



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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SAFETY COMES FIRST AT ADAMS-COLUMBIA

By Jay A. Porter,
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This month I would like to talk to you about something that has always been paramount in the co-op world: safety. Adams-Columbia is, and has always been, very involved in safety and safety education. We work closely with Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange on ways to reduce electricity-related accidents for both our employees and the public.

The best way to prevent these accidents is through education. I, with the full support of our board of directors, am proud to say that Adams-Columbia has an in-house education program that teaches the importance of electrical safety to all ages. Our youth safety program is presented at schools throughout our service territory. Teachers can contact ACEC to come to their school for a hotline demonstration to partner with their curriculum. ACEC staff presents both an in-class educational program and a demonstration with live electricity.

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The hotline demonstration is run by a lineman and teaches that our bodies are conductors of electricity. The lineman shows what happens to various items when they come into contact with a live wire. Kite strings, branches, and even a hotdog give the children perspective as to the damage that electricity can cause, and the respect it commands.

Not only are children taught about the importance of safe electricity, we also present to community organizations like police departments, fire departments, and emergency medical personnel. It is important for first responders to have training on what to do if they come across downed powerlines—for example, if responding to a car accident with downed lines over the vehicle.

ACEC also holds a regular course at the Operating Engineers Training Center in Coloma. Apprentices learn not only how to avoid digging into powerlines, but also what to do if they come in contact with an underground or overhead line.

Unfortunately, we still receive information from our insurer, Federated, monthly that recounts injuries and the loss of human life. Please remember to use Diggers Hotline—dial 811 before you dig—and to call emergency personnel if you come across a downed powerline.

Time of Day Change

Our peak periods will be changing as of November 1. Below is a table showing the new on-peak dates and times.

TIME OF DAY ON-PEAK PERIODS		
Date	Nov 1 - April 30	May 1 - Oct 31
Time	5pm - 8pm	1pm - 8pm

On-peak period times apply Monday–Friday, except holidays. Off-peak periods are all other hours.

HVAC Announcement

We would like to thank our members for using our heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) services throughout the years. The staff, board of directors, and I have spent the last two years evaluating the needs of our membership, participation in the program, and financial viability. We have reached the decision to close our HVAC department.

During this transition period, we will continue to service the ground water heat pumps that we have installed. After October 1, we recommend contacting a TTherm Geo Certified Dealer for any future needs. You can find a dealer near you by visiting their website at www.tthermgeo.com, or calling them directly between the hours of 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at (507) 463-0506.

Fall Festival

Lastly, I would like to invite you to our Fall Festival at Flyte's Fieldstones, a division of Flyte's Family Farms. You can find additional details about the event on the following page and on our website.

ACEC's

Fall FESTIVAL

@ FLYTE'S FIELDSTONES
W10770 HWY 21, COLOMA

SATURDAY
OCTOBER

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SHOW YOUR BILL TO GET 4 FREE TICKETS

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ALL DAY EVENT WIN PRIZES 10AM - 2PM
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OPERATION ROUND-UP®

Roche-A-Cri Lions Club

Last year was the Lions Club International's 100th Anniversary. Each club was challenged with planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project - a visible gift to the community. The Roche-A-Cri Lions applied for funding through ACEC's Operation Round-Up® program. They were granted funding to build new restrooms for the Roche-A-Cri Lions Park on Hwy 21 in Arkdale. Previously the park only had pit toilets.



STUFF THE BUS

Thank you to all who donated to Stuff the Bus. This year we met our goal of collecting more school supplies than last year. Thanks to your help we managed to collect over 1,850 school supply items for children in need, right here in our service territory.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Students from around the state participated in Youth Leadership Congress (YLC), a three-day program held at UW-River Falls. While there, they participated in team-building exercises and got a taste of college life. YLC gives students the opportunity to understand the cooperative difference and learn great leadership skills.



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Jeremy Huhnstock



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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.