

# CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

YOUR TRUSTED ENERGY PARTNER

OCTOBER 2020



ADAMS-COLUMBIA  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



## Happy Co-op Month



## ADAMS-COLUMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your source for Co-op news and information.

### OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH!

The photos above represent our seven cooperative principles. These principles describe who we are, what we stand for, and what we strive for every single day. All cooperatives follow these core principles to steer them towards success, for the organization and for the community.

As a cooperative, we love to give back to our communities through a variety of programs we offer. You may know a few employees from the co-op because we're local people. When you call us or see our workers, you know you're working with people who live in the same community as you. And unlike big investor-owned utilities, we don't keep our profits. We return profits back to our members through patronage capital, which you can read more about on the back side of this newsletter.

Our main goal is to deliver safe and reliable electricity to our members. We will continue to do everything in our power (literally) to be your trusted source of reliable electricity, superior customer service and community support.



### ENERGY ASSISTANCE

As we approach the winter months, members may apply for energy assistance if they need help with their utility bill.

A full listing of agencies in our service area can be found on our website.

**RATE ADJUSTMENTS FROM  
SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1.**

# PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENTS

The board of directors has approved \$2.2 million in patronage capital retirements (refunds) this year. We will be retiring patronage capital from the years 2001, 2002, and a portion of 2003. This means if you were on our lines during those years and accrued patronage capital, you may see a refund on November's bill statement.

Still having a hard time wrapping your head around patronage capital and how the process works? Visit our website at <https://www.acecwi.com/news-information/patronage-cap/> or scan the QR code to the right to watch a video we put together that explains what patronage capital is and the difference between allocations and retirements (refunds).

Scan to watch a video about patronage capital!



## STEM GRANT SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING, & MATH

Do you know a teacher who could use some help funding projects for their class? Our STEM Grant is available for public, public charter, private, home school, Christian schools, and organizations in our service area for classrooms with students K-12. The classroom project must be academically focused in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math. The grant may be used to purchase equipment or curriculum materials and should be part of a well-planned curriculum.

Our next deadline is November 1. Visit our website for more information about this program, examples of what other classes have received the grant for, and to apply.

## \$141,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS



“ This scholarship is making something that I've wanted to do for two years, happen. I appreciate it more than I can ever put into words.  
- ANGELA WEGNER ”

We awarded \$135,000 in Educational Scholarships and \$6,000 in Steinhaus Scholarships this year. With all of the unknowns this year, knowing how students will pay for college shouldn't be one of them.

Funding for our scholarship programs comes from the Federated Youth Foundation, which is where unclaimed patronage capital goes.

Visit our website to see all of our scholarship recipients and to learn more about our scholarship programs.

## COLORING CONTEST

HEY PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for kids to color a picture and submit it to us for a chance to be on the cover of our holiday card.

You can get the color sheet from October's issue of Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News magazine or by visiting our website and downloading the PDF of our local pages of October's magazine. It is a template of a snow globe and we're looking for kiddos to draw their own holiday scene in the snow globe.

Colorings may be emailed to [hmelby@acecwi.com](mailto:hmelby@acecwi.com) or mailed to:

**Adams-Columbia Electric Co-op**  
ATTN: Haley Melby  
P.O. Box 70  
Friendship, WI 53934

Please return the coloring sheet to ACEC by November 1. By returning the coloring sheet, you acknowledge that your child's name and submission may be used in ACEC's marketing materials.

Winner will receive a prize package in the mail!

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

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Office Closed  
Our office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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