



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

By Jay A. Porter, PE,
Chief Executive Officer

You may have been contacted at the end of March to participate in our member survey. We're looking for your feedback again as we complete the second half of the survey this month. We will be asking you general questions about things like renewable energy, programs, and your overall satisfaction with our cooperative. Participants are randomly selected and will be contacted via telephone or email. If you are contacted, we would appreciate your feedback on how you think we're doing. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete.

Unclaimed Patronage Capital

We need your help! A list of former members with unclaimed patronage capital has been posted on our website at www.acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital/. Please take a look and help us track down these individuals. In most cases former members have relocated and not updated their address with us. If you see a name you recognize, please ask them to contact us directly.

Fall Fest

October is co-op month. Every October we like to hold a special member event to celebrate. This year our event will be at Leatherberry Acres in Baraboo on October 5. See page 17 for additional event details.

Summer Bills

We've seen several hot, muggy days this summer. These hot days can make our AC units work extra hard and cause our energy bills to rise. During hot times like these, I recommend using SmartHub. This is our online bill pay portal—but it's really much more than that. SmartHub actually shows the total amount of energy you use each day. Take a look at your usage graph to see how much energy you've used on those hot days—daily temperatures are shown too.

Make Adams-Columbia your trusted source for energy-saving tips, tools, and information. We strive to bring you resources that make life a little easier. Take a look at pages 13–14 for additional information on insulation and energy savings.

Stuff the Bus

Every year Adams-Columbia asks our employees and members to donate school supplies to the areas we serve. We know that purchasing supplies for the new school year can be quite the financial burden. So we partner with area school supply drives to help ease the burden for parents and children in our service territory. This is usually run mid-July to early August. This year we were able to collect 614 school supply items.



SAFETY MESSAGE

This month is a bit of a "back to school" issue. I would like to align this month's safety message with this topic as well. Please remember to keep an eye out for little ones as they wait for, enter, and exit school buses. There have been some tragic accidents involving inattentive drivers and school buses, and I am hopeful we won't see this in the news this year. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus when the stop sign of the bus is out. Children may cross to the opposite side of the street, so traffic going in both directions must stop. Children are often inattentive; it is our job as responsible drivers to watch out for them.



FALL Fest

CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH WITH ACEC AT **LEATHERBERRY ACRES**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - GAMES & PRIZES 10AM - 2PM

Our fall member appreciation event will be held at Leatherberry Acres this year. Your family will have fun exploring a corn maze, meeting animals at the petting zoo, climbing a straw bale pyramid, riding a zip line, and of course, launching a pumpkin from the pumpkin cannon!

REGISTER NOW FOR UP TO 4 FREE WRISTBANDS PER MEMBERSHIP!

Registration is open September 3 – 20 at www.acecwi.com/fall-fest/. Don't have internet access? Call (800) 831-8629 or stop in our Friendship office.

Additional wristbands can be purchased for \$10 each. Kids 2 and under are free. To learn more about Leatherberrys, visit www.leatherberryacres.com.



54067 COUNTY ROAD A, BARABOO, WI 53913



Sign up for Auto Pay by October 11 for a chance to win a \$50 bill credit!

Don't worry about due date or late fees again! Set up automatic payments from your checking or savings account, or credit card. Sign up on SmartHub! Visit our website at www.acecwi.com.



Embracing Education

COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE #5

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Education, Training, and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

In the following pages you will find a recap of students at Youth Leadership Congress, the 2019 scholarship recipients, STEM grant information, and our safety education program.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) is a yearly event held at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls college campus. This three-day event welcomes approximately 100 students annually from different electric cooperatives throughout the state of Wisconsin. It teaches young people about cooperatives and what makes us different from other businesses. Students are taught to identify their style of leadership and the skills they possess. Motivational speakers challenge teens to think outside of the box with stimulating group activities and mind teasers.

At this conference, students have the opportunity to run for the youth board. They must collect signatures from their peers to be eligible to run, undergo an interview process, and give a speech to their peers. A final vote of the student body decides who will make up the youth board. In addition to running the next year's Youth Leadership Congress, these students also get to attend Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., which is sponsored by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) with Wisconsin attendees sponsored by Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA).



1. Students play a team building exercise at YLC.

2. Wisconsin students pictured with Senator Ron Johnson at Youth Tour.

3. Team building at YLC.

4. Students pictured at the National Mall during Youth Tour.

5. Adams-Columbia students at YLC.

STEM GRANT

Next deadline December 1!

ATTENTION TEACHERS! Funding is available for your class of students in grades K-12. This grant may be used to purchase equipment or curriculum materials focused in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math. Teachers may apply for a STEM grant up to \$500 per calendar year. Public, public charter, private and Christian schools are welcome to apply. Find additional details on our website at www.acecwi.com.

Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients. Each of these 75 students was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



Mikayla Amundson
Nekoosa/2019



Becca Baier
Adams-Friendship/17



Olivia Bancroft-Hart
Cambria-Friesland/17



Collin Bays
Adams-Friendship/18



Anna Beaver
Adams-Friendship/18



Samantha Bomkamp
Janesville Craig/2013



Andrew Boschert
Beaver Dam/2019



Abbott Bowden
Berlin/2019



Emma Brooks
Wild Rose/2017



Mikayla Brouette
Pardeeville/2017



Caitlyn Budzinski
Randolph/2018



Dana Burant
Franklin/2018



Marcel Buss
Wautoma/2019



Cade Carter
Adams-Friendship/17



Cole Carter
Adams-Friendship/16



Emma Chase
Wautoma/2019



Brittany Cupery
Randolph/2018



Karalyn Cutsforth
Portage/2019



Chloe DeYoung
Cambria-Friesland/19



Joshua Dillon
Nekoosa/2017



Anna Eisch
Wautoma/2016



Mikayla Flyte
Westfield/2019



Gracelyn Footit
Mauston/2019



Kaylee Franz
Sun Prairie/2018



Karly Grapenthin
Palatine/2016



Alexa Guelig
New Holstein/2018



Ashley Hahn
Cambria-Friesland/17



Sara Hanneman
Lincoln/2017



Kristin Jenks
Wild Rose/2017



Tanner Johnson
Pardeeville/2019



Zoe Johnson
Waupaca/2017



Daniel Kaehn
Tri-County/2018



Lauren Karras
Wild Rose/2015



Devyn Koch
Lincoln/2016



Nicole Kolano
Wis Dells/2016



Tiffany Kortbein
Northfield/2009



Haley Kramer
Tri-County/2019



Miranda Kraus
Montello/2019



Gage Krause
Pardeeville/2019



Brooke Livingston
Adams-Friendship/19



Ryan Lois
Wautoma/2019



Alexis Mast
Markesan/2018



Trenton McManus
Adams-Friendship/16



Lauren Meyers
New Berlin West/2018



Travis Miller
Portage/2019



Abigail Moon
Baraboo/2019



Dylan Musiedlak
Wis Dells/2019



Samantha Nickell
Mukwonago/2018



Katherine Onell
Poynette/2017



Ashton Osterhaus
Pardeeville/2019



Clinton Ottman
Berlin/2017



Madeline Peterman
Wautoma/2018



Natasha Pongratz
Lincoln/2017



Madison Quade
Cambria-Friesland/16



Lillian Radzikinas
Westfield/2019



Makenna Richter
Markesan/2019



Jamie Runnels
Baraboo/2019



Emily Scharenbroch
Portage/2016



Alyssa Schlachter
Adams-Friendship/19



Erica Schlachter
Adams-Friendship/19



Timmlyn Schroeder
Westfield/2015



Sky Sharp
Wautoma/2019



Abbey Stadler
Columbus/2018



Abigail Stangler
Monona Grove/2015



No Photo
Provided

Parker Stelter
Montello/2019



Hailey Struzynski
Wautoma/2017



Hannah Struzynski
Wautoma/2019



Nicholas Surprise
Wautoma/2016



Austin Sutherland
Nekoosa/2019



Bethany Thome
Portage/2019



Andy Vujnovich
Columbus/2018



McKenzie Wentland
Lincoln/2017



Kelsey Wigand
Muskego/2016



Nick Wilbert
Wild Rose/2019



Logan Williams
Necedah/2019

Every year Adams-Columbia awards scholarships to those continuing their education in all fields of post-secondary education, from vocational to graduate studies. Over the last 30 years, over \$1,183,500 in scholarships has been awarded to adults and dependent children of our members.

This program adds no cost to members' electric bills. It is funded entirely from unclaimed patronage capital.

Congratulations!

We wish you the best in your academic endeavors.



SAFETY PROGRAM

Did you know Adams-Columbia has an educational safety program? Our hotline demo is a mobile education tool used to teach about electricity.

What is a hotline demo? This is a custom trailer designed by our engineers and mechanics to show the power (and dangers) of electricity. It is a miniature version of our system. The set-up has 7,200 volts of electricity running through the wires, the same that runs through our power lines. Our experienced linemen, along with an instructor, demonstrate various scenarios of what happens when something comes into contact with a power line. Demonstrations include kite string or fishing line, tree branches, a squirrel, and a hot dog meant to show the effects on human skin.


Our hotline demo is used to educate both adults and children. Many first responders and heavy machine operators use this program to educate their workers on what to do when responding to emergency situations. Children tend to learn about electricity in 4th-5th grade, so this program is very popular with teachers of this grade level. School-age education consists of two days, an in-class activity and lesson, and an outdoor electricity demonstration.



If your classroom or organization is interested in a safety demonstration, call (800) 831-8629.



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Customer Service & Billing 800-831-8629
Power Outage Reporting 888-928-2232
Diggers Hotline 800-242-8511

**To make a payment anytime 24/7,
please call 1-844-219-1223.**

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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.