

### SAFETY MESSAGE

This month's safety message is brought to you by Keith, age 9, of Montello. Keith was the winner of our Safety Poster Contest in May with his creative safety topic.

His poster says "Look High Before You Fly," meaning to always be aware of where overhead power lines are located when flying kites. Kites should be flown in wide open spaces to stay away from overhead power lines or other electrical equipment such as substations.

If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Electricity can travel down kite strings or wires. If you find yourself in this situation, give us a call at (800) 831-8629 for assistance.

## **Briefing of the Board Meeting**

May 24, 2022

#### **Board Action Items:**

Approved April's expense vouchers

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



## **Employee Spotlight**

Jamie Frederick Electrical Engineer

Jamie works in our Operations department and has been part of the ACEC family for six months.

"As an engineer, I work to ensure that the lights stay on as new technologies, businesses, and members interact with the electric distribution grid. I enjoy helping to make everyone's day a little brighter."

We're thankful for your knowledge and expertise, Jamie!

# **CORN SALSA**

PREP TIME - 15 MINS | TOTAL TIME - 20 MINS

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 ears of corn
- 1 small red onion
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, finely chopped
- 3 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 c chopped fresh cilantro
- tortilla chips for serving

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Preheat the grill to medium-high heat (400 to 450 degrees).
- 2. Shuck the corn and remove the silks. Peel the onion and cut it into quarters. Brush the corn and onion all over with olive oil.
- 3. Grill the corn and onion, covered, until grill marks form, about 3 minutes per side. Remove from the grill and let them cool slightly.
- 4. Cut the kernels off the cob and dice the onion. Combine in a medium bowl with the rest of the ingredients, except for cilantro.
- 5. Just before serving, stir in the cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips.

Recipe from www.thepioneerwoman.com



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# **CELEBRATE WITH US**

You're invited to help us celebrate 85 years of providing safe, reliable electricity to our members during Co-op Month. Join us on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Friendship office. Enjoy lunch on us, play games to win prizes, and learn about different co-op programs.

Our friends from Focus On Energy will also be attending the event to offer a sale on energy-efficient items. Members will have access to these exclusive deals at our in-person event and online in October.

Learn more about event details in next month's issue of The Wire.

#### WHEN:

Saturday, October 8

#### WHERE:

Friendship Office

TIME: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

# **GOT RECIPES? WE WANT THEM!**



We're seeking fall/winter recipes to feature in upcoming issues of The Wire. If you have a signature soup, mouth-watering casserole, or tasty holiday treat recipe, we'd love to see them. If your recipe is featured in The Wire, you'll also receive a thank you gift in the mail.

Share your recipes on our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-a-recipe, or scan the QR code.



#### August 11 is 811 day

Remember to call 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance from when you plan on digging.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **AUGUST 24 &** SEPTEMBER 13

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 may schedule an appointment to meet with John at our Friendship office as well.

#### SEPTEMBER 5

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.



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# NECTIONS THE DEADERSHIP CONCRESS

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Emily, Kelsey, Kylie, Molly, and Taylor represented our co-op at this year's Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) at UW-Stout in Menomonie.

During the three-day summer camp, YLC attendees met students from other electric co-ops. The participants stayed in college dorms to get a feel of what life is like on a college campus, including all the ice cream for breakfast they wanted in the cafeteria. Students engaged in team-building activities, attended an etiquette dinner, and participated in a hypnotist show as well. In addition to the endless fun and laughter, students also learned about electric co-op careers, the cooperative principles, listened to motivational speakers, and practiced their interviewing skills.

We'd like to congratulate Molly Damm of Columbus for being elected to the Youth Board, which means she'll work with fellow Youth Board members to plan and run next year's YLC event. She'll also be attending Youth Tour in Washington D.C. next summer. Way to let your leadership skills shine, Molly!







TO VIEW MORE PHOTOS FROM YLC, PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE @ACECWI



# MEET HAYLEY 2022 YOUTH BOARD MEMBER

"When I first registered for YLC in 2021 I was hesitant about what it would be like to attend virtually. I hopped on Zoom and immediately felt welcomed with music and excitement. The youth board at the time did a great job including us and giving us the YLC experience, despite the circumstances.

Now, as a youth board member, I can proudly say I ran the 2022 YLC in person at UW - Stout. This was a great leadership experience for myself and the other board members. We spent the three busy days getting to know our groups and teaching them about co-ops. We recruited board member applicants and passed our roles onto the new members. I am so glad I was able to be a part of this experience."



# POSSIBILITY OF ELECTRIC INTERRUPTIONS

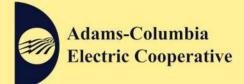
We're asking members to join us in reducing energy usage if possible in a collective effort to help provide relief to our Midwest electric grid. We may be directed by Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to curtail electric consumption, causing members to experience electric interruptions this summer.

#### Energy saving tips to help reduce your energy usage this summer:

- Instead of using your dryer, hang clothes outside to dry
- Grill meals outside instead of cooking indoors
- Reduce the temperature of your water heater
- Increase your thermostat a few degrees
- Close blinds and avoid opening exterior doors to keep cool air indoors
- Use a power strip to turn off electronics that aren't being used
- Wait until later in the evening to use bigger appliances and electronics to avoid the peak demand period

Remember, you can view your daily usage in your SmartHub app to learn when you're using the most energy. Download the mobile app from the App Store or Google Play Store for access to your account and energy usage in the palm of your hand.

Visit www.acecwi.com/electric-interruption to learn more about electric interruptions, why there is a potential it may occur, and why it is out of ACEC's control.



# **CONTACT US**

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