

# SAFETY MESSAGE

Thankfully, lengthy outages do not happen on a regular basis. That does not mean you should not prepare for them. We suggest that you:

- Have a storm kit ready that includes flashlights, bottled water, non-perishable food, battery-operated radio, batteries, portable cell phone chargers that are fully charged, hand sanitizer and first-aid supplies.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating or accessing medicines and using power-dependent medical devices.
- Find out where your local storm shelters are and have a plan for getting there if needed and it is safe to do so.

## Briefing of the Board Meeting

October 28, 2020

### Board Action Items:

- Updated and approved policies.
- Approved the redistricting map and reducing the number of board of directors from nine to seven with no at-large directors.

The full board meeting summary can be found on our website at [www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins](http://www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins)



## Employee Spotlight

*Jon Gessner  
Operations Manager*

Jon was employed at ACEC over 35 years. He started as an Apprentice Lineman for Adams-Marquette Electric Co-op, then became Area Supervisor for our Montello area eventually leading to his promotion as Operations Manager. His position most recently oversaw our entire operations department.

We wish you the best in your retirement. Thank you for your years of service Jon!

## TACO SOUP

PREP TIME - 30 MINUTES COOK TIME - 1 HOUR

### INGREDIENTS

- |                                  |                                 |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • 2 lbs ground beef              | • 1 can pinto beans - undrained | • 1 packet ranch dressing |
| • Medium diced onion             | • 1 can corn                    | • 1 1/2 c. water          |
| • 3 cans stewed tomatoes         | • 1 4oz can green chiles        | • 1/2 c. salsa            |
| • 1 can kidney beans - undrained | • 1 packet taco seasoning       | • Salt to taste           |

### INSTRUCTIONS

Brown beef, drain. Cook with onions. Add rest of ingredients. Simmer 1 hour. Serve in bowl with sour cream, shredded cheese, taco chips, taco shell bowls. Enjoy!

Can cook in slow cooker for several hours. Great for parties.

Recipe from Sandra Habetler of Hancock, WI.

# THE WIRE

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## ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Although 2020 was a year of many struggles, challenges, and uncertainty for everyone, we're ecstatic to say that we made a difference in the lives of over 2,370 children in our service area through our Toys for Tots program.

Our program wouldn't be successful without the help of the public and our members. Everyone came together to make Christmas a little brighter for local children in need that may not have received a visit from Santa otherwise. Over 6,000 toys, books, and stocking stuffers were donated to nine area programs in seven counties.

Pictured above are Bill, Natalie, Heather, Heidi and Jeremy with our \$9,400 toy purchase. This purchase was made possible by the many generous monetary donations we received.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 1

On-Peak period for our Time-of-Day rate changes from 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

STEM grant applications are also due by February 1.

### FEBRUARY 12

Deadline to submit advisory resolutions and nomination by petition to run for a board seat.

### FEBRUARY 16

Jay's Discussion Day - Stop by our Pardeeville office from 8:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. or our Wautoma office from 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 26

Deadline to turn in Educational and Jon Steinhaus Scholarship applications.



# WATER HEATER SALES AND SERVICE REMINDER

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 29, 2021

As a reminder, we will no longer be selling or servicing water heaters as of Friday, January 29.

For information on where you can buy a water heater and get them serviced, use your preferred search engine online to search for services near you.



## MESSAGE FROM JAY, YOUR GENERAL MANAGER

### INTERESTED IN BEING ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

This year we have two seats up for election at the 2021 Annual Meeting; Districts 1 & 2. If you live in one of these districts and meet the qualifications outlined below, you are eligible to run for a board seat. The way this is done is nomination by petition, meaning you must get 25 signatures from 25 memberships. Submit your petition with signatures to the co-op by Friday, February 12. For more information, contact Heather Smith at [hsmith@acecwi.com](mailto:hsmith@acecwi.com) or call (800) 831-8629.

### DISTRICT 1

Grand Rapids Grant  
Saratoga Leola  
Rome Plainfield

### DISTRICT 2

Buena Vista Rose Mount Morris  
Pine Grove Springwater Redgranite  
Belmont Wild Rose Richford  
Dayton Deerfield Dakota  
Oasis Wautoma Marion

### DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a full-time resident and member in good standing in the director district from which he or she has been nominated.
- Cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling energy or supplies to the cooperative.
- Cannot have been in default on any obligations to the cooperative in the preceding 12 months.
- Cannot have been employed in any capacity by the cooperative within five years of the date of the election.
- Cannot be an incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective county, state, or federal office filled by election on a party ticket.
- Cannot have been convicted of any felony or of any other offense involving a breach of trust.

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

AVAILABLE NOW! INFORMATION ONLINE



Our fifth cooperative principle is Education, Training, and Information. These principles guide who we are and what we stand for, and we think our scholarship programs are a great way to showcase that.

Our Educational Scholarship and our Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarship applications are available from January 1 - February 26.

Remember, these scholarships are funded entirely from our Federated Youth Foundation, which is where unclaimed patronage capital goes.

Visit our website for the application, information and directions, and reference forms for both scholarships.

## HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE CO-OP?

SUBMIT AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION BY 2/12/2021

Every member of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative (ACEC) has the right to present advisory resolutions (ideas) to the members at the annual meeting. The purpose of an advisory resolution is to give advice to the board of directors. In order for an advisory resolution to be considered, members must submit resolutions to the co-op by Friday, February 12.

### HOW TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION:

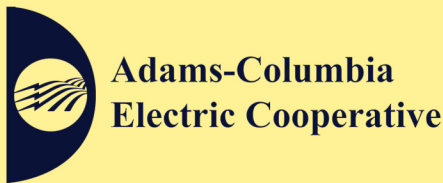
This can be done one of three ways:

1. Email: [acec@acecwi.com](mailto:acec@acecwi.com)
2. Mail: ACEC, P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934
3. Drop off at our Friendship office at 401 E. Lake Street

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SUBMITTING AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION?

ACEC's Rules Committee will review all advisory resolutions. First, the Rules Committee determines whether the advisory resolution is in order for presentation at the annual meeting. Second, if the advisory resolution is in order, then the Rules Committee decides whether to make a recommendation for or against the advisory resolution, or not to express a preference.

To take a deeper dive into advisory resolutions, visit us online at [www.acecwi.com](http://www.acecwi.com)



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