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EXCLUSIVE SALE FOR ACEC MEMBERS ON ENERGY EFFICIENT ITEMS!

Are you interested in buying energy efficient items like LED light bulbs or a water saving kit? We've partnered with our friends at Focus on Energy to offer exclusive savings to our members. Flip the page to read more about how to take advantage of these awesome offers!

SALE ENDS JUNE 21, 2021

SPECIAL PATRONAGE REFUND

\$2.5 MILLION RETURNED TO MEMBERS

Our board of directors decided to do a one-time special retirement (refund) to return excess margins of \$2.5 million to members who had service in 2020.

Excess margins were due to cost-saving measures over the last few years, energy sales in 2020, and our investment in West Riverside Energy Center.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS GOES VIRTUAL!

JULY 13 & 14 | 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Youth Leadership Congress, YLC, is a **FREE** by-teens, for-teens cooperative leadership conference that is planned and developed by the youth board elected at the previous year's event. Youth will learn about co-ops, leadership, interviewing skills, listen to great motivational speakers, and meet new people. Did we mention there are **scholarship opportunities** if you attend as well?



WHO CAN ATTEND

High school students in our service area.

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [acecwi.com/ylc](https://www.acecwi.com/ylc) and scroll down to "How Do I Sign Up?"

WHEN'S THE DEADLINE

Register by Tuesday, June 1.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 31

Our office will be closed for Memorial Day. Normal business will resume on Tuesday, June 1.

JUNE 16

Stop by our Wautoma office from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. or our Pardeeville office from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. to chat with our general manager, John.

As a reminder, you can call to schedule an appointment to talk with John at our Friendship office as well.

MAJOR DISCOUNT ON ENERGY EFFICIENT ITEMS!

We want to help you save money and live more comfortably in your home. That's why we have partnered with Focus on Energy to offer exclusive discounts on energy-efficient ENERGYSTAR products such as LED light bulbs, efficient showerheads, water aerators, and more.



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**SALE ENDS
JUNE 21,
2021**



**Water
Saving Kit
\$10**

- (4) 9w LEDs (60w equivalent)
- (2) 11w LEDs (75w equivalent)
- (2) 16w LEDs (100w equivalent)
- (1) 1.5gpm handheld showerhead
- (2) 0.5gpm bathroom aerators
- (1) 1.0gpm kitchen aerator
- (1) 15 foot roll of pipe wrap
- (1) hot water temperature card



**LED
Starter Kit
\$10**

- (1) 5w (40w equivalent) LED desk lamp
- (4) 9w LEDs (60w equivalent)
- (3) 11w LEDs (75w equivalent)
- (3) 16w LEDs (100w equivalent)
- (1) 3-way LED



Candle 6-pack - \$5
4W usage = 40W output



Globe 6-pack - \$5
4W usage = 40W output



R20 6-pack - \$5
7W usage = 50W output



BR30 6-pack - \$5
8W usage = 65W output



PAR38 3-pack - \$10
10W usage = 90W output



High Lumen 33w LED - \$11
33W usage = 300W output



BR40 6-pack - \$10
9.5W usage = 65W output

Product selection is subject to change. Offer good while supplies last.

ORDERING DETAILS



Visit techniartpopup.com/focusonenergy_acec. You may also call (888) 925-7009 to place an order, just mention that you're ordering from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's event and have a credit card ready to pay at the time of order.



SHIPPING INFORMATION



This offer is for Wisconsin residents. If you are a seasonal member and would like to participate, use your Wisconsin property as the shipping address. Free shipping on all orders. Members are limited to ordering a maximum of 2 \$10 kits and up to 25 light bulbs in any order.

All orders will be processed after the event closes on June 21. It may take 1-3 weeks after June 21 to receive your items.

LUNCH & LEARN OPPORTUNITY



Want to learn more about energy efficiency or have questions? Visit techniartpopup.com/focusonenergy_acec and click "Join the webinar". You can attend the free virtual lunch and learn on Wednesday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m.

CREDIT TO OFFSET POWER COST FOR MEMBERS

Beginning on April's bills, members may notice that the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is a larger credit than normal. This is due to the credit we receive from our investment in West Riverside Energy Center. April's bill will include a 2.2 cent PCA credit per kilowatt-hour. Going forward included in the PCA will be a .5 cent per kilowatt-hour credit for this investment.

WHY DOES ACEC GET A CREDIT FROM WEST RIVERSIDE ENERGY CENTER?

We are part-owners of this power plant and because we invested, we receive our "share" back. Similar to if you had made a personal investment, you get interest back on that investment. We wanted to give the credit back to our members, so we decided to calculate it into the PCA line item on your bill.

WHAT IS THE POWER COST ADJUSTMENT?

This is a per kilowatt-hour calculation on your bill that covers the actual cost of the energy we buy each month. We purchase our power from Alliant Energy at a cost. Many factors go into what the actual cost will be, like the price of fuel for power plants to generate energy, weather, and energy demand (load). These all contribute to the costs to produce energy. The rate we charge you for energy is a fixed price, but the rate we pay for that same energy is variable, so we calculate the difference each month. That difference is passed on in the PCA and can be zero, a credit, or a charge.

HOW LONG WILL THIS CREDIT LAST?

Current financials are projecting that this may continue through the end of the year. We plan to begin the process of a cost of service study this fall to help us determine how to calculate this credit into our current rate structure.



**Adams-Columbia
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CONTACT US

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Business Hours
Monday - Friday,
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friendship Lobby Hours
Monday - Friday,
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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P.O. Box 70
401 East Lake Street
Friendship, WI 53934

Pardeeville Office (Drop Box Only)
W6290 State Road 33
Pardeeville, WI 53954

Wautoma Office (Drop Box Only)
N1519 State Road 22
Wautoma, WI 54982

USE SMARTHUB FOR POWER OUTAGES

REPORT AN OUTAGE

If you experience a power outage, log in to your SmartHub account and click "Report an Issue/Inquiry." It will walk you through the process.

RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS

Did you know you can receive a variety of notifications from us? From billing to outages, we'll keep you updated. Click on "Manage Notifications," to select what types of updates you want to receive.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US

It's important for you to keep your information with us current should we need to contact you about your service. Update your email and phone number under "Manage Contacts."

QUESTIONS? GIVE US A CALL AT (800) 831-8629

Did you know you can enroll in Operation Round-Up through your SmartHub account? A little change can make a big difference!



SAFETY MESSAGE

We're often told not to overload our schedules and our plates, but what about our home's electrical system? Turns out it's not a good idea, since doing so can cause damage and put your family at risk. May is Electrical Safety Month and we wanted to share some tips to help keep your home safe.

- Although tempting, don't plug too many things in by using extension cords, power strips, and multi-outlet converters. Overdoing it can overload and overheat a circuit.
- If you continually upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances, and electronics, your home's circuits may not be able to handle the increased load.
- Do not plug in multiple devices or appliances into an outlet at the same time, exceeding the outlet's capacity.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

March 2, 2021

Board Action Items:

- Approved allocations of 2020 margins
- Approved budget amendment
- Approved to pay out early retirement at a discounted rate
- Approved and revised policies
- Approved 2021 Rules and Regulations

The full board meeting summary can be found on our website at www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins



Employee Spotlight

*Daydre Glassmaker
Operations Coordinator*

Daydre works closely with members, from the initial phone calls to making sure paperwork is complete.

Whether she's scheduling appointments with electricians or a member needs a new service installed, she's got it covered for our Wautoma area.

"Being the only female in an all-male office is very interesting. In my position every day there is a new adventure, it is ever-changing and it keeps me on my toes."

STRAWBERRY SALAD

May is National Strawberry Month

PREP TIME - 30 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 carton blueberries
- 1 can chunk pineapple, drain and keep juice
- 1-2 bananas, sliced
- 1 lb carton strawberries, cleaned and cut up
- 13.5 oz Marzetti Strawberry Glaze

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put banana slices in the pineapple juice and let soak for a few minutes, then drain. The pineapple juice keeps the banana slices from turning black in the salad.
2. Mix all the fruit and glaze together in a bowl. Can refrigerate for an hour or so if desired.



RECIPE NOTES

This recipe can be used as a salad for any occasion. It can also be used as a dessert on angel food cake topped with whipped cream. Delicious either way.

Double the recipe for more salad.

May use blackberries instead of blueberries. The black or blueberries give color to the salad.

Recipe from Rosie Cummings of Baraboo, WI