

# THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • August 2021



## TRAEGER GRILL WINNER!

Congratulations to Sarah and Jeffery Krahn, the winners of our Traeger grill package! Thank you for being great members of the co-op and participating in our giveaway.

Thank you to everyone who entered the giveaway and signed up for SmartHub. We hope you find it to be a beneficial tool for your account and energy usage. Flip the page to check out another opportunity to win!

## START YOUR ENERGY SAVINGS JOURNEY



Free energy-saving packs from Focus on Energy are shipped directly to you and include a variety of products designed to reduce energy waste. These packs include high-efficiency LED's, efficient showerheads, and more!

### ARE YOU IN?

Order your free pack now at [focusonenergymarketplace.com/free](https://focusonenergymarketplace.com/free) or call them at (800) 762-7077. Before ordering your pack, please have your electric account number handy. Limit of one pack per eligible household every three years. Pack contents may vary.

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Focus Hand  
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## ALREADY ORDERED YOUR FREE PACK?

Visit [focusonenergymarketplace.com](https://focusonenergymarketplace.com) or scan the QR code to find discounts on more energy-saving products!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 18 & SEPTEMBER 22

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

### SEPTEMBER 6

Our office will be closed for Labor Day. Normal business will resume on Tuesday, September 7.

### OCTOBER 1

The on-peak period for our time-of-day rate changes October 1 to 5 – 8 p.m.

# COMMUNITY 5K AND FUN DAY



Saturday,  
October 9



Adams-Friendship  
High School

1109 East North Street



10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
5K @ 10:30 a.m.  
Fun Day @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## ORDER A T-SHIRT BY AUGUST 26!

Visit [eaglestores.net/acec5kfunday](https://eaglestores.net/acec5kfunday) or scan the QR code to purchase a t-shirt for \$15 to wear at the event. From every sale, \$5 will be donated to Central Wisconsin Community Action Council's food pantry in Friendship. T-shirts must be pre-ordered & can be picked up the day of the event.



## FOOD TRUCKS

Purchase from Jose's, Rocky Rococo, Redneck BBQ, & Any Street Grill

## HOTLINE DEMO

Watch our lineman demonstrate real life scenarios

## LIVE MUSIC

Listen to country cover band Genesee Depot

## AIRBRUSH TATTOOS

Choose from a variety of options for body art

[VISIT ACECWI.COM/5K](https://www.acecwi.com/5k) FOR MORE DETAILS

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're asking for your help in locating members who have moved off of our lines. On our website is a listing of former members with unclaimed patronage capital (a.k.a. money!)

As a member of the co-op, you accrue patronage capital while you have service with us. Over time, our board retires (refunds) this patronage back to our members. Members may move during this time and forget to keep us updated with their current address.

Please take a moment to look through this list. If you see a name you recognize, please ask them to contact us directly.

Visit [acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital](https://www.acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital) or scan the QR code to view the listing.



## OPERATION ROUND-UP GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

Big Flats Fire Department was recently awarded \$1,522.37 to purchase replacement AED batteries.

This is just one example our Operation Round-Up program is making a difference within our service area. If you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from funding for a specific item, encourage them to apply! Applications are accepted all year long with quarterly deadlines.

Visit [acecwi.com/operation-round-up](https://www.acecwi.com/operation-round-up) or scan the QR code to learn more.



## RESP LOAN FOR ENERGY SAVING MEASURES



Are you looking to make energy-efficient improvements to your home or business? Look no further than our Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Loan!

This loan is exclusively for ACEC members to help make the upgrades that your home or business needs, and that may help you save money on your energy bill over time.

Here are a few examples of what this loan can be used towards:

- Lighting improvements (residential and commercial)
- HVAC systems
- Building envelope improvements
- Water heaters
- Compressed air systems
- Motors
- Boilers, dryers, heaters and process related equipment
- Energy audits
- On or off grid renewable energy systems
- Energy storage devices
- Energy efficient appliance upgrades
- Irrigation or water and waste disposal system efficiency improvements
- Other activities & investments directly related to energy efficiency implementation

Visit [acecwi.com/resp-loan](http://acecwi.com/resp-loan) or scan the QR code for a step-by-step process, frequently asked questions, and the loan application. Feel free to give us a call at (800) 831-8629 for additional questions about this loan. We're here to help you maximize your savings.



## CLEAN UP YOUR MAIL BOX (AND YARD) BY GOING PAPERLESS!

You may have heard that postage rates are on the rise, which means our cost increases too. By helping us save on costs like these, you're helping us save money for our entire membership.

Members that are registered for paperless billing by August 30 will be entered into a drawing to win an electric mower or an electric leaf blower/string set! Two winners will be selected at random on September 1 and notified via phone.



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Electric Cooperative

## CONTACT US

Customer Service & Billing  
(800) 831-8629

IVR Payment  
1(844) 219-1223

Power Outages  
(888) 928-2232

Diggers Hotline  
(800) 242-8511 or 811

Email  
[acec@acecwi.com](mailto:acec@acecwi.com)

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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.

Friendship Office  
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

Did you know you can report power outages through the mobile app?  
Download it today!





## SAFETY MESSAGE

A generator can be a valuable piece of equipment to keep appliances working during a power outage. Generators can be temporary or permanently installed. If you own a generator, keep these safety tips in mind:

- 1** Never operate a generator in a confined space.
- 2** Always make sure your hands are dry before touching a generator.
- 3** Before turning on a generator, make sure nothing is plugged in.
- 4** Remember to keep up with maintenance between uses.

The energy produced from generators may back feed on our system and become an extreme safety hazard for our crews. For the safety of yourself and our crews, **PLEASE** let us know if you have a generator installed.

## INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER EXTENDS HIS STAY

Earlier this year, former chief financial officer John West stepped up to be interim general manager for the cooperative.



West agreed to serve as general manager until December of 2022.

Thank you for taking a break from retirement to serve our members, John!



### Employee Spotlight

*Rita Danowski*

*Member Services Representative*

Rita processes our mail-in payments and assists members at the front counter.

"It's wonderful to work at a company that puts so much value in serving its members.

Coming to work each day is such a pleasure because of all the dedicated and helpful employees at ACEC."

We're happy to have you, Rita!

## Briefing of the Board Meeting

May 26, 2021

### Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Approved moving board policy to admin policy

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

## MAGIC HAWAIIAN PIE

PREP TIME - 15 MINS | COOK TIME - 30-40 MINS

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 eggs
- 2 c milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3/4 c sugar
- 1/2 c biscuit mix
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 c coconut

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix everything together except coconut - blend well.
2. Stir in coconut.
3. Pour into a greased pie tin.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Poke with a toothpick until it comes out clean.



### RECIPE NOTES

The pie will set a little more as it cools. The pie makes it's own crust.

Recipe from Suzanne Erdman of Portage, WI