

SAFETY MESSAGE

Overloading the circuits in our home simply means that you have too many things running on one or more electrical circuits or pathways in your home and there is more demand than supply. When this happens, it can cause a minor inconvenience like damage to an appliance or a major one like a power outage or a fire. To prevent overloading circuits, consider the following tips:

1. 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.
2. Be on the lookout for loose connections or damaged or corroded wires, which can also cause an overload or fire.
3. 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.



Briefing of the Board Meeting

February 23, 2022

Board Action Items:

- Approved policy for member meeting attendance
- Approved additional funding for the STEM Grant program in the amount of \$20,000
- Approved appointing Deb Gerzmehle, Vicki Deltgen, and Kristen Skolarz to the Operation Round-Up Board
- Approved January expense vouchers

View the full meeting summary on our website:
www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins



Employee Spotlight

Eric Schulz
Distribution Design Technician

Eric has been part of the ACEC family for nearly 27 years and is in our Operations department.

"I enjoy the challenges of designing our large ACEC projects and new member meter services! Besides that, I also really enjoy my favorite autumn vacation days chasing whitetail deer & doing taxidermy."

Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed,
thank you, Eric!

soft, delicious nut bread with applesauce



Recipe from Joseph Cascio of Nekoosa, WI

THE WIRE

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ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENTS

Back by popular demand!

Join us for our electronic recycling events at the dates and locations listed to the right. Electronic recycling will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Members may bring up to **five electronics per membership, including one TV or monitor**. We'll do the heavy lifting by removing electronics from your vehicle and taking them to the dumpster. No need to leave your vehicle.

Visit www.acecwi.com/electronic-recycling-2 for a full listing of electronics we'll accept at our events.

JUNE 1 - FRIENDSHIP

401 East Lake Street

JUNE 2 - PARDEEVILLE

W6290 State Road 33

JUNE 3 - WAUTOMA

N1519 State Road 22



10 A.M. - 2 P.M. EACH DAY

5 ELECTRONICS PER MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING 1 TV OR MONITOR

PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

Patronage capital is special to cooperatives as this is our way of returning excess margins to our membership instead of investors like other utilities. After paying operating expenses, remaining margins are allocated to members based on the amount of their annual electric bills. These margins are called patronage capital and represent the members' equity in the cooperative.

HOW DO ALLOCATIONS IMPACT ME?

Allocations are your piece of the cooperative pie, representing your ownership in the co-op. Every member receives an allocation whether their electric bill is \$100 a month or \$1,000. The higher your electric bill, the more patronage capital you are allocated.

WHAT ABOUT RETIREMENTS/REFUNDS?

Patronage capital retirements/refunds are different than allocations. Our board of directors evaluate the co-op's financial status to determine how much money we need to operate and how much can be retired/refunded to the membership. Allocations are done in the spring, showing your overall ownership in the co-op and retirements/refunds are usually done in the fall, when you may see a bill credit depending on what is approved by the board of directors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 18 & JUNE 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. Members are welcome to schedule an appointment to meet with John at our Friendship office anytime.

MAY 30

Our office will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

APPLESAUCE NUT BREAD

PREP TIME - 10 MINS | COOK TIME - 50 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 c flour
- 3/4 c sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1/4 c oil
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 3/4 c nuts
- 1 c applesauce

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine egg, applesauce, and oil. Mix dry ingredients and add to applesauce mix.
2. Pour mixture into loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS (YLC)

JULY 12-14 | UW-STOUT | SUMMER CAMP FOR TEENS

Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) is a by-teens, for-teens cooperative leadership camp that is planned and developed by the youth board elected at the previous year's event. Attending YLC will give students real-world skills to use in everyday life, is an unforgettable experience, a great resume builder, and looks fantastic on a college application.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative (ACEC) sponsors students to **attend for FREE!** ACEC provides round-trip transportation from the co-op to YLC. A chaperone from the co-op will also attend YLC.



Students that attend YLC have the opportunity to run for the youth board to plan the following year's event, and the opportunity to attend Youth Tour in Washington D.C.!



WHY STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND YLC

- Participate in fun and challenging activities
- Unleash your leadership potential
- Meet students from other co-ops
- Learn about cooperatives
- Experience life on a college campus
- Explore co-op careers
- Practice interviewing skills
- Listen to motivational speakers
- And most of all, have fun!



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit www.acecwi.com/ylc or scan the QR code. The deadline to apply is May 31.

QUESTIONS

Call Haley Melby at (800) 831-8629, or email hmelby@acecwi.com.

SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

May is Electrical Safety Month and we're asking third graders in our service area to submit posters of what electrical safety means to them. Students who submit posters have the chance to win a prize from the co-op. The top three posters will be submitted to WECA, the state association for electric cooperatives, for judging as well. A registration and rules form must be completed and submitted with the poster. This form, poster requirements, and contest rules are available on our website at www.acecwi.com/safety-poster-contest or scan the QR code.

HOW TO ENTER

Posters and registration and rules forms may be mailed to **ACEC, Attn: Marketing, P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934**, or uploaded on the webpage listed above. The deadline to submit a poster is May 31.



REPORTING POWER OUTAGES

Warmer weather is just around the corner, which for us means it's almost summer storm season. We do our best to provide safe, reliable energy for our members, but sometimes mother nature brings major storms to our service area. If you experience a power outage, it's important to report your outage so we can get to work.

SMARTHUB

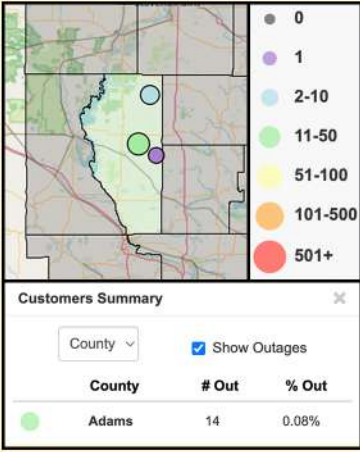
Log in to your SmartHub account and click "Report an Issue/Inquiry". When reporting an outage through SmartHub, your account and location are already in our system to make reporting an outage quick and easy. Download the SmartHub app today!

CALL US

You may also call our 24/7 power outage line at (888) 928-2232. This automated phone system will walk you through the process of reporting your outage.

OUTAGE MAP VIEWER

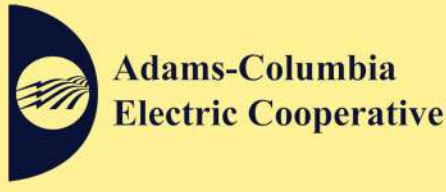
The outage map viewer on our website shows an overview of our service area along with a legend indicating the size of the outage and county summary details.



Visit www.acecwi.com and click "View Current" under the outages section of our homepage to view this map.

EASTER DONATIONS

Employees donated money and supplies to put together Easter baskets for local nursing and assisted living homes in our service area. Baskets included items like blankets, crosswords, craft kits, lotion, candy, figurines, and more.



CONTACT US

Customer Service & Billing
(800) 831-8629

IVR Payment
1(844) 219-1223

Power Outages
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