



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

By Mike Wade,
President & CEO

Although the majority of storm damage from July has been repaired, our crews continue to find residual damage across our system. Thanks to all of you who have contacted us to report hidden damage and danger trees. We will continue to look for problem areas, and we appreciate your help to get our system back to the way it was prior to the storm.

We wish our operations crew leader, Mackenzie Yarbrough, all of the best as he travels with a group of linemen from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa to extend electric service to the community of Tierra Blanca Chixoy in Guatemala. Mack has volunteered to be a part of this project through the NRECA International program. Each year, linemen from electric cooperatives across the United States volunteer to help developing communities around the globe. Thank you, Mack, for your willingness to go overseas and help others. We look forward to

hearing about your adventures upon your return.

Plan to visit us in October at our annual Member Appreciation Breakfast. The pancake and sausage breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 26, beginning at 8 a.m. The board of directors and employees of CWEC want to extend our thanks and appreciation for allowing us to provide electric service to you and to be an integral part of the communities in which we serve. Come by to learn more about your cooperative, visit with your fellow cooperative members, and do some Christmas shopping at our arts and crafts fair.

If you have an electric vehicle (or are planning to get one), the cooperative has installed a level 2 charging station at our headquarters, which is available to the public. The charging station is installed next to our demonstration solar panel units. We will have more information about the electric vehicle charging station in next month's magazine edition.



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October is also the month that the board of directors retires or returns to you a portion of your capital credits. Capital credits are the revenues that remain at the end of the year once all expenses are paid. These revenues, or margins, are then assigned to members based on the amount of energy consumed during the year. Annually, the board retires a portion of these capital credits and members will see a credit on their electric bill. It's just another way that cooperatives add value back to their members. See you at the Member Appreciation Breakfast!

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Harvest Safety Tip
Farmers, ensure a safe harvest this year. Know the location of power lines and keep 10 feet from them.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held at the headquarters in Rosholt at 7:50 a.m. on July 25, 2019. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting, new and terminated memberships, and the monthly safety and compliance 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. The board approved proposed changes to 6.0 Disconnection and Reconnection of the Service Rules and Regulations. The committee is reviewing Estate Retirement of Capital Credits and will have more to report at future meetings.
- c. The board approved the modifications to the service availability fee due to recent programming changes with NISC to Residential Service, Controlled Lake and Pond Aerator, and Residential Time-of-Use Service Schedules.
- d. Lila Shower reported on the 10-year financial forecast, highlighting the West Riverside credit beginning in 2020.
- e. The board approved changing the mission statement to "We are your trusted energy partner and provider of valued community support."
- f. Mike Wade gave an overview of the action items the management staff is working on for the Strategic Goals. Two

will be presented at each of the upcoming board meetings in July, August, and September. Action plans will then be assigned in October to staff.

- g. Mike Wade presented bylaws, policies and guidelines regarding corporate sponsorships and donations through CWEC's Operation Round Up, Federated Youth Foundation, and corporate sponsorships.

Operations and Engineering – Mike Wade covered the Engineering/Operations report, noting discussions are taking place concerning the future of the Tigerton Tower. Updates will be provided in the future.

Accounting and Finance – Reviewed the reports submitted. Lila Shower reported ATC issued a check from the Mid-Wisconsin DBS sale that will be split between Adams Columbia Electric Cooperative and CWEC.

Member Services – Brenda Mazemke reported due to the storm damage and her needs here in the office, she was not able to attend Youth Leadership Congress. The students from our area still attended, thanks to the parents who transported their children to ACEC, and the co-ops that stepped up to chaperone our group. The Facebook page likes have increased by over 600 this week due to the updates on the power outages to our members.

President and CEO – Mike Wade reported discussions are being held regarding methods used for locating underground cable. We will begin stocking LED lights for future installations. CEO Wade announced he has been elected to the WECA Board of Directors.



Above: Paula Thuerman, Project Backpack coordinator, accepts a donation from Sue Halverson, Operation Round Up board member. Right: Casimer Booster 4-H Club members were all smiles as they accepted their donation from Operation Round Up.



Matt Hanson, Ryan Briske, and Jeff Haas, from the Marion Area First Responders, accepts a donation from the Operation Round Up program.



Star Treatments-Bowl with the Band event organizers were excited to accept a donation from Operation Round Up to help sponsor their fundraiser.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY Operation Round Up Donations Awarded

Operation Round Up provides funds for worthwhile causes, including member hardship cases, educational purposes including scholarships, and charitable organizations. It is funded by volunteer donations from co-op members. Recent beneficiaries of co-op members' generosity include: Marion Area First Responders to help pay for equipment for new responders, Darwin E. Smith Community Aquatic Center to help replace their scoreboard and sound system, Star Treatments-Bowl with the Band to assist will the prizes for their charity event, Casimer Boosters 4-H Club to help pay for the bus for their field trip, Wittenberg Area Historical Society to help with expenses to revitalize their facility, Project Back-Iola-Scandinavia School District to help support the 2019–2020 project, and one member medical hardship. To date Operation Round up has donated over \$500,000 to families in need, charitable organizations, and students with scholarships. Thank you for your generous support.



Welcome Aboard Bert!

Bert Lehman has been hired as the cooperative's new Member Relations Specialist. Bert and his wife, Danielle, live in Tigerton. They have two adult daughter and one granddaughter. Congratulations to Bert, we are excited to have you on our team!

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative MEMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 26

8–11 a.m.

**Main Office in Rosholt,
10401 Lystul Road**

Craft & Gift Fair
25+ local vendors

Come join the fun, as Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will host a pancake breakfast as a way to show its appreciation to its members.

Door prizes • Petting Zoo • Costume Prizes
Hotline Demo • Paper Recycling
Free Blood Pressure Screening
provided by Rural Health Initiative staff

**Costume Contest Judging
at 9:45 a.m.**

Bike Drawings at 10 a.m.



Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to our toy drive and we'll enter you in a special prize drawing.

Hat, Mittens, & Scarves Drive!

Bring a new hat, scarf, or pair of mittens or gloves and your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a special prize! Limit five entries per family. Items will be distributed to schools in our service area.





The new LED lights allow the farm to keep the barn illuminated while being energy efficient.

CWEC ASSISTS DAMBROSKI FAMILY FARM LIGHTING UPGRADE

Through our Energy Conservation Reward program, we were able to help Dambroski Family Farm with LED lighting upgrades. These upgrades help the farm save money on their electrical bill by making their lighting more efficient.

“We are very pleased to help the Dambroski Family Farm in making these needed upgrades to the farm. We realize that our member farms deal with a number of costly obstacles every day that are out of our control, but energy efficient and electric upgrades are something we can do for them that helps them save money,” said Brenda Mazemke, CWEC manager of member relations.

The farm has been in the Dambroski Family since 1943. Dambroski Family Farm milks 140 cows, along with farming soy, alfalfa, and corn.

If you would like to learn more about our Energy Conservation Rewards Program and how we may be able to help you, go to our website at www.cwecoop.com or call our office at 1-800-377-2932.

We're on the Map!

CWEC's EV charger is now available for use and can be found on PlugShare at:

<https://www.plugshare.com/location/205794>



Mike Wade, President & CEO

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Annual Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, October 2

11 a.m.–1 p.m., \$ adult, \$3 children age 3–12, under 3 free. Hot and cold dishes, cookies and bars, coffee and lemonade. To go containers available. Our Saviors Lutheran Church dining room, Iola. Sponsored by the Women of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Proceeds will go to various charitable organizations. For more information call Pat at 715-445-2964.



Walls of Wittenberg Annual Fall Art Show: "Fall into Art"

October 5–6

Miles of Art Weekend; 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal Street. For more information call 715-253-3525 or go to www.wallsofwittenberg.com.

13th Annual Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce Craft & Gift Fair

Saturday, October 5

Held in conjunction with Lost Arts and Taste of Norway at the Iola Historical Village, 210 Depot Street. 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Iola. For vendor information call Mary at 715-445-4005. For more information go to www.ischamber.com or on Facebook (Iola-Scandinavia Chamber/Hometown).

10th Annual Lost Arts and Taste of Norway

Saturday, October 5

Food, crafts, demonstrations, classic tractors on display, and tours of the Iola Historical Society. Iola Historical Village, 210 Depot Street. 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Iola. For more information go to www.iolahistoricalociety.org.



70th Annual Potato Pancake Dinner

Sunday, October 6
Serving 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Serving homemade pies. All you can eat, take-outs available, \$10 adults, ages 6–12 \$4, 5 and under free. Tilleda Community Center. Sponsored by Tilleda Peace Lutheran Church, Tilleda. For more information call 715-851-5520.

Fall Community Bazaar

Saturday, October 12

9 a.m.–2 p.m. Holy Family-St. William Catholic Church, 202 N Ellms St.; St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 Home St.; Redeemer Lutheran Church, W18205 College Ave.; Alpha House, 701 S Webb St. Wittenberg.

Hitterdahl Pancake Supper

Saturday, October 12

4–6:30 p.m. Featuring potato & buttermilk pancakes. Adults \$7, kids ages 6–11 \$3, 5 and under free. Bake sale. N8808 Country Rd J, Iola. For more information call 715-445-2387.

St. Joseph Church Galloway

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 13

9 a.m. Mass with polka music by Smokey Express, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. family-style dinner. Doors open at 8 a.m., Country Store & crafts, Cherry Bowl and raffles. For more information call 715-454-6431. Wittenberg.



Lutefisk Supper and Norwegian Bake and Craft Sale

Saturday, October 19

Serving 12:30–6:30 p.m. Traditional Norwegian supper. \$15 adults, \$4 children ages 6 to 12, 5 and under free. Northland Lutheran Church, Northland. For more information call 715-445-2956.

CWEC Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 26

Serving 8–11 a.m. Door prizes, Craft and Gift Fair, costume contest prizes for the kids, exhibits, bounce house, petting zoo. Free blood pressure screening. Toys for Tots and Hats, Mittens & Scarves for Kids Drive. Main office in Rosholt, 10401 Lystul Road. For more information or directions call 715-677-2211.



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



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