



Special points of interest:

- CWEC Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast-Saturday, October 29
Serving 8am-11am
Main Office-Rosholt, 10401 Lystul Road
- Toys for Tots toy drive- Kick off at the Member Appreciation Breakfast collecting - now thru Friday, December 9th



- Stuff the Cart School Supplies Drive – bring new, unopened supplies to the breakfast or to the office now thru October 29th
- Thanksgiving- Office Closed- Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25
- Christmas-Office Closed- Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26
- Facebook-become a friend of CWEC on Facebook – Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative
- Follow CWEC on Twitter <http://twitter.com/cwecoop>
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Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 29 • 8:00am – 11:00am

Join Us At Our Office In Rosholt • 10401 Lystul Road

- Come join the fun, as Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will host a pancake breakfast as a way to show its appreciation to its members.
- Costume Prizes, Bounce House, Bucket Truck Rides, Petting Zoo, Attendance Gifts, Exhibits
Costume contest judging is at 9:45
- **Free Blood Pressure** screening provide by Rural Health Initiative Nurses.
- **Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations** provided by the Rosholt Fire District
- **Toys for Tots** – Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to our toy drive and we'll enter you in a special door prize drawing.
- **Stuff the Cart School Supplies Drive**-bring 3 or more new, unopened school supplies and we'll enter you in a special drawing. Limit of Five entries per family.
- **Bike Drawing** – drawing for kids 12 and under, we will give away one boy's bike and helmet and one girl's bike and helmet. Must be present to sign up.

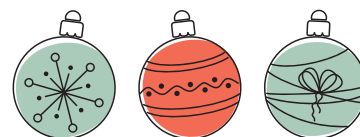


Hey Kids, Get Out Your Colors!

It's time for our annual Christmas coloring contest. The contest is open to all kids ages 10 and under. **The theme this year is Christmas ornaments.**

Draw a picture of a Christmas ornament and mail or bring it to:

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative
PO Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473



Please make sure to have your name, age and phone number on the back of your picture.

We will award three prizes in two age groups;

6 and under and 7 to 10. The prizes will be 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$15, and 3rd-\$10.

Open to the children of members only. Must be done in crayon only.

Deadline for the pictures is December 9th, so get started right away and good luck!!!

The drawings will be on display in the lobby at the CWEC office, so stop in and take a look at the beautiful pictures.

Energy Efficiency Rebates Available

Did you know your cooperative offers rebates for energy efficiency upgrades? If not, we're pleased to inform you we offer rebates for all sorts of upgrades including Energy Star appliance purchases, insulation, new windows, heat pumps, alternative water heaters, LED lighting and much more. For a detailed listing please visit www.cwecoop.com or give us a call.

Start saving with a home energy audit

As temperatures begin to drop and your energy focus turns from cooling your home to heating it, consider using this time to increase energy efficiency and cost savings for the colder months ahead. Whether your home is old or new, chances are you are spending more on energy costs than necessary.

Armed with some basic knowledge and a little time, you can conduct a baseline energy audit of your home to identify where you are losing energy (and money). Use a checklist and take notes on problems you find as you walk through your home. Remember, the audit itself won't save you money unless you act on your findings.

So, where to start? If your home has multiple levels, work from the top down. Begin in your attic or highest floor, and work your way down to the first floor or basement.

1. **Insulation and air leaks (drafts)** – According to the Department of Energy, improving your home's insulation and sealing air leaks are the fastest and most cost-effective ways to reduce energy waste and make the most of your energy dollars. Check to see whether there is sufficient insulation in the attic. Are openings containing piping, ductwork and chimney sealed?
2. **Electronic devices** – Computers, printers, DVD players, phones and gaming consoles are notorious “vampire power” users – they drain energy even when not in use. If items can be turned off without disrupting your lifestyle, consider plugging them into a power strip that can be turned on and off (or put on a timer).

3. **Lighting** – Note where you still have incandescent lights. Can you replace them with LED upgrades?
4. **Thermostat/indoor temperature** – Consider using a programmable thermostat to lower the temperature when no one is home and at night when people are sleeping. Consider lowering the temperature a few degrees.
5. **Appliances and cleaning** – Appliances are large energy users, and if yours are more than 10 years old, they are likely not as energy efficient as today's options. Energy Star rated appliances can save you a considerable amount of money. Make sure your dryer vent isn't blocked – this will not only save energy, it may also prevent a fire.

Evaluation

Once you have completed the audit, take a look at the findings. Prioritize actions that you can take based on your time and budget, weighing where you can get the most impact for your investment. Make sure to check with the co-op to see what incentives are available.

Taking savings to the next level

If you would like to take your audit and savings to the next level, consider having a home energy assessment done by a certified contractor. The energy assessment includes a visual inspection, diagnostic testing, and a customized, prioritized report with recommended energy improvements. We've partnered with state certified contractors to perform the assessments. Cash incentives offered by the co-op in many cases covers the cost of the audit and can also help offset the improvement costs. Please contact Mark Forseth at 715-677-2211 for more information.

Christmas is Coming...

Well, kind of. If you head out to do some early Christmas shopping, please keep those less fortunate in mind. We will once again hold a Toys for Tots drive. Last Christmas, through the generosity of our members, we were able to help put smiles on the faces of more than 700 children. All indications are that the amount of children in need will be as high or even higher this year, so please help us if you can. Please watch for locations of toy drop-off boxes scattered throughout our service area. A complete list will be posted on our website at www.cwecoop.com or call the CWEC office for a location near you.

All toys collected are distributed locally.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6, 2016

Remember to move your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

CWEC Office Closed

We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24, and Friday November 25, and Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.

From everyone here at CWEC, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

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