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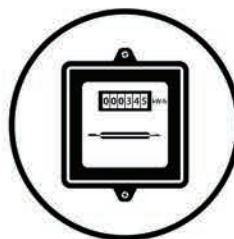
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Your source for Co-op news and information.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

We will begin installing new meters in the coming months. Like the last install, which took place in 2005, it will take over a year to complete this project. The technology we have now is outdated and approaching end of life. If you think back to the cell phone you had 14 years ago compared to today, there have been leaps and bounds in technical advancement. The same is true with our equipment. With the average life of a meter being 15 years, the time for this update is now. These new meters will improve system efficiencies, reliability, and member service. Next month's newsletter will highlight additional details about the new meters and the installation process.

As always, I would like to remind members to keep their meters clear. Inaccessible equipment will pose problems for our crews in the coming months.



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NEW STEM GRANT

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative values education and training. We understand teachers have limited funding to pursue projects valuable to educating young minds in our local communities. By embracing cooperative principle #5, Education, Training, and Information, we are able to extend our resources to schools to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects and initiatives.

GUIDELINES:

Funding is available to teachers with students in grades K-12 at:

- Public schools
- Private schools
- Public charter schools
- Christian schools



The grant may be used to purchase equipment or curriculum materials and should be part of a well-planned and integrated project or activity. Teachers may apply for a STEM grant up to \$500 per project, per academic year.

You can find additional details and the application on our website at www.acecwi.com. For more information, please contact Linda Mohns at lmohns@acecwi.com or (800) 831-8629.

JON STEINHAUS LINE WORKER SCHOLARSHIP

In 1956, Jon Steinhaus began his career with the former Adams-Marquette Electric Cooperative as an apprentice lineman. He progressed through the ranks and was named general manager in 1976. Mr. Steinhaus retired in 1996 after 40 years of dedicated cooperative service.

The purpose of the Jon Steinhaus Line Worker Scholarship Program is to encourage men and women to pursue an electric line worker career. Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$1,500. This scholarship is available March 1 through the second Friday in April each year.

Scholarship eligibility includes anyone who is a high school senior or older. Successful applicants must be enrolled in an Electrical Power Distribution (EPD) program at a certified EPD school in the United States. Although not a requirement, preference is given to members of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. You can find the scholarship application on our website beginning March 1.

LEGISLATOR VISIT

ACEC hosted a meet and greet in December with local legislators to discuss what makes cooperatives different and issues that are important to our members. Senator Patrick Testin, Senator Luther Olsen, Representative Joan Ballweg and Representative Jon Plumer joined ACEC's CEO, Jay Porter and the board of directors, along with Nathan Franklin, External and Member Relations from Dairyland Power Cooperative, and Steve Freese, President and CEO of Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. Some of the topics discussed included rural broadband and pole attachment policy.

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Jay's Discussion Days

Visit our CEO, Jay Porter, between 8:00am - 11:00am in Wautoma - N1519 State Rd 22, and between 1:00pm - 4:00pm in Pardeeville - W6290 State Rd 33.

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RSVP

Please let us know if you are attending the Annual Meeting on May 11 at 9:30 am at the Adams-Friendship Fine Arts Center. Email acec@acecwi.com or call (800) 831-8629.

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