


Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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OCTOBER CO-OP MONTH

October is celebrated as National Cooperative Month each year in the United States. We can appreciate cooperatives for their unique heritage and recognize the qualities that set them apart in the business world. Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative is proud to join with cooperatives in Wisconsin and across America to embrace a culture that always puts people and

community first. October is always a busy month for your cooperative. I have four topics to report this month.

Educational Scholarship Program

Congratulations to all the recipients in Adams-Columbia's annual educational scholarship program. In 2017, a total of \$70,000 was awarded to 95 well qualified recipients. This is the 30th year ACEC has awarded educational scholarships.

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In the long history of the program, 2,058 scholarships have been awarded with a combined value of \$1,080,000.

Funding for the annual scholarship program comes from unclaimed member patronage capital checks, and adds no cost to the members' electric bill. Scholarships are

available to adults and dependent children of all ACEC member families and are awarded based on need and excellence in academics, social and community service activities.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 each. Scholarships may be used in all fields of education from vocational to graduate studies. Photos of the recipients are available on our website. From the home page, you can follow an easy link to the photo pages.

Jay's Discussion Days

Earlier it was announced that I am now available one day per month at our Pardeeville and Wautoma service centers. I hope you can stop in Pardeeville on October 19, or in Wautoma on October 20 for an opportunity for us to meet. I am regularly available at our Friendship headquarters. Just give me a call.

Cooperative Partners

ACEC works everyday with several cooperative businesses. Here's a list of some of them, along with a description of the services they provide.

Cooperative Response Center (CRC) – In 1992 ACEC was one of 12 founding cooperative members of this 24-hour contact center. CRC provides many services, including after-hours dispatch, 24-hour customer care, and monitoring of security and medical alarms.

Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange (FREIE) – Organized in 1959 by Wisconsin electric and telephone cooperatives, Federated provides property, casualty, and liability insurance for hundreds of cooperatives throughout 42 states. Now headquartered in Kansas, Federated has become a premier and industry-leading insurance provider.

Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative (MAQS) – Based in Oxford, this telephone cooperative has made significant investments to improve and expand its state-of-the-art fiber optic network. MAQS provides ACEC with high-speed Internet service.

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) – With Midwestern roots, this nationwide cooperative started in 1969. CFC is a non-profit finance cooperative with approximately \$20 billion in assets. They ensure electric cooperatives have access to the market rate loan funds they need to grow and expand.

Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO) – This Wisconsin-based cooperative is headquartered in Madison and provides electrical distribution supplies such as transformers, and all types of wire and line equipment to utilities in an eight-state area.

Hurricane Irma Relief Effort

At our magazine deadline, Hurricane Irma was making her way through Florida and northward into bordering states. In her wake was a path of destruction and millions left without electric service. Wisconsin's electric cooperatives wasted no time in organizing a response by sending experienced line technicians, trucks and materials to help with the rebuilding efforts. ACEC sent six volunteers to assist at Clay Electric Cooperative in Keystone Heights, Florida. More volunteers are waiting to replace them in a couple of weeks. Read more about their heroic efforts at www.acecwi.com, and in next month's magazine.



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Co-ops Commit

Each October, cooperatives across America celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of our nation's co-ops. It's an opportunity for cooperatives to come together and share what we do for our members all year long.

There are more than 40,000 cooperatives in the U.S. alone. Like Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative, all of them are guided by the same set of Seven Cooperative Principles. Unlike most enterprises where control is tied to the level of investment, co-ops are governed on the basis of one member, one vote. So, in addition to getting the products and services they need, members help shape the decisions their cooperative makes. And rather than rewarding outside investors, a cooperative shares its profit margins among the members.

To celebrate Co-op Month, ACEC is holding Shred-it events at our 3 offices. Please bring any paperwork in need of shredding during the offered time. See the facing page for dates and times.

MEMBER APPRECIATION 2017

BRING YOUR SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS TO OUR FREE SHRED-IT EVENT!

9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Friendship - October 6th

401 E Lake St, Friendship, WI

Pardeeville - October 13th

W6290 State Rd 33, Pardeeville, WI

Wautoma - October 20th

N1519 State Rd 22, Wautoma, WI



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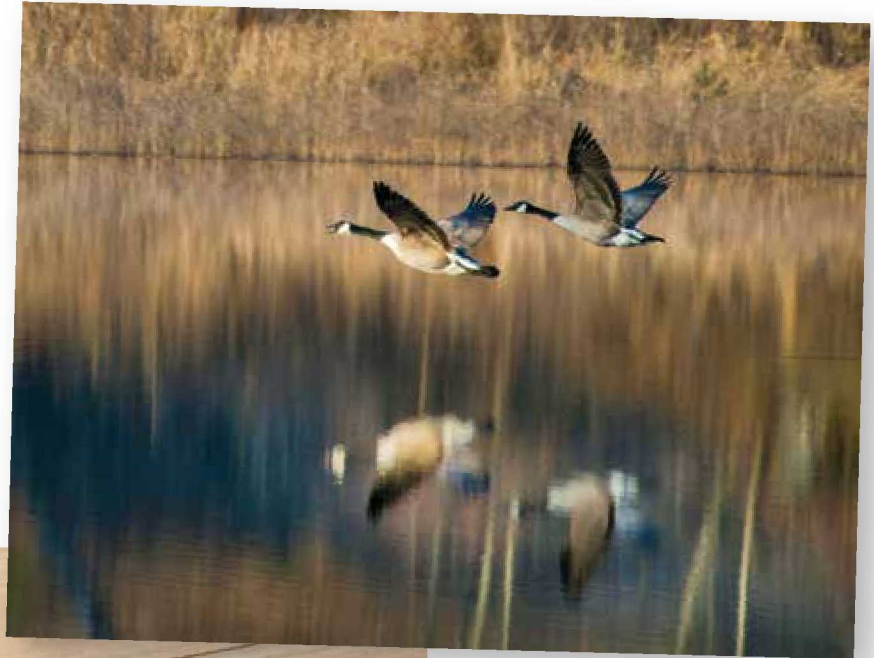
ACEC Calendar Photos

October

Waushara County

**Member photo by
Don Grothe**

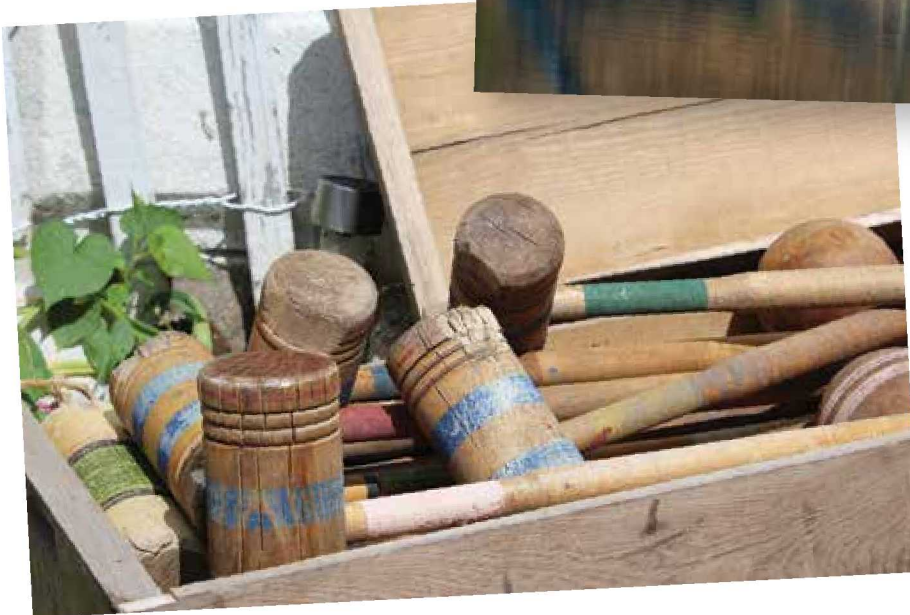
Don Grothe's winning photo captures Canada geese on their early morning take off from Lake Virginia in Waushara County. Don enjoys the challenge of photographing birds at takeoff, in flight, and while landing. Part of the excitement comes from capturing an event that has only been understood by humans within the last 125 years




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**Youth photo by
Emma Grove**

Emma Gove is a freshman at Cambria-Friesland High School. She is an active member of the Welsh Prairie Livewires 4-H Club. Emma is an athlete, competing in volleyball, cross country, and basketball. Her featured still life photo of croquet equipment was taken outside an antique store in Dalton.



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The Friendship Service Center is located in the Village of Friendship, in Adams County. From Highway 13, travel east three blocks on East Lake Street. Lake Street is also marked as County Highway J.

Adams—Columbia Electric Cooperative maintains operations facilities in Pardeeville and Wautoma. These facilities are not open for general business; however, drive-up payment stations are available at both locations. ACEC employees will meet with cooperative members in Pardeeville and Wautoma by prearranged appointment only.