



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • November 2022

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Our Toys for Tots program has grown drastically over the last few years. We're proud to say we've partnered with 10 programs that work with families throughout our 12 county service area to bring toys and joy to their holiday. However, all of this wouldn't be possible without the help of our members.

HOW TO HELP

We're accepting donations of new, unused, and unwrapped toys at nearly 80 businesses throughout our service area, including our Friendship office. To view the full listing of all donation locations, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/annual-toy-drive.

Monetary donations may be made to our local campaign online by visiting our Toys for Tots website at friendship-wi.toysfortots.org. Checks can be made payable to **Toys for Tots with Friendship, WI** wrote on the memo line. Checks may be mailed to our office at:

ACEC
Attn: Toys for Tots
P.O Box 70
Friendship, WI 53934



We truly appreciate any donation big or small. Know that every donation is making a difference for a local family this holiday season.

LET US HELP MAKE LIFE EASIER

Between prepping holiday meals, attending family sporting events, and anything else life throws your way, you have the power to be in control of your electric account. SmartHub offers great features for easing stress around the holidays.

Paperless billing will send a copy of your bill statement directly to your email address on the day it's generated. Autopay automatically deducts your bill from a checking account, savings account, or credit card on your due date each month, giving you one less thing to worry about.

Log in to your SmartHub account today to enroll. For questions or help getting started, give one of our customer service representatives a call at (800) 831-8629.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 7

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.

NOVEMBER 24 & 25

Our office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER 23 & 26

Our office will be closed for Christmas.

85TH ANNIVERSARY CO-OP MONTH MEMBER EVENT

Over 400 members of all ages attended our member appreciation event on Saturday, October 8.



Members were greeted with an insulated tote bag and coupons for free ice cream from Melvin The Moo Truck. Five members were lucky enough to win an \$85 bill credit, five members won a copy of the *Power In Many Hands* book, and one member won a prize basket for enrolling in Operation Round-Up. Members learned about co-op programs, won prizes, got their faces painted, purchased energy-efficient kits from Focus On Energy, and got to meet board members.



Our staff kept busy cooking brats, hotdogs, and burgers on the grill for our members.

Kids bounced and raced through the inflatable obstacle course while others learned about our hotline trailer and played yard games like Connect Four and bags.



Thank you to all members that attended our event! We hope everyone had as much fun as we did and that you left with your bellies full and learned something new about your electric co-op.

Save the date

Annual Meeting

When - Saturday, May 6, 2023

Where - McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center

Districts 4, 6, and 7 are up for election next year. If you live in one of these districts, you may have the opportunity to represent your neighbors on our board of directors.

Why you should run for a board seat

Being on our board of directors is a rewarding role knowing you are helping guide the cooperative in the members' best interest. With monthly board meetings, co-op training, and the power to make important decision for the co-op, you'll have the chance to get involved in your community.

More details next month

District Map:

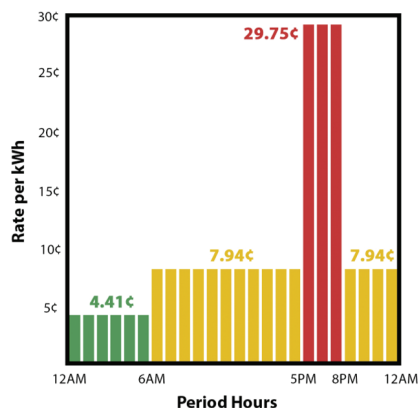
www.acecwi.com/director-map-and-contact-information

Role of a Board Director:

www.acecwi.com/board-of-directors-duties-responsibilities

LOOKING TO SAVE MONEY?

As seasons change, so does our time-of-day rate. Shift when you're using energy to certain times of the day and maximize your savings. The cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) varies with this rate depending on the time of day and time of year. The graph below is the current structure for our time-of-day rate and will be in effect until January 31, 2023.



TIME FRAME

Off-Peak - 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Peak - 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On-Peak - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mid-Peak - 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

PRICE

Off-Peak - 4.41 cents/kWh

Mid-Peak - 7.94 cents/kWh

On-Peak - 29.75 cents/kWh



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CONTACT US

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(800) 831-8629

IVR Payment
1(844) 219-1223

Power Outages
(888) 928-2232

Diggers Hotline
(800) 242-8511 or 811

Email
acec@acecwi.com

Website
www.acecwi.com

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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

Did you know you can manage
which notifications you receive
through SmartHub?



Learn more about this rate and the seasonal times on our website at www.acecwi.com/billing/rate-info. Members can switch to this rate at any time by giving us a call at (800) 831-8629.

SAFETY MESSAGE

The kitchen can be one of the busiest rooms in the house with cooking and baking of holiday treats and meals this month. Here are some tips to remember when working in the kitchen:

- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of grease.
- Don't leave combustible items, such as towels or pot holders, near the stove top.
- Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet.
- Always have a working fire extinguisher on hand, and know how to operate it.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

August 30, 2022

Board Action Items:

- Approved revised proposal from Bauman Associates, Ltd
- Authorized approval of the declaration of forfeiture of unclaimed patronage capital and general funds checks issued prior to December 2018
- Approved July expense vouchers
- Approved getting in the queue for the chassis we will be budgeting for in 2023 and 2024

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



Employee Spotlight

Jason Hooker
Journeyman Line Technician

Jason has been keeping the lights on for our members for over 30 years.

"I like working outside and surrounding myself with dedicated hard workers who also love to keep the lights on for others. Working at ACEC has provided me with a lot of challenges throughout my time here and everyone at ACEC knows I live for a good challenge."

We appreciate your dedication, Jason!

good luck deer hunters. stay safe!

DEER CAMP SKILLET CASSEROLE

PREP TIME - 12 MINS | TOTAL TIME - 15 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1-2 lbs ground beef
- 1 medium onion
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 4-6 potatoes, diced and preboiled in salted water
- 2 cans of cream-style corn
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large cast iron skillet (an electric skillet would work) brown beef and chop meat and onion. When just about done add the cooked, diced potatoes and garlic. Continue to mix, stir and brown.
 2. Add corn - do not drain. Stir until well blended and heated through. Salt and pepper to taste.
- Recipe Note - Heat leftovers for breakfast and serve topped with fried eggs.



Recipe from Harry Erdman of Portage, WI