



THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • September 2022

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

85 YEARS & CO-OP MONTH

401 E LAKE ST., FRIENDSHIP, WI

You're invited to help us celebrate co-op month and providing 85 years of reliable electricity to our members from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Friendship office on Saturday, October 8. Melvin The Moo Truck will be at our event selling ice cream and Focus On Energy will be hosting a pop-up shop, offering exclusive member-only sales for energy-efficient items. If you're interested in purchasing items at this event, please bring cash or card for payment. *All food and prizes are while supplies last.*

Join us for a family-fun day that includes:

- **Energy-Saving Deals** - Purchase energy-efficient items from Focus On Energy
- **Prizes & Games** - Don't miss out co-op swag and giveaways
- **Bouncy House** - Race a friend in the inflatable obstacle course
- **Ice Cream Truck** - The first 100 members will receive free ice cream
- **Face Painting** - Get your face painted by One Brush At A Time
- **Co-op Booths** - Learn about co-op programs
- **Lunch On Us** - Enjoy a brat, burger, or hotdog

If you're unable to attend this event but would still like to order energy-efficient items from Focus On Energy, they will be offering their pop-up sale October 3-17 virtually as well. Members may order items during that time frame by visiting their website at techniartpopup.com/focusonenergy_acec or by calling (888) 925-7009.

For more information about this event, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/events.



MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

NRECA Market Research will be conducting a member satisfaction survey on our behalf beginning September 19. If you receive a phone call or email from them regarding a survey, it is not a scam. They are collecting data for us. If you are contacted to take the survey, we truly appreciate your feedback as it helps us understand how we can better serve our members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 13 & OCTOBER 12

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.

OCTOBER 1

The On-Peak period for our Time-of-Day rate changes from 12-6 p.m. to 5-8 p.m.

OCTOBER 15

Deadline to submit Operation Round-Up applications.

STUFF THE BUS SUCCESS

Thanks to the generosity of our members and employees, we were able to purchase nearly \$950 worth of school supplies for local school supply drives.

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you

These donations were split up and donated to three programs:

- Adams County's Stuff The Bus
- Waushara County's Back-To-School Bash
- Pardeeville Lion's Club School Supply Drive



Pictured left to right
Paul Craddock
Mike Harding
John Danowski
Danielle Amundson
Liz Hendricksen
Breanna Linzmeier
Larry Gasienica

SCHEDULE A FREE SAFETY PRESENTATION

Did you know we educate the public on electrical safety for free? Our safety program can be adjusted for any age and includes information about electrical safety and how electricity works.

Whether you prefer a classroom setting or outdoors, our staff has presentations for both options lined up and ready to go. Our hotline demonstration shows real-life scenarios of what could happen if different objects come into contact with electrical power lines. Examples include a hotdog (to represent a finger), a fishing line, and a tree branch.

To schedule a free safety presentation for your school or organization, please give us a call at (800) 831-8629, or email us at acec@acecwi.com.

HELP US FIND FORMER MEMBERS

We need your assistance in locating former members with patronage capital owed to them. Former members that have moved off of our lines may have forgotten to keep their mailing addresses up-to-date with us and we are unable to contact them.

Please visit our website to view the unclaimed patronage capital listings at www.acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital, or scan the QR code below. If you see a name you recognize, please ask them to contact us directly.



If members on this list don't contact us, their unclaimed patronage capital will be donated to Federated Youth Foundation, which funds our scholarship programs, STEM Grant program, and other charity donations.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

2022 Scholarship Recipients

Our Educational and Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarships highlight our commitment to serving our local communities through two of our cooperative principles:

- Cooperative Principle #5 - Education, Training, and Information
- Cooperative Principle #7 - Concern for Community

This year, we've awarded \$127,000 to scholarship recipients. We're proud to support our future generations in their education and wish these students the best of luck in their academics this school year.

Educational

Scholarships are awarded in all fields of post-secondary education from vocational to graduate studies.

They are available to adults and dependent children of all Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative (ACEC) member families currently receiving electric service from ACEC.

Total awarded - \$115,000

Jon Steinhaus Lineworker

Successful applicants must be enrolled in an Electrical Power Distribution (EPD) program at a certified EPD school in the United States.

Although not a requirement, preference is given to members of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative.

Total awarded - \$12,000



Delaney Agnew
Cambria-Friesland 2018



Makenzie Amundson
Nekoosa 2020



Mackenna Belter
Baraboo 2021



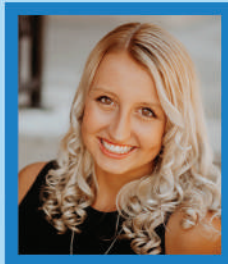
Josh Bitsky
Adams-Friendship 2022



Bailey Blader-Lucht
Wautoma 2022



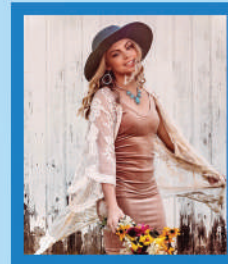
Brooke Blader-Lucht
Wautoma 2020



Abigail Bond
Montello 2021



Andrew Boschert
Beaver Dam 2021



Allyson Brenner
Portage 2022



Emma Brooks
Wild Rose 2017



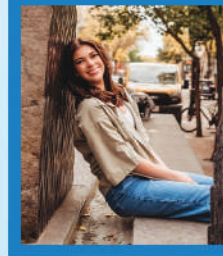
Savannah Brooks
Wild Rose 2020



Callie Brouette
Pardeeville 2020



Erik Brouette
Portage 2022



Sydney Bue
Pardeeville 2022



Anna Caswell
Wild Rose 2020



Elizabeth Clouston
Nekoosa 2022



Riley Collins
Adams-Friendship 2017



Carter Daniels
Montello 2014



Cydney DeVries
Central WI Christian 2022



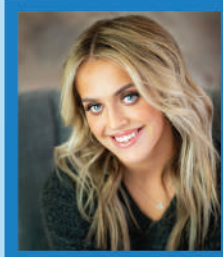
Chloe DeYoung
Cambria-Friesland 2019



Jordan Dolata
Adams-Friendship 2022



Nolan Drews
Randolph 2022



Olivia Eagan
Wild Rose 2022



Kyler Fenske
Wautoma 2022



Kaylee Fischer
Montello 2021



Gavin Ghys
Warren Township 2022



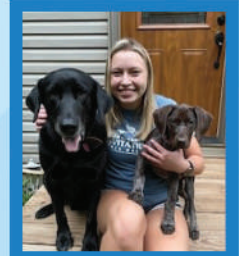
Natalie Gneiser
Baraboo 2022



Madelin Gratz
Catholic Memorial 2022



Emma Hamilton
Adams-Friendship 2020



Karli Hansen
Wild Rose 2018



Taylor Hayes
Pardeeville 2013



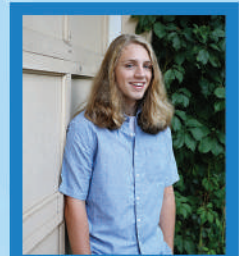
Carly Hebl
Pardeeville 2022



Alex Hendrickson
Wautoma 2019



Brett Hirst
Wisconsin Dells 2020



Ethan Hughes
Edgewood of the
Sacred Heart 2020



Ethan Isselmann
Roncalli 2022



Madelyn Junion-Sherman
Tri-County Area 2013



Julia Kapp
Wautoma 2020



Abigail Katsma
Randolph 2022



Kara Kautzer
Adams-Friendship 2021



Alexis Konop
Sussex Hamilton 2020



Austin Konrath
Wild Rose 2022



Clara Kubis
Assumption 2022



Brooke Livingston
Adams-Friendship 2019



Savannah Manthey
Pardeeville 2022



Caitlin Meyers
New Berlin West 2022



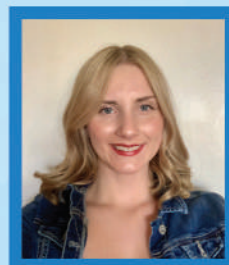
Hayley Moore
Wautoma 2022



Gabriel Murphy
Madison LaFollette 2020



Lucy Murphy
Madison LaFollette 2022



Katelyn Nawrot
Adams-Friendship 2016



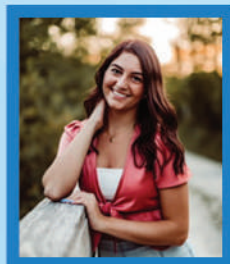
Danielle Ollendorf
Wautoma 2022



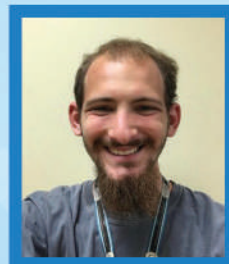
Rachel Olp
New Berlin
Eisenhower 2020



Abigail Peterman
Wautoma 2022



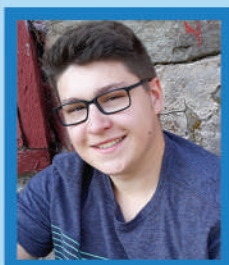
Kaylee Petersen
Campbellsport 2022



Jonah Radzikinas
Westfield 2018



Lillian Radzikinas
Westfield 2019



Mason Rake
Destinations Career
Academy 2022



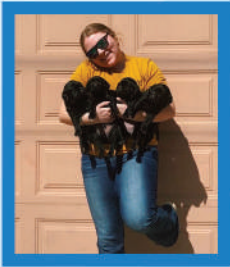
Jamie Runnels
Baraboo 2019



Delaney Salm
Wautoma 2021



Kaelynn Schwantz
Wisconsin Dells 2021



Jordan Smith
Adams-Friendship 2020



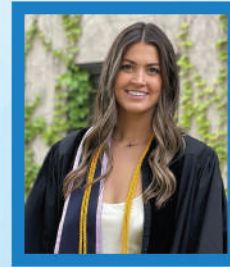
Morgan Stadler
Columbus 2022



Abigail Stangler
Monona Grove 2015



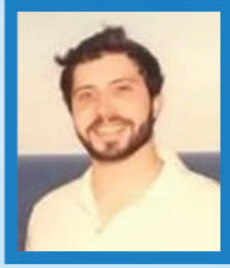
Carlee Steinhaus
Portage 2013



Lane Steinhaus
Portage 2015



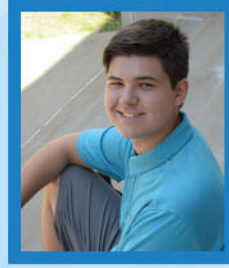
Benjamin Truehl
Tri-County Area 2022



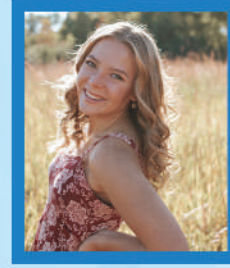
Kelson Warner
Gibraltar 2010



Jackson Wegner
Waupun Senior 2021



Jacob Wegner
Berlin 2021



Hailey Weickert
Oshkosh West 2021



Natalie Weidner
Portage 2022



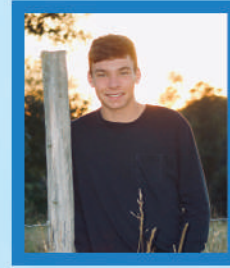
Taylor Wentland
Lincoln 2021



Bennett Wesley
Monona Grove 2019



Caleb Williams
Wild Rose 2020



Caven Williams
Wild Rose 2021



Cyrus Young-McLeod
Westfield 2021



Kaden Young-McLeod
Westfield 2021

Not Pictured

Ann Achterberg
Elizabeth Balthazor
Karley Beaver
Chase Beckett
Austin Braakmsa
Bryanna Budzinski
Caitlyn Budzinski
Cole Carter
Faith Cour

Noah Cupery
Seth Cupery
Macy Farrell
Genna Garrigan
Jacklyn Greening
Cameron Guelig
Eric Gumz
Kaden Hooker
Hoyt Keller

Haley Kramer
Dylan Kubasta
Derek Lindert
Gracie Mast
Kevin McCarthy
Dylan Musiedlak
Samantha Nickell
Emily Olson
Megan Pomplun

Camdyn Rohde
Benjamin Schmucki
Seth Schmucki
Desirae Schuh
Megan Smedma
Ty Splinter
Abbey Stadler
Tanner Treutel
Logan Vaile

Johnathon Wagner
Casey Wedde
Sydney Wheeler
Kelsey Wigand
Marcus Wolff

PHOTO CONTEST: *Wisconsin wildlife*

Although 2024 is well over a year away, we're asking our members to help us prepare for our 2024 member calendar.

We're seeking photos of Wisconsin wildlife in all seasons, including the fall and winter months approaching soon.



Photo Credit: Dan Fearing

Photos submitted may be featured in our 2024 member calendar or other marketing materials. To submit your photo(s), scan the QR code to the right or visit our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-your-photos.



Thank you to those who submitted photos for our 2023 calendar theme - Life On The Farm. Join us at our event in October to receive a 2023 calendar!

FALL INTO ENERGY SAVINGS

It's time to do those last-minute projects to maximize your energy savings this fall.

HVAC SYSTEM AIR FILTER

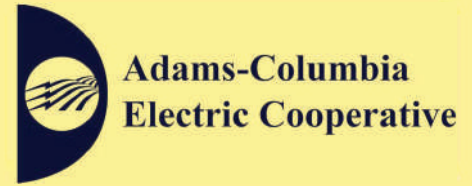
Check your air filter every month, especially during heavy use months. If the filter looks dirty, change it. At a minimum, change the filter every three months. A dirty filter slows down airflow and makes your system work harder to keep you comfortable.

INSULATE PIPES

Insulate hot water pipes as well as the first 5-10 feet of cold water supply to the water heater.

SEAL AIR LEAKS WITH CAULK

Applying caulk around windows, doors, electrical wiring and plumbing can save energy and money. There are many different types of caulking compounds available, but the most popular choice is silicone. Silicone caulk is waterproof, flexible, and won't shrink or crack.



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Did you know you can enroll in Auto Pay through SmartHub? Log in to the app to get started.



SAFETY MESSAGE

It is best to familiarize yourself with how to use a generator properly before needing one as there are important lifesaving safety steps you should know. Before using a portable generator, be sure to:

1. Read the instructions. Many people are tempted to skip this step, but incorrectly using a generator can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, which is often deadly.
2. Operate generators at least 20 feet from doors and windows and never use one in any type of enclosed structure, such as a garage, shed, or tent.
3. Let the generator cool down before refueling. Also, store fuel safely.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

June 14, 2022

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Discussed the 2023 annual meeting format
- Approved net metering rate
- Approved purchase of substation land in the Town of Colburn
- Approved May expense vouchers

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



Employee Spotlight

John Danowski
Energy Services &
Building Maintenance Lead

John has worked for the co-op for three years and is our go-to guy for our building maintenance and energy evaluations.

"I like working on a variety of jobs for the co-op and assisting members who have questions about their energy usage."

We appreciate your dedication to the co-op, John!

TACO CASSEROLE

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

INGREDIENTS

- 2 12 oz cans of tomato paste
- 1 16 oz can of refried beans
- 1 1/2 lbs of burger
- 1 9.75 oz bag of Doritos (taco or nacho flavor)
- 1 package of taco mix
- 2 cups of shredded cheddar or Mexican blend cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- Optional - add 1/2 chopped onion to burger when cooking

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pan over medium-high heat, fry burger, salt, pepper, and onion (optional). When done, shut off the stove and add one can of tomato paste and taco mix. Stir and set aside.
2. Spray Pam in a casserole dish or crock pot. Add 1 to 1 1/2 cups crushed Doritos to the bottom of the dish. Pour burger mixture over crushed Doritos.
3. In a medium bowl, mix refried beans and one can of tomato paste. Mix and spread on top of the burger mixture. Top with 1 cup crushed Doritos, then add shredded cheese.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes, or cook in a crock pot on high for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, then turn to medium or low until serving.

Recipe from Deborah Heinz of Friendship, WI

