowske**, Ogdensburg, daughter of John and Michelle Bonikowske, UW-Platteville, software engineering; **Hannah Bonikowske**,

Ogdensburg, daughter of John and Michelle Bonikowske, Marquette University School of Dentistry, general dentist; **Cody Buttles**, Ogdensburg, son of Phillip and Cynthia Buttles, UW-Eau Claire, health care administration; **Justin Cisewski**, Mosinee, son of Steve and Barb Cisewski, UW-Stevens Point, natural resources; **Maxwell Hauser**, Iola, son of David and Elizabeth Hauser, UW-Oshkosh, cinematographer; **Shantel Cordova**, Rosholt, daughter of Rich and Lora Cordova, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, sonographer; **Micaela Jobke**, Marion, daughter of Kurt and Donna Jobke, UW-La Crosse, biology and psychology; **Kylie Johnson**, Iola, daughter of Kevin and Wendy Johnson, UW-Stevens Point, elementary education; **Sadie Kolodziej**, Stevens Point, daughter of Bill and Diane Kolodziej, UW-Platteville, biology; **Summer Kopitzke**, Tigerton, daughter of John and Rita Kopitzke, Lawrence University, biology/pre-med; **Austin Lewandowski**, Rosholt, son of Thomas and Mary Lewandowski, Northcentral Technical College, accounting; **Evan Maes**, Rosholt, son of Joe and Carol Maes, UW-Platteville, mechanical engineer; **Morgan McAuly**, Birmamwood, daughter of Jamie and Pam McAuly, Northcentral Technical College, human services; **Matthew Michalak**, Iola, son of Mark and Lynn Michalak, UW-Stevens Point, undecided; **Melissa Michalak**, Iola, daughter of Mark and Lynn Michalak, UW-Oshkosh, nursing; **Erin Mlodik**, Wittenberg, daughter of Arnold and Karen Mlodik, Northcentral Technical College, dental hygiene; **Desirae Nelson**, Ogdensburg, daughter of Doug and Teresa Nelson, UW-Eau Claire, criminal justice; **Olivia Nillissen**, Birmamwood, Duke University, biomedical engineering; **Becky Peterson**, Scandinavia, daughter of David and Lenore Peterson, Northcentral Technical College, nursing; **Jolene Peterson**, Scandinavia, daughter of David and Lenore Peterson, UW-Stevens Point, hospital or clinic lab; **Kayla Romatowski**, Mosinee, daughter of Sue Romatowski, Viterbo University, nursing; **Alexi Smith**, Iola, daughter of Bryan and Linda Smith, UW-Eau Claire, human resource management; **Robert Uttecht, Jr.**, Eland, son of Robert and Paula Uttecht, UW-Stevens Point, environmental law enforcement; **Ryan Wellbrock**, Iola, son of Pam Wellbrock, Midstate Technical College, business/computing; **Danica Wendler**, Wittenberg, daughter of Scott and Tammy Wendler, St. Norbert College, nursing; **Erin Wick**, Bowler, son of Kevin and Susan Wick, UW-La Crosse, political science; **Joshua Wick**, Bowler, son of Kevin and Susan Wick, Northwestern Technical College, utilities engineering technology; **Breanna Yenter**, Amherst Jct., daughter of Paul and Karen Yenter, UW-River Falls, crop and soil science; **Cassie Wojtalewicz-Baker**, Rosholt, daughter of Bryan and Kelly Baker, Northcentral Technical College, nursing



## CWEC TO EXIT MAIN STREET MESSENGER SERVICE

Over twenty years ago CWEC saw a need to provide a service that would allow senior citizens and those with special needs the ability to maintain their independence. It was then and with great pleasure we began offering a medical first-alert phone system called Main Street Messenger. Main Street Messenger has proven to be a huge success, as over the years it has allowed us to help hundreds of individuals remain in their homes with the comfort of knowing help

was just a push of a button away.

We ask ourselves two main questions when we consider offering a product or service. The first—is it something our members need? The second—is it readily available elsewhere? While we certainly feel there still is a need for a service like this, the emergence of numerous other companies offering first-alert systems has reduced the demand for it from us to the point where we feel comfortable in stepping away from it,

so effective December 31, 2017, we will no longer offer Main Street Messenger. We feel the December 31 date gives our current customers plenty of time to find an alternative provider.

We'd like to thank all of our present and past customers and care providers for allowing us to provide this service. While we will no longer offer this service, you have our pledge that we will continue to search out products and services that are beneficial to you, our members.

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

**Office Closed Monday, September 4**  
In honor of Labor Day

**St. Johns Church Dinner**  
Sunday, September 10

11 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Swiss steak and broasted chicken, homemade pie. For more information call 715-535-2282. Tigerton.

**6th Annual Glacier Ridge**  
**Antique Tractor Club Show**  
September 16–17



8 a.m.—5 p.m. Displays, demonstrations, flea market & swap meet. No admission charge. For more information visit Glacier Ridge Antique Tractor Club Facebook page or call 715-572-1548. Corkey's Bar in Shantytown.

**Third Thursday Concert in the**  
**Art Park Series**

**Thursday, September 21**

6–8 p.m. The Drovers. Bring your own chairs, a picnic supper or snacks and a beverage. Free admission and free ice cream. WOW Art Park, Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525.

**Annual Taste of Tigerton Apple Fest**  
Saturday, September 23

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 30**

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

**Walls of Wittenberg Annual**  
**Fall Art Show: "WOW! Some**  
**of the Best of WOW"**

**September 16 - October 8;**

11 a.m.—3 p.m. Includes "Miles of Art" Weekend Tour, September 30 & October 1; 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Runs on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.—3 p.m., with extended hours on October 1 and 2 from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Free. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal Street. For more information call 715-253-3525 or go to [www.wallsowittenberg.com](http://www.wallsowittenberg.com).



To submit your community events email

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## CWEC ASSISTS DETERT FARM UPGRADE

Partnering with its statewide organization, Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association, Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op (CWEC) was able to provide over \$4,000 in grant funds to Cody Detert to help pay for electrical upgrades to his farm. Wisconsin electric cooperatives, including CWEC, have developed a uniform statewide farm rewiring program entitled Safety First. The program's purpose is to assist dairy farmers with the cost of rewiring projects and to promote safety. Funding for this program comes from Wisconsin electric cooperatives.



Cody recently restarted the dairy operation of the 150-acre family farm located in the Marion area. The dormant portion of the farm was in need of some TLC, so Cody contracted with Olson's Rural Electric of Clintonville to do the work, which included a service upgrade; hookup of feeding equipment, fans, and milking equipment; and upgrading old farm lighting to energy efficient light-emitting diodes (LEDs).

"We're pleased to assist Cody in making these needed upgrades to the farm," said CWEC Vice President of Member Relations Mark Forseth. "We're always excited to see a young person carry on a family business. We wish Cody all the best."

Cody indicated he's already planning to expand his 60-cow herd.

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