

THE WIRE

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This is the view of the west side of Range Line Road where the Wood County solar project is being installed. More is being installed on the east side of the road.



WAUSHARA & WOOD COUNTY SOLAR UPDATES

We mentioned earlier this year that Alliant Energy (who we purchase our power from) had plans of installing over 1,000 megawatts (MW) of solar generation throughout Wisconsin. Instead of installing our own solar generation, we're utilizing the green energy from Alliant's grid, which ultimately contributes to the power that runs your home or business.

Two of their solar projects are located very close to our service area and you may have seen or heard information about them. Here are updates for Waushara and Wood County solar projects:

WAUSHARA COUNTY

As of September 22, 2021, Waushara County Planning and Zoning Committee approved the Alliant Energy Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a solar farm in the Town of Dakota with over a dozen added conditions.

Information from
wausharaargus.com



WOOD COUNTY

Construction began almost immediately after announced in mid-July. Led by Burns & McDonnell, more than 100 employees are currently working to build the 150 MW solar project, which is on track to be fully operational by late 2022.

Information from
alliantenergy.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 10 & DECEMBER 15

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.

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

Our office will be closed for Thanksgiving. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 29.

DECEMBER 24 & 27

Our office will be closed for Christmas. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, December 28.

Learn more about Alliant's solar projects on their website at alliantenergy.com/ourenergyvision/advancingcleanenergy/solargeneration/wisconsinsolar.

DO YOU HAVE A BILL CREDIT THIS MONTH?

As a reminder, our board of directors approved approximately \$2.3 million to be retired (refunded) to current and former members.

If you had service with us in 2003 and 2004, you may see a bill credit. If your refund is over \$250, a check will be mailed.

Take a minute to watch our patronage capital video, which explains what patronage capital is, the difference between allocations and retirements, and how it impacts you as a member. Visit acecwi.com/news-information/patronage-cap or scan this QR code. You can also give us a call at (800) 831-8629 with any questions.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIGHT



Do you have someone to buy a Christmas gift for, but don't know what to get them? Consider giving them the Gift of Light.

The Gift of Light allows you to apply a payment to a member's account and include a personalized message on their bill statement. What's better than finding out your electric bill is less because someone was thinking about you?

The Gift of Light is available all year round, so keep this in mind for other special occasions or simple thank you's.

Give us a call at (800) 831-8629 to give the Gift of Light.

SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Local families struggle to make Christmas possible for their children but with your help, we can bring smiles to their faces on Christmas morning. We're asking our members for help in collecting donations of new, unused toys or monetary donations for our Toys for Tots program.

WHERE CAN I FIND A DONATION SITE?

We work with over 70 businesses in Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Marquette, Sauk, and Waushara counties. Visit acecwi.com/annual-toy-drive for a full listing of donation sites. You can drop off donations at our Friendship office during normal business hours as well.

HOW CAN I MAKE A MONETARY DONATION?

Please make checks payable to "Toys for Tots" and mail to:

ACEC
Attn: Toys for Tots
PO Box 70
Friendship, WI 53934

OR

Scan this QR code to donate to our local campaign online.



If you have questions about Toys for Tots, please give us a call at (800) 831-8629 or email hmelby@acecwi.com.



CO-OP EVENT BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER



Thank you to all members who attended our Community 5K & Fun Day event on Saturday, October 9.

Racers lined up at Adams-Friendship High School to take part in our first 5K. After crossing the finish line, attendees enjoyed food from Redneck BBQ and Jose's Authentic Mexican Restaurant, listened to live music from Genesee Depot, picked out airbrush and henna tattoos, and were shocked to see the power of electricity with our hotline demonstration.



**Adams-Columbia
Electric Cooperative**

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.

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

Have you updated your
contact information lately
in SmartHub?



SAFETY MESSAGE

Many of us will be busy cooking holiday meals in the next two months. To stay safe while cooking, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Make sure your appliances are plugged into a GFCI outlet.
- Do not use appliances that have frayed, cracked, wire-exposed, taped, or otherwise questionable cords or plugs.
- Make sure extension cords are in good condition and that the correct type of cord is used for the job.



Briefing of the Board Meeting

August 31, 2021

Board Action Items:

- Approved the declaration of forfeiture of unclaimed patronage capital and general funds checks issued prior to December 2017.
- Approved to retire \$2.3 million to the general retirement.
- Approved July expense vouchers.

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



Employee Spotlight

Amber Bruce
Operations Coordinator

"I help members with the beginning process of new installation and relocation of their electric services. In Friendship, I work closely with the operations supervisor, linemen, and designers. I've enjoyed working for the co-op for the past 14 years."

We appreciate all you do for our members,
Amber!



happy thanksgiving!

GRANDMA'S SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

PREP TIME - 15 MINS | COOK TIME - 20 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 3 medium sweet potatoes (or yams)
- 2 tsp salt
- 8 Tbsp salted butter (softened and divided)
- 1 tsp cinnamon (divided)
- 3 Tbsp dark brown sugar
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Peel and cube the sweet potatoes and place in a large saucepan of water and salt.
3. Boil until tender. Drain the sweet potatoes.
4. In a large bowl, mash the potatoes. Add 5 Tbsp of butter and 1/2 tsp cinnamon, continue mashing.
5. Spread the potatoes in a 9 to 10-inch glass pie dish (apply shortening for easier clean-up).
6. In a small bowl, mix the remaining butter, brown sugar, and cinnamon to make a paste.
7. Spread the paste on top of the potatoes. Top with marshmallows.
8. Bake uncovered for about 20 minutes or until marshmallows are golden brown.

Recipe from Karen Schmitz of Pleasant Prairie, WI