



Central Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative
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By Mike Wade,
President & CEO

FROM HERE TO THERE

I'm not sure about you, but I thought summer went by way too fast. Now that my children are older, they each want to do their own thing and we had trouble making plans that worked for the entire family. Regardless, we had our share of fun and I had my share of sunburns. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are ready for the beautiful autumn colors that we enjoy so much.

Fall is actually my favorite time of year, and I am looking forward to our fall tradition of hosting the Member Appreciation Breakfast. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at our office outside of Rosholt. If you have never been or never miss a year, please plan on joining us that Saturday morning. I can guarantee you won't leave hungry, and we will enjoy visiting with you and showing our appreciation to you for being our member.

The board of directors is beginning to discuss a new direction with electric rates after the completion of the member forums in June. We appreciate everyone's attendance at the forums, and the survey information we received is invaluable for evaluating changes to our rates. We are hoping to finalize

our decisions soon, so look in future magazines for the details of any rate modification.

While kWh sales have picked up in the summer, we are slightly behind the same time last year. As you remember, 2015 was a dismal year for kWh sales and margins, but we are hoping that we will see better sales towards the end of the year. Strong sales allow us to keep our rates affordable and meet our financial obligations.

We are very pleased that our statewide association, the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA), is now a stand-alone organization. They have had a great partnership with another cooperative trade organization, Cooperative Network, but recently decided to return to separate operations and operate independently. This will allow WECA to focus entirely on its member cooperatives as we face the challenges of today and tomorrow.

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 29, 2016. I look forward to seeing you there.

CWEC & COBANK SUPPORT THE ROSHOLT FIRE DISTRICT

Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op, along with one of its financial partners, CoBank, donated \$2,000 to the Rosholt Fire District. The funds will be used to purchase a portable watering tank.

Through a program CoBank offers cooperatives called Sharing Success, Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op had the opportunity to apply for grant funds on behalf of an area nonprofit organization. To be eligible for the grant the co-op has to commit to match the amount of the grant application, which in this case was \$1,000.

"The toughest part of the process was to choose just one of the many terrific area nonprofit organizations," said Co-op Vice President Mark Forseth. "The fire department does a magnificent job of protecting the Rosholt area while operating on a very tight budget, so we feel they're an excellent choice."

The Rosholt Fire District provides fire protection to the Village of Rosholt, Town of Alban, and Town of Sharon.

This is the fourth time CWEC and

CoBank have partnered to assist nonprofit organizations. Previous recipients were the Bowler Fire Department, Iola Fire & Ambulance Departments, and the Birnamwood Fire District.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to the communities we serve, it gives us great pleasure to provide the funds for the purchase of this much needed equipment," said CWEC CEO Mike Wade.



Ron Pliska, Rosholt Fire District deputy chief, accepts a check from Tony Buss, Jr., CWEC board chairman. Also present were (back l-r) Mike Schuster, Rosholt Fire District captain; Mike Wade, CWEC president and CEO; and Sue Rombalski, CWEC board member.



Lyndsey Agar



Dakota Bazile



Aaron Bestul



Amber Bianco



Nick Blum



Jordan Boswell



Baylie Disher



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Amy Groshek



Hailey Hegewald



Micaela Jobke



Kaitlyn Knutson



Summer Kopitzke



Emily Kroseberg



Shannon Kruzicki



Alex Lewandowski



Lacie Ligman



Griffin Magee



Erin Mlodik



Mariah Oppor



Steven Paperdorf



Jayden Podgorny



Ryan Wellbrock



Danica Wendler



Joshua Wick



Alicia Wojtalewicz



Breanna Yenter



Jasmine Yenter

CONGRATULATIONS, 2016 Scholarship Recipients

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is proud to announce that it has awarded \$15,250 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 \$417,000 of Operation funds have been paid to worthwhile charitable and educational purposes.

First-time Scholarship Winners

Lyndsey Agar, Wittenberg, daughter of Ian and Carol Agar, UW–Madison, music

Dakota Bazile, Tigerton, son of Shane and Amy Bazile, UW–Platteville, environmental engineering

Aaron Bestul, Stevens Point, son of James Bestul and Cheryl Bestul, UW–Stevens Point, athletic training

Amber Bianco, Rosholt, daughter of Nick and Jenny Bianco, UW–Oshkosh, nursing

Nick Blum, Iola, son of Greg and Kathy Blum, UW–Oshkosh, business marketing

Jordan Boswell, Birnamwood, daughter of Jerry and Christy Boswell,

Northcentral Technical College, criminal justice

Emily Charnecke, Rosholt, daughter of Ken and Linetta Charnecke, UW–Oshkosh, undecided

Baylie Disher, Rosholt, daughter of Jeff and Kelly Disher, UW–Stevens Point, physical assistant

Ben Fochs, Mosinee, son of Curt and Karen Fochs, UW–Platteville, building construction

Baleigh Fuhs, Iola, daughter of Bryan and Stephanie Fuhs, UW–Eau Claire, nursing

Evan Fuhs, Iola, son of Bryan and Stephanie Fuhs, Western Technical College, business

Robert Graham, Tigerton, son of Richard Graham and Jessica Dobizl, Milwaukee Are Tech, audio production

Amy Groshek, Stevens Point, daughter of Perry and Kathy Groshek, UW–Stevens Point, health science

Cameron Gruenwald, Iola, son of Brett and Liane Gruenwald, Ripon College, physical education teacher

Hailey Hegewald, Eland, daughter of Patti Raasch and Jerry Hegewald, Northcentral Technical College, radiology technician

Micaela Jobke, Marion, daughter of Kurt and Donna Jobke, UW–La Crosse, biology

Kaitlyn Knutson, Rosholt, daughter of Tom and Melanie Knutson, Northcentral Technical College, nursing

Summer Kopitzke, Tigerton, daughter of John and Rita Kopitzke, Lawrence University, pre-med

Emily Kroseberg, Scandinavia, daughter of William and Sheila Kroseberg, UW-La Crosse, medical field

Shannon Kruzicki, Wittenberg, daughter of Mark and Pam Kruzicki, UW-Stevens Point, health care administration

Alex Lewandowski, Hatley, son of Bill and Sandy Lewandowski, Northcentral Technical College, agricultural mechanics

Lacie Ligman, Stevens Point, daughter of Kevin and Lynn Ligman, UW-Stevens Point, nutritional consulting

Griffin Magee, Eland, son of Dennis and Laura Magee, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, utilities engineering technician

Erin Mlodik, Wittenberg, daughter of Arnold and Karen Mlodik, Northcentral Technical College, dental hygienist

Courtney Moen, Iola, daughter of Mark and Tina Moen, Fox Valley Technical College, dental hygienist

Mariah Oppor, Iola, daughter of Jeff Oppor, UW-La Crosse, business finance

Steven Papendorf, Tigerton, son of Neil and Dawn Papendorf, Carroll University, computer science and business administration

Amy Paulson, Iola, Rasmussen College, nursing

Jayden Podgorny, Iola, daughter of Michael and Destiny Podgorny, UW-La Crosse, exercise and sports science

Jared Rickert, Birnamwood, son of David and Donna Rickert, UW-Marathon, finance or data analytics

Erik Schultz, Stevens Point, son of James and Dawn Schultz, Mid-State Technical College, criminal justice

Ryan Wellbrock, Iola, son of Pam Wellbrock, Mid-State Technical College, computer network administration

Danica Wendler, Wittenberg, daughter of Scott and Tammy Wendler, St. Norbert College, nursing

Joshua Wick, Bowler, son of Kevin and Sue Wick, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, utilities engineering technology

Alicia Wojtalewicz, Rosholt, Capella University, nurse practitioner

Breanna Yenter, Amherst Junction, daughter of Karen Yenter and Paul Yenter, UW-River Falls, crop and soil science

Jasmine Yenter, Rosholt, daughter of Gregory and Vicki Yenter, St. Catherine University-St. Paul, sonography

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

Brett Allred, Iola, son of Steven and Vicki Allred, UW-Stevens Point, communications; **Emily Bonikowske**, Ogdensburg, daughter of John and Michelle Bonikowske, UW-Platteville, software engineering; **Hannah Bonikowske**, Ogdensburg, daughter of John and Michelle Bonikowske, Marquette University, biomedical sciences; **Justin Cisewski**, Mosinee, son of Steve and Barb Cisewski, UW-Stevens Point, natural resources; **Jamie Docka**, Amherst, son of Jim and Danita Docka, Michigan Technical University, computer and electrical engineering; **Maxwell Hauser**, Iola, son of David and Elizabeth Hauser, UW-Oshkosh, radio, TV, and film; **Philip Hayes**, Iola, son of Philip and Karen Hayes, UW-La Crosse, business management; **Matt Knepfel**, Amherst Jct., son of Todd and Lori Knepfel, UW-Oshkosh, middle school or high school social sciences teacher; **Sadie Kolodziej**, Stevens Point, daughter of Bill and Diane Kolodziej, UW-Platteville, biology; **Kendra Kruzicki**, Wittenberg, daughter of Mark and Pam Kruzicki, Mid-State Technical College, respiratory therapy; **Janessa Lepak**, Mosinee, daughter of Tim and Michelle Lepak, Mid-State Technical College, paramedic technician; **Lindsey Meis**, Custer, daughter of Gerald and Colleen Meis, UW-Green Bay, human biology; **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; **Olivia Nillissen**, Birnamwood, Duke University, biomedical engineering; **Becky Peterson**, Scandinavia, daughter of David and Lenore Peterson, UW-Stevens Point, nursing; **Jolene Peterson**, Scandinavia, daughter of David and Lenore Peterson, UW-Oshkosh, hospital or clinic lab; **Kayla Romatowski**, Mosinee, daughter of Sue Romatowski, Viterbo University, nursing; **Brittany Rondeau**, Wittenberg, daughter of Michael and Brenda Rondeau, Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School, cosmetology; **Megan School**, Wittenberg, daughter of Russell and Angela School, UW-Stevens Point, athletic training; **Mitchell School**, Wittenberg, son of Russell and Angela School, Lakeland College, finance; **Nicholas Wavruk**, Iola, son of Ken and Karen Wavruk, UW-Oshkosh, computer programming; **Owen Yenter**, Rosholt, son of Jess and Jane Yenter, UW-Platteville, mechanical engineering

YOU'RE INVITED

To improve communication between our members, the board of directors, and employees, and to assist in obtaining member input, your cooperative formed a Member Advisory Group (MAG) approximately a year ago. This group of nine CWEC members has given valuable input on a variety of topics.

Seeing the effectiveness of this group and in an effort to further improve the line of communication, your board of directors has voted to increase the number of MAG members to 18. If you're a member in good standing and are interested in helping guide your cooperative, we'd love to have you be a part of this group.

As a MAG member you will be asked to seek information and opinions from your fellow district members, serve to facilitate communications between the cooperative and its members, and make suggestions and recommendations to the board of directors and staff.

MAG members are appointed by the co-op's board of directors to serve a three year term. Meetings are held two or three times a year. MAG members are encouraged to bring a guest (spouse, friend, or neighbor) with them to the meetings. While no compensation is paid, members are reimbursed for mileage.

If you're interested in becoming a Member Advisory Group member please complete the form below and return it to the address listed. If you have any questions, please call Mark or Brenda at 800-377-2932 or email cwec@cwecoop.com.

Yes, I'm interested in becoming a Member Advisory Group member.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I'd like to be member because: _____

Return to: Central WI Electric Co-op
Attn: Member Advisory Group
P.O. Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473



CWEC RECEIVES TREE LINE USA AWARD

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative a Tree Line USA Utility for the eighth year in recognition of its national leadership in caring for trees while meeting service objectives. The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters select public and private utilities from across the nation that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America’s urban forests.

Tree and utility service lines are integral components of every community. By necessity, they must co-exist in close proximity, and each in its own way is essential to our high standard of living.

“Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is extremely honored and proud to receive this award for the eighth year. We are committed to providing dependable electricity and preserving the beauty of our countryside,” said co-op Vice President Mark Forseth.

To find out more about Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative visit our website at www.cwecoop.com.



Kevin Kurtzweil, vice president of operations; Tony Buss, board chairman; Don Kissinger, Wisconsin DNR urban & community forestry coordinator; Mark Forseth, vice president member relations and economic development; and Mike Wade, president & CEO.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

Office Closed Monday, September 5
In honor of Labor Day



St. Johns Church Dinner
Sunday, September 11

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

Glacier Ridge Antique Tractor Clubs 5th Annual Show
September 17-18

Displays, demonstrations, flea market, and swap meet. No admission charge. Free vendor spots, contact Karen, 715-498-2155. Free camping, contact Bob, 715-677-3016. Corkey’s Bar in Shantytown.

7th Annual Taste of Tigerton Apple Fest
Saturday, September 24



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 24

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

Walls of Wittenberg Presents “A Decisive Slice of Time” Photographic Exhibition by Hans Schmitt
September 17–October 9

Includes “Miles of Art” weekend, October 1 and 2. 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. Wittenberg.



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

BUSINESS LOANS AVAILABLE

If you’re looking to expand your business or farm operation, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative may be able to help. Through money we received from USDA Rural Development we have established a revolving loan fund. Low-rate loans \$5,000 to \$50,000 are available to qualifying applicants. The revolving loan fund is designed to complement local lender financing programs including conventional, SBA, CDBG, and WHEDA. You do not have to be a member of the co-op to qualify for the loan, if you meet the requirements. For more information please contact Mark Forseth at the co-op. CWEC is an equal opportunity provider.


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