

CHANGES TO BOARD OFFICERS, ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

By Jay A. Porter,
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Thank you to all those who attended our Fall Fest event at Flyte's Fieldstones in celebration of co-op month. Thanks to your contributions, we had many non-perishable food donations to the Waushara County Food Pantry. Turn the page for more information and photos from the event.

Board Reorganization

At the board meeting held on September 26, Board Chairman Kendal Nichols stepped down from his position. He will continue to serve on the board representing District 5. The board held a reorganizational election and the new Executive Committee members are:

Lawrence Becker, Chairman
Cheri Gibeaut, Vice-Chair
Scott Link, Treasurer
Karen Fahey, Secretary

Annual Meeting

I am pleased to announce that the 2019 Annual Meeting will be held in May. After an advisory resolution was submitted at last year's meeting expressing a desire for the meeting to be held on a weekend, the board of directors has decided to hold the meeting on a Saturday morning. Much more information will be forthcoming, including the exact date and time.

For now, I would like to encourage you to consider running for the board of directors. If you live in districts two, three, or four you will see your current director's three-year term expire at the 2019 Annual Meeting. If you

are interested in becoming involved in the operation of your cooperative, I urge you to stay tuned as future issues will have more information on the director nomination process.

Another item is the process of submitting advisory resolutions. By submitting an advisory resolution, you are bringing forth a recommendation that you would like the board of directors to consider on a cooperative matter at the annual meeting. An example of a past resolution was noted earlier—holding the annual meeting on a weekend.

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Veteran's Day

This month we honor a very special day—Veteran's Day. I am happy to say that cooperatives have always been proud employers of veterans. Here at ACEC, we have four men on our staff that have served our country, Brian, Mark, Jim, and Josh. These individuals have dedicated themselves to serving others, first in the military, and now at home as employees of the co-op.

To all the men and women who have made selfless sacrifices so that we could enjoy the freedom and safety of our great nation—Thank you! Have a great Veteran's Day!

I would also like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a safe and successful gun deer season.

Annual Toy Drive



New, unwrapped toys can be donated at any of the Toys for Tots boxes in your community. All toys collected stay local. Last year we helped over 2,000 children thanks to your generous donations.

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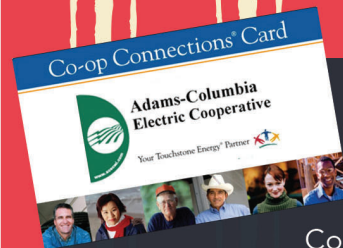
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Fall FEST 2018



MY CO-OP

Fall Fest Food Drive a Success

Coloma, WI – Marty Lee pulled into Flyte’s Fieldstones on Saturday, October 13 driving Waushara County Food Pantry’s 27-foot refrigerated truck. She joined members and employees of Adams-Columbia Electric Co-op (ACEC) for Fall Fest, celebrating co-op month. Members were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Fall Fest Food Drive.

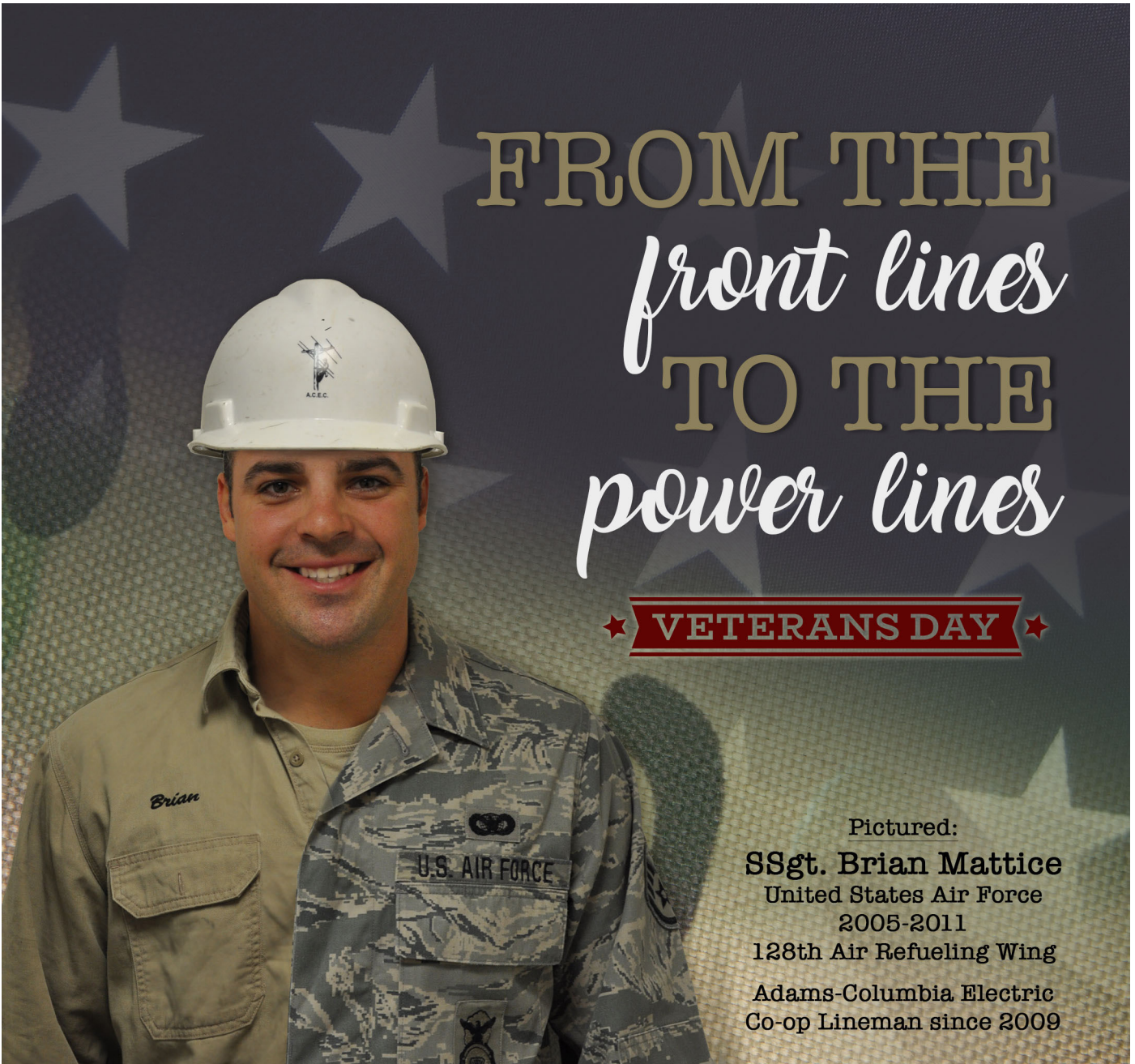
As Lee lowered the lift gate, Waushara County Food Pantry’s youngest volunteer, Mia, age 9, helped load the back of the truck with food donations. Thanks to ACEC members, a total of 1,025 pounds of food were collected.

“People are very generous, and that’s the heart and spirit of this community,” says Lee, who has been the Waushara County Food Pantry Food Director for the last five years. “Personally, I am a member (of ACEC)... what I have found since I’ve been involved with the food pantry, is that anytime I have called – whether it was for a grant, food, or just questions - you have responded with help.”

The Waushara County Food Pantry helped 9,109 families in 2018. Lee explains the majority of people that use the food pantry do so for a short period of time. “Quite often people think that it’s just the same people that come every time, and that’s not true. Big events cause people to use us for short amounts of time. All of a sudden you break your leg and you’re out of work for three months. So quite often when we see people for the first time, it’s due to a crisis,” explains Lee.

Lee says the food pantry is a success because of three things: “Our customers, our volunteers, and our donors. And it takes all three – many ACEC members are our donors.” If you or someone you care about are in need of food assistance, please call (715) 869-3663. Volunteers, food and monetary donations are always appreciated.





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