



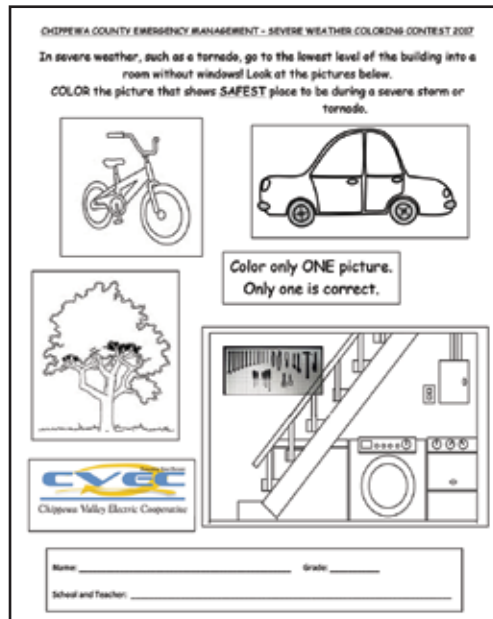
# Chippewa County Emergency Management/CVEC sponsor safety contests for area children

## Severe Weather and Tornado Awareness Coloring Contest

Each year, Chippewa County Emergency Management, with the help of a sponsor, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, promotes awareness of severe weather and tornado awareness among elementary students by holding a coloring contest. All children in Chippewa County in grades kindergarten through second grade were invited to participate.

We received over 650 contestants. The entries were based on neatness and the correct answer regarding a safe place during a storm (see contest poster at right).

The winners for the 2017 Tornado/Severe Weather Awareness Coloring Contest are listed below:



### Kindergarten

#### First Place

Michael Hill  
Hillcrest Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Grenko

#### Second Place

Becca Anderson  
St. Paul's Catholic School  
Teacher: Mrs. Seibel

#### Third Place

Kora Pehlke  
Jim Falls Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Stoffel

### First Grade

#### First Place

Bri Poppenga  
Christ Lutheran School  
Teacher: Mrs. McFarlane

#### Second Place

Gage Sieg  
Bloomer Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Primeau

#### Third Place

Violet Zubell  
Lake Holcombe Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Ash

### Second Grade

#### First Place

Hope Conrad  
Bloomer Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Kuba

#### Second Place

Aleah Bowe  
St. Peter's School  
Teacher: Mrs. Christopher

#### Third Place

Kael Dillenbeck  
Christ Lutheran School  
Teacher: Ms. Hayes

## Hazardous Materials Poster Contest

Each year Chippewa County Emergency Management, with the help of a sponsor, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, promotes awareness of hazardous materials among elementary students by holding a poster contest. All children in Chippewa County in grades three through five were invited to participate.

We receive imaginative and unique posters. The posters were judged on originality, ability to communicate a message, and overall appearance.

The winners for the 2017 Hazardous Materials Poster Contest are listed below:

### First Place – \$30 prize

Brett Pichla  
Third Grade  
Stillson Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Martinson

### Second Place – \$20 prize

William Kwosek  
Third Grade  
Stillson Elementary  
Teacher: Mrs. Martinson

All winning pictures and posters may be viewed at the Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services Building at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair in July. Congratulations to all the winners!



## Cornell preschool class tours CVEC headquarters

Preschool students from Ms. White and Mrs. Koenig's class arrived at Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's headquarters on May 16 to tour the facilities. The students were full of energy and brought smiles and excitement to CVEC. The fact that they received a yellow hard hat upon arrival only elevated their joy!

The students toured the office, continued through the building to the shop, and stopped outside where they watched Nic Alberson, CVEC lineman,

demonstrate putting on protective gear (rubber sleeves and safety harness) before getting in the bucket of CVEC's new work truck. The children oohed and aahed as the bucket brought Nic higher and higher into the air to a height of 60 feet.

Once the rain started to fall, the children were brought into the shop to pose for photo in front of a little-less-new bucket truck. After their cheery grins were captured, the students watched Nic put on his climbing gear

and climb a pole. They were impressed to see how quickly Nic could climb as his pole climbing spikes gripped the wooden pole.

The preschoolers really enjoyed their time at CVEC. Perhaps a few of them will choose to pursue a career in electrical power distribution. Maybe, in the future, one of them will even become a CVEC lineman!



# Stay Safe through STORM RECOVERY

**S**torms can cause a great deal of destruction. Remember that just because the storm has ended, it does not mean that there is no longer any danger. Know what steps to take to stay safe even after the storm has passed.

Severe weather can take many forms. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported that lightning resulted in 38 fatalities in 2016. In addition, tornadoes caused 18 fatalities, while high wind resulted in 46 deaths, and flash flooding accounted for 126 deaths.

“Despite the individual characteristics of each type of storm, there are important electrical safety tips to keep in mind for all of them,” says Amber Sabin, Safe Electricity Advisory Board member.

Safe Electricity encourages you to keep these safety tips in mind after a storm:

- After a storm, it is best to assume all downed lines are energized and potentially dangerous. Stay far away from all power lines and any objects that may be in contact with those lines. Remember, even if a downed line is not sparking, it can still be carrying electricity and be dangerous.
- If at all possible, remain at home and off the roadways to allow emergency responders and utility crews easy access to damaged areas or injured individuals.
- If you are driving and come along a downed power line, stay away and warn others to stay away. Contact

emergency personnel or your utility company to address the downed power line.

- Never drive through a flooded roadway. There is no way to predict how deep the water may be.
- Never drive over downed lines, which easily tangle in car wheels and cause additional damage.
- If your car does make contact with a downed line, stay in your vehicle. Wait for utility and emergency professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car. If you must exit the vehicle because it is on fire, jump clear of it with your feet together and without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time. Keeping your feet together, shuffle or “bunny hop” to safety.
- Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are under water. The water could be energized.
- Do not turn power off if you must stand in water to do so. Call your electric utility, and have them turn off power at the meter.
- When cleaning up outdoors after a storm, do not use electrical equipment when it is raining or the ground is wet.
- Take care when using a generator after power has been lost. Always run generators outside the home, in unenclosed areas. Portable generators should never be plugged directly into a home outlet or electrical system. Use a heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cord to plug appliances into an outlet on the generator for power.
- Do not use electrical equipment that has been water damaged. Have your water-damaged items inspected and approved by a professional before using them.



**+** Staying Safe Until Power is Restored

SafeElectricity.org

How long it takes to get your power restored depends on:

- the extent of the storm's destruction
- the number of outages #?
- when it becomes safe for utility personnel to get to the damaged areas

Stay safe until we can restore power to you.

For more information on storm safety, please visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!





# FREE LED LIGHT BULBS for new Operation Round Up participants!



**W**e invite all new participants in Operation Round Up to join their fellow members in the effort to make a difference in the life of a community member in crisis. Please complete the form below, then stop in and visit our office in Cornell to return the form and receive a complimentary 4-pack of LED light bulbs.\*

It is truly amazing how small gestures can sometimes make a huge difference in our community. An example of this is Operation Round Up, in which some members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative participate.

In 1999 Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative established Operation Round Up, a program where members voluntarily allow their bills to be rounded up to the next whole dollar amount with the difference contributed to the Chippewa Valley Community Fund, Inc. The Chippewa Valley Community Fund then uses these funds to support individual and community needs.

Since 1999 Operation Round Up has taken in over \$91,500 and has distributed over \$85,500 to meet individual and community needs in the Chippewa Valley. These little gestures, averaging about 50 cents per member per month, have made a huge difference. Contributing members of Chippewa Valley Electric did this by simply contacting the cooperative and allowing their bills to be rounded up to the next

dollar, and other members can do this just as easily.

This outreach truly represents a year-round "Spirit of Sharing" and deserves our thanks and our participation. Please join Operation Round Up today!

\*One per membership, while supplies last.



**Yes! I want to sign up to have my monthly bill rounded to the nearest dollar. I know this money will be donated to a worthy cause, chosen by the Chippewa Valley Community Fund board of directors. I understand that by signing and returning this form, my bill will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and that unless I call in to have that changed, I will be contributing to Operation Round Up until I no longer receive power from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative or a minimum of 12 months.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, 317 S. 8th St., P.O. Box 575, Cornell, WI, 54732*



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