

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Chris Campion in bucket, Keith Miller on ground.

Left - Keith Miller
Right - John Stokely

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FROM IRAQ TO FALL RIVER, A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM STANDS

The flagpole in the pictures above once stood in Iraq when Keith Miller served in the U.S. Army from 2004-05. He would fly a flag on that pole in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. When his tour ended, he knew that flagpole needed to come back home. Disassembled into four sections, the flagpole made its way on the plane and back to Fall River, WI.

John Stokely, a local welder, straightened, sandblasted, painted, and rebuilt the pole. He also shared the same appreciation for patriotism and freedom as Miller.

More recently, some maintenance was needed on the flagpole: maintenance only a bucket truck could assist with. Chris Campion, a lineman from our Pardeeville office, lent a hand by putting a topper on the flagpole and restrung the rope. Here at ACEC, we are extremely proud to serve our local communities and to be involved with such a special part of Fall River. Read more in July's magazine or on our website.



OUR LOBBY IS OPEN!

Our Friendship office has reopened for members, vendors, and visitors. We have taken precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Plexiglass has been installed, hand sanitizer is available and social distancing signage is posted.

**APPLY FOR OUR RESP
LOAN FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT
PROJECTS AND LOW RATES.**

POWER RESTORATION PROCESS

A phone ringing in the middle of the night may catch you off guard, but it's a very familiar sound to our linemen. Navigating major outages from emergency situations, like natural disasters, can often be challenging. There may be obstacles they don't typically encounter like flooded roadways or downed trees that put a halt to our restoration process. Overall, our goal is to get as many members back in power in the shortest amount of time.

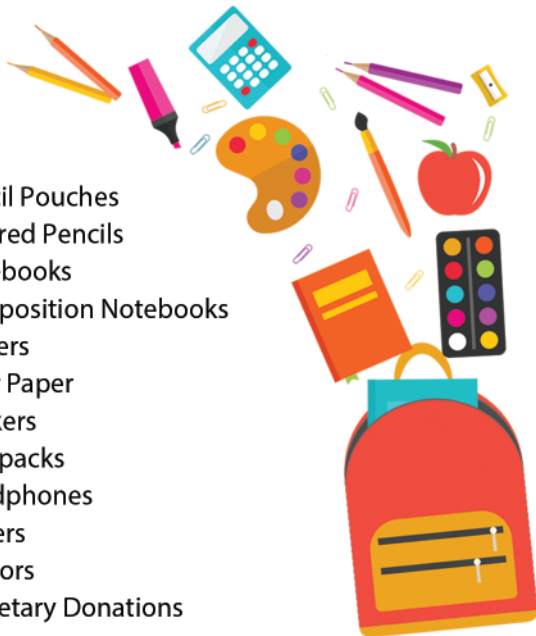
- STEP 1** First things first; our crews assess the damage on our system and check our substations. This is where the high-voltage transmission lines feed into our system and from there, we distribute power to our members. On average, one substation may feed power to nearly 1,200 meters. If we repair the problem in the substation, we could potentially get 1,200 meters back in service.
- STEP 2** Next, crews follow our distribution lines as they carry power away from the substation to many members. Power lines are like spider webs that leave the substation. Instead of everyone having their own power line from the substation to their home or business, members share power lines. Power travels along the distribution lines to get to members living in the same area.
- STEP 3** After distribution lines have been checked over, crews work towards individual services. Should something that is member-owned be damaged from a storm, it is the members' responsibility to get it repaired. We often find that when we try to restore individual services, damage on the member-owned equipment must be repaired first before we can turn their power on. We recommend hiring a licensed electrician for these repairs.

"I AM STILL WITHOUT POWER AND YOUR TRUCKS KEEP DRIVING BY MY HOUSE. WHY WON'T YOU STOP TO TURN MY POWER ON?"

Many times, crews learn that down the line from your home is where the problem is. They may need to repair equipment that is a few miles away from your home in order to restore your power. We realize everyone wants to be the next one to have power restored, but when we spend two hours restoring power for one member, we could have spent those two hours restoring power to 200 members, or more. By following our restoration process, we can restore many members at once.

STUFF THE BUS

- Pencil Pouches
- Colored Pencils
- Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Folders
- Filler Paper
- Markers
- Backpacks
- Headphones
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Monetary Donations



We are accepting donations at our Friendship office until July 31.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Facebook Live format for the annual meeting was a bit different this year, but it worked seamlessly. Thanks to the members that took the time to tune in for the live stream. Bylaw changes will be discussed at the 2021 meeting.

Three new directors were elected to the board; Aaron Bonnett (District 3 - At Large), Gary Skolarz (District 5), and James Kelly (District 7).

Board officers are as follows

Chair: Aaron Hoernke
Vice Chair: Dietrich Vedder
Secretary: Cheri Gibeaut
Treasurer: James Kelly

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Jay's Discussion Days

Visit our Wautoma office at N1519 State Rd 22 from 8-11 a.m. or our Pardeeville office at W6290 State Rd 33 from 1-4 p.m.

SEP 7

Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

