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Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • September 2021



STUFF THE BUS DONATIONS

Our members and employees are awesome! Thank you to everyone who donated to the Stuff the Bus program this year. Between employee and member supply donations and monetary donations, we were able to distribute over \$600 in supplies to our communities.

Donations will be distributed to Adams County's Stuff the Bus program, Waushara County's Back to School Bash, and Pardeeville's Stuff the Bus program. Watch our social media pages for more pictures!

FALL RECIPES

Who else loves the aroma of their crockpot when they get home? We're looking for delicious crockpot recipes to feature in upcoming issues of our newsletter!

Share your tasty recipes at acecwi.com/submit-a-recipe.



REMINDER:

If mailing in your payment, please include the payment stub, write the amount you're paying on the stub, and don't include staples or paper clips.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

OCTOBER 1

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

OCTOBER 9

Join us at Adams-Friendship High School for our Community 5K & Fun Day event.

OCTOBER 15

Individual and organization applications for Operation Round-Up are due.



SAFETY PROGRAM COMES TO YOU, FOR FREE!

We're proud to take an active role in providing safety education programs for all age groups. Electrical safety can be taught in the classroom, outdoors with our hotline demo, or both!

Presentations draw attention to the purpose of lineman safety gear, ACEC equipment, and the harmful or potentially fatal effects of coming into contact with energized power lines.

Please share this information with local fire departments, first responders, schools, and other organizations you think would benefit from a presentation.

Interested in scheduling a safety program? Give us a call at (800) 831-8629 or email us at acec@acecwi.com.

FOCUS ON ENERGY AGRIBUSINESS INCENTIVES

We understand how the success of local farms impacts our communities and we're here to offer our support. Improve the energy efficiency of your potato sheds, wells, equipment, and other farm structures and receive incentives through our partnership with Focus On Energy! By making these upgrades, you'll have measurable energy-saving results for your farm operations and save some money along the way.

Have a project in mind or are you in the planning stages? Visit focusonenergy.com/energy-advisor-map to contact your Agriculture Energy Advisor who will help guide you through the process and maximize your savings.

Learn more about the agribusiness offerings by visiting focusonenergy.com/business/



WANT A CHANCE TO WIN LOCAL CHAMBER BUCKS?

Chambers of commerce keep our communities connected by offering business and community resources for everyone and giving people the opportunity to learn more about the area we call home. September is chamber of commerce month and we're doing a giveaway to encourage our members to shop local.

HOW TO ENTER:

We strive to bring the best electric service we can to our members and we want to know how ACEC powers your life. What impact does the co-op have on your life or your day-to-day routine? Where would you be without us?

Fill out the "ACEC Powers Me" form on our website at acecwi.com/acec-powers-me with your feedback. If you prefer, feel free to write us a letter with your feedback by mailing it to ACEC, Attn: Marketing, P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI, 53934.

Submit your entries by September 30. Five winners will receive chamber bucks to their local chamber valued at \$50 each. Chamber bucks may be spent at a variety of chamber business locations.

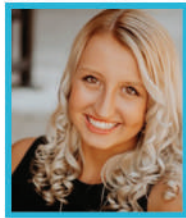
Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

120 students were each awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship. Our scholarship program is available in January each year. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients!

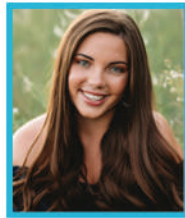
We wish you the best in your future endeavors.



Abigail Bartlett
Central WI Christian '21



Abigail Bond
Montello '21



Abrielle Harrison
Lincoln '21



Alexa Guelig
New Holstein '18



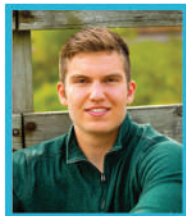
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Columbus '18



Anna Caswell
Wild Rose '20



Aubrey Rietman
Portage '21



Benjamin Schmucki
Randolph '21



Brandon Hohn
Pardeeville '21



Brett Hirst
Wisconsin Dells '20



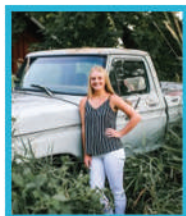
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Tri County '21



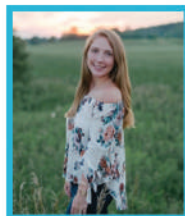
Brittany Schroedl
Lake Mills '18



Brooke Blader-Lucht
Wautoma '20



Bryanna Budzinski
Randolph '20



Caitlyn Budzinski
Randolph '18



Caleb Hamilton
Adams-Friendship '21



Caleb Williams
Wild Rose '20



Cameron Guelig
New Holstein '21



Carlee Steinhaus
Portage '13



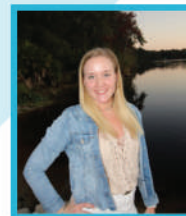
Carmen Briones
Cambria-Friesland '21



Carson Cook
Appleton East '19



Cavan Williams
Wild Rose '21



Chloe DeYoung
Cambria-Friesland '19



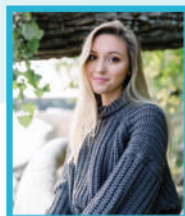
Christopher Cattanach
Princeton '21



Colton Kizewski
SPASH '18



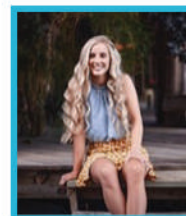
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New Glarus '20



Dana Burant
Franklin '18



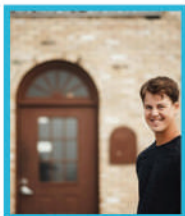
Delaney Agnew
Cambria-Friesland '18



Delaney Salm
Wautoma '21



Dylan Foulkes
Fall River '20



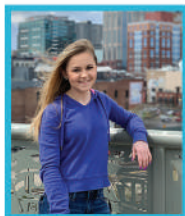
Dylan Musiedlak
Wisconsin Dells '19



Emily Bohn
Wautoma '21



Emily Dahlke
Adams-Friendship '20



Emily Straka
Adams-Friendship '17



Emma Grove
Cambria-Friesland '21



Emma Hamilton
Adams-Friendship '20



Ethan Hughes
Edgewood '20



Evan Anderson
Randolph '21



Faith Kindschuh
Wild Rose '21



Gabriel Murphy
Madison LaFollette '20



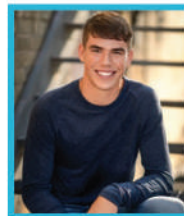
Genna Garrigan
Portage '21



Gracie Mast
Markesan '21



Greta Plummer
Lincoln '21



Griffin Hart
Cambria-Friesland '21



Hailey Rathman
Baraboo '20



Hailey Soper
Wild Rose '19



Hailey Struzynski
Wautoma '17



Hailey Weickert
Oshkosh West '21



Haley Kramer
Tri-County '19



Hattie Bray
Wautoma '21



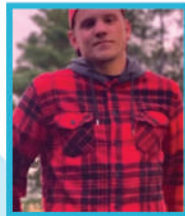
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Franklin '21



Isabella Bautista
Adams-Friendship '21



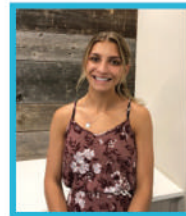
Isaiah Dillon
Nekoosa '20



Jacob Raymond
Cambria-Friesland '18



Jade Hildebrand
Nekoosa '20



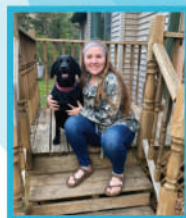
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Baraboo '19



Jon Steinhaus
Wisconsin Dells '20



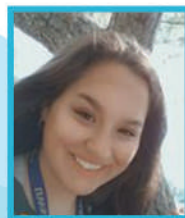
Jonah Radzikinas
Westfield '18



Jordan Smith
Adams-Friendship '20



Jorja Larsen
Baraboo '21



Julia Kapp
Wautoma '20



Julie Rieckman
Pardeeville '21



Kaden Young-McLeod
Westfield '21



Kaelynn Schwantz
Wisconsin Dells '21



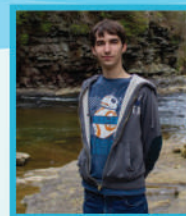
Kallysa Farrell
Adams-Friendship '21



Kara Kautzer
Adams-Friendship '21



Karli Hansen
Wild Rose '18



Kevin McCarthy
Sun Prairie '19



Lane Steinhaus
Portage '15



Lauren Hayes
Wild Rose '21



Leah Konieczki
Wautoma '21



Mackenna Belter
Baraboo '21



Madeline Belter
Baraboo '17



Madeline Peterman
Wautoma '18



Madelyn Nickell
Mukwonago '19



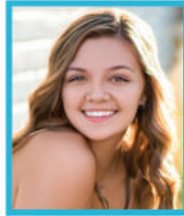
Marcus Wolff
Wilmot Union '20



Mason Day
Oshkosh North '21



Mason Kind
Laconia '21



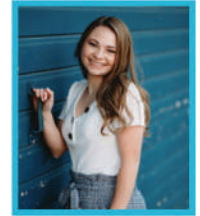
McKenzye Bruss
Columbus '21



Michaela Bush
Montello '21



Mikayla Brouette
Pardeeville '17



Molly Kolano
Wisconsin Dells '20



Natasha Pongratz
Lincoln '17



Nicholas Schultz
Oconomowoc '19



Noah Cupery
Central WI Christian '21



Noah Daliege
Lincoln '21



Olivia Nieman
Randolph '21



Olivia Soper
Wild Rose '21



Paul Schulz Jr.
Wisconsin Dells '20



Rachel Olp
New Berlin Eisenhower '20



Rina Biancalana
Lake Forest '21



Ryan Riley
Wautoma '18



Samantha Nickell
Mukwonago '18



Savannah Brooks
Wild Rose '20



Seth Martin
Lodi '19



Seth Schmucki
Randolph '20



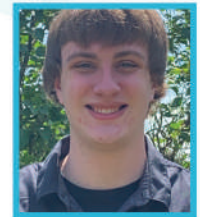
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Wautoma '21



Taylor Hayes
Pardeeville '13



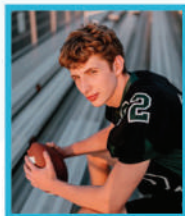
Tristan Flyte
Westfield '21



Troy Banovec
Adams-Friendship '17



Zachary Paul
Randolph '21



Zachary Presley
Adams-Friendship '21

Future linemen

The following students
were awarded \$1,500
each for our Jon
Steinhaus Lineworker
Scholarship to pursue
a career in electrical
power distribution.



Collin Sauer
Kettle Moraine '20



Zachary Nowak
Lincoln '21

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Aaron Huff
Abigail Moon
Allison Nieman
Austin Braaksma
Autumn Johnson
Carly Moon
Christina Bartsch
Cole Carter
Grant Cook
Harley Eagan
Holly Stronach
Katelyn Nawrot
Kylie Kearns
Logan VanderGailen
Max Richter
Zachary Cupery

Student Success Stories

TAYLOR LACHAPELLE ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP

"I recently graduated from UW-La Crosse this past spring with highest honors and am currently working on my applications to medical school. While at UW-La Crosse, I was a member of Golden Key International Honour Society and served as the Social Media Chair and Webmaster during my senior year. This past spring, I was also a volunteer for the Physical Activity Mentoring Program for persons with disabilities. I am currently working as a Super Mentor on the American Medical Pathway Honors Program which is a community platform for students interested in a future career in healthcare."



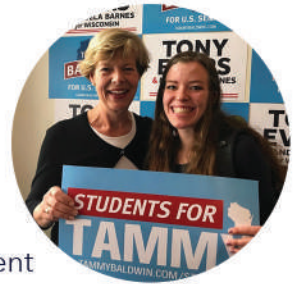
MIKAYLA FLYTE WESTFIELD

"So far I have loved the Ripon College experience and have earned a spot on the dean's list every semester. Beyond that, I am a part of the Ripon College Cross Country, Track and Equestrian teams. I have made significant improvements with running this past semester earning new personal bests putting me on the top ten all-time list in the 3k, 5k and 10k. I have enjoyed riding horses and am working to become competitive for this year's IHSA season. I am a new intern for the Ripon Education Foundation and will be a tutor for a few classes at the college this fall. My current major is Elementary Education with minors in Spanish and Business Management/Entrepreneurship. My plan is to become a teacher and hopefully own my own business some day or remain a part of the family farm. This summer on the farm I have been running an ice cream truck which complements blueberry and strawberry season. The goal is to expand the operation and attend more events with Melvin the Moo Truck in the future."



DELANEY AGNEW CAMBRIA- FRIESLAND

"I am a first-generation fourth year college student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison triple majoring in Political Science, Sociology, and Gender and Women's Studies with hopes of attending Law School after graduation. I have made the dean's list each semester of my college experience so far and I am proud to say that I have also achieved a 4.0 GPA for the last four semesters. I am part of the leadership team for the UW-Madison chapter of the National Organization for Women where I have helped organize Love Your Body Day events in the fall and Take Back the Night March events for sexual assault awareness in the spring. I am on the Executive Board as Data Director for the UW-Madison chapter of College Democrats where I have volunteered for canvassing, phone-banking, and text-banking events for various political candidates' campaigns. At various events I even got to meet and speak with political candidates such as U.S. Representative Mark Pocan, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, Governor Tony Evers, and President Joe Biden. I also have had the privilege of interning for State Representative David Bowen since March of this year, where I have gotten to learn a lot more about state government. Prior to the pandemic hitting, I was also a soprano in the UW-Madison Women's Chorus, which I hope to rejoin this fall in person. My sophomore year, my choir had the honor of performing the National Anthem at a Women's Badger Volleyball game. I am so grateful to this organization for affording me these opportunities by selecting me as a scholarship recipient!"



STEM GRANT SUCCESS AT A GLANCE

The kick-off to the 2021-22 school year has begun and we know that teachers are already thinking of innovative projects and creative lesson plans to incorporate into their classroom this year.

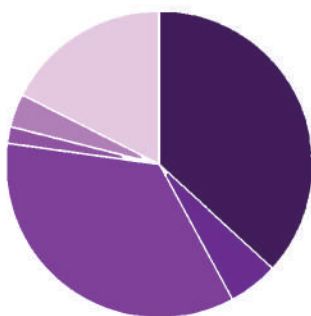
Check out some of the STEM Grant statistics so far and encourage educators you know to apply!



over
\$27,300
awarded

Funds for our STEM Grant come from unclaimed patronage capital and is **not** added to member bills.

EDUCATION LEVEL FOR GRANTS AWARDED



- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Home School
- Civic Organization
- Parochial School



Visit [acecwi.com/stem-grant](https://www.acecwi.com/stem-grant) to apply online or to print off an application.

QUARTERLY DEADLINES

February 1

May 1

August 1

November 1

57

grants awarded
since the launch
of our program
in 2019



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email notifications!



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SAFETY MESSAGE

Every year, we see incidents where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. Look up for power lines and know your surroundings.

If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around utility equipment in all directions.
- If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, call 911 and remain inside the equipment until the power line is de-energized.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain a safe distance.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

June 30, 2021

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Approved funding level of \$30,000 for Electrical Assistance Grant program
- Approved resolution of appreciation
- Approved renewable generation rate
- Approved contributing \$5,000 to the Cooperative System Integrity Fund
- Approved May expense vouchers
- Approved GM West to be voting delegate for WECA Region 1 meetings
- Approved volunteering for NRECA Governance pilot program

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



Employee Spotlight

Angela Phelps
Technology Director

Angela has been with the co-op for six years and oversees our IT, metering, and GIS departments.

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved." - Helen Keller

Thanks for all you do, Angela!

september is potato month LOADED POTATO SOUP

PREP TIME - 40 MINS
COOK TIME - 40 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 12 oz package bacon
- 1 1/2 c chopped onion
- 6 c chicken broth
- 2 lb baking potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 c diced cooked ham
- 1 8 oz sour cream
- 2 1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese
- 3/4 c sliced green onions
- 2/3 c butter
- 3/4 c flour
- 4 c milk
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a 12-inch skillet, cook bacon over medium heat for 6 to 7 minutes or until crisp; drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon; set aside. Reserve 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Cook onion in bacon drippings over medium-high heat for 6 minutes or until almost tender.
2. In a 6-quart Dutch oven, mix onion, broth, and potatoes. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cook 10 minutes or until potatoes are very tender.
3. Meanwhile, in the same skillet, melt butter over low heat. Stir in flour with whisk until smooth. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Gradually stir in 2 cups of milk. Pour milk mixture into potato mixture. Add remaining 2 cups milk, salt, and pepper. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a whisk until the mixture is thickened and bubbly.
4. Stir in ham, half of the bacon, sour cream, 2 cups of shredded cheese, and 1/2 cup of green onions. Cook until thoroughly heated and cheese is melted. Evenly top individual servings with remaining bacon, shredded cheese, and green onions.



Recipe from bettycrocker.com