

SAFETY MESSAGE

As a reminder, please avoid posting garage sale signs, no trespassing signs, bird houses, or other objects to our utility poles. These pole attachments cause a major safety hazard for our line crews. Holes, nails, and staples reduce the life of utility poles as they let moisture in.

If you see pole attachments, please give our office a call at (800) 831-8629.



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • May 2023

July 11 - 13 @ UW-Stout



Briefing of the Board Meeting

February 28, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved January's meeting minutes
- Approved consent agenda
- Approved January's board expense vouchers
- Approved board policy 2-10 Delegation of Authority
- Approved resolution for Delegation of Authority

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



Employee Spotlight

Mark LaMore
Engineering & Operations
Support Specialist

Mark has worked at ACEC for 8 years and has recently been promoted to a new position.

"I'm excited to work with members and contractors regarding both sides of the meter. My new role is an opportunity to combine my electrical experience with my engineering and operations experience to serve our members."

Thanks for looking out for our members' best interests, Mark!

ENCOURAGE TEENS TO ATTEND YLC

Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) is a teen leadership camp at UW-Stout centered around electric cooperatives. Attending YLC will give students real-world skills, is an unforgettable experience, and is a great resume builder.

Students that attend YLC also have the opportunity to attend a free trip to **Youth Tour in Washington D.C.** to learn more about electric cooperatives and to meet students from all over the country.

Reasons to attend YLC

- ACEC sponsors students to attend for **FREE** (including transportation)
- Participate in fun and challenging activities
- Unleash your leadership potential
- Meet students from other co-ops
- Learn about the cooperative business model
- Experience what life is like on a college campus
- Explore co-op careers with industry professionals
- Practice your interviewing skills
- Listen to relatable motivational speakers
- And most of all, have fun!

Who should apply

Students currently in their sophomore or junior year of high school for the 2022/2023 school year. Visit www.acecwi.com/ylc to register and learn more about YLC. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 9.

If you have questions, contact Haley Melby at (800) 831-8629, or email hmelby@acecwi.com.

PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

Check your May bill statement for your patronage capital allocation. Each year, after paying our operating expenses, remaining margins are allocated to members based on the amount of their electric bills. The allocation printed on May's bill statement represents your ownership in the cooperative.

To learn more about patronage capital, visit www.acecwi.com/news-information/patronage-cap, or scan the QR code.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 10

Stop by our Wautoma office 8-11 a.m. or our Pardeeville office from 1-4 p.m. to chat with our general manager.

MAY 29

Our office will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

JUNE 9

Deadline for students to register for Youth Leadership Conference. Encourage teens you know to apply!

JULY 4

Our office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

RICE PILAF

PREP TIME - 8 MINS | COOK TIME - 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Tbsp salted butter
- 1 c fine egg noodles
- 1 1/2 c long grain white rice
- 3 10.5 oz cans of beef consommé soup

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Stir in thin egg noodles. Continue to stir the egg noodles until they are slightly brown.
2. Add 3 cups of consommé beef soup. Pour in one and a half cups of rice
3. Stir ingredients in pan and cover. Bring the soup and ingredients to a full boil.
4. Simmer for about 18-20 minutes. Ready to serve with beef, chicken, or steak.

Recipe from Maryjo Pritz of Rockford, IL



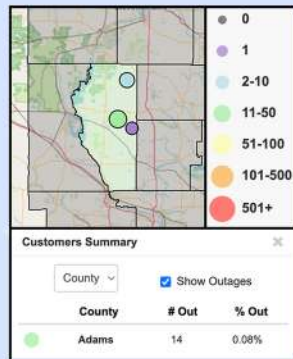
REPORTING POWER OUTAGES

Storm season is almost here and we want to make sure our members are prepared should a power outage occur. We do our best to provide safe, reliable electricity, but sometimes accidents and nature cause outages out of our control.

HOW TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES:

1. Log in to your SmartHub account and click the "Report an Issue/Inquiry" button. This will walk you through the process to report your outage, and it ties the outage directly to your location.
2. Call our 24/7 power outage line at (888) 928-2232.

Please do not report power outages on our Facebook page or via email as these platforms are not linked to our outage management system. It's important to us that outages are responded to in a timely manner.



OUTAGES MAP VIEWER

If you have an outage, you can visit the outage map viewer on our website. This map shows where outages are located in our service area (shown by county), how many members are out of power, and additional comments if available. The image to the left is a snapshot of our outage map.

To access this map anytime, visit www.acecwi.com and click "View Current" under the Outages section on our homepage.

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

Having current information is crucial when reporting a power outage or other emergency. With current telephone numbers (including cell phones) entered into our power outage reporting system, we can efficiently respond to the outage location. It also ensures we can contact you in an emergency.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

Employees of the cooperative donated Easter baskets to several nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout our service area. It brought joy to many residents and was a great example of Co-op Principle #7 - Concern for Community.



Did you know?

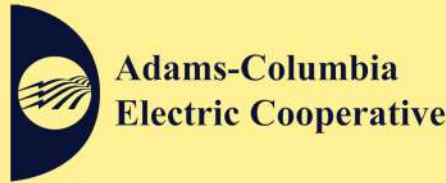
The location of your thermostat can impact your HVAC system's ability to maintain an ideal indoor temperature. For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes, and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and TVs near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block airflow and result in inaccurate readings.

Save on Thermostats

Focus on Energy offers discounts on a variety of thermostat styles through their online marketplace. Emerson, ecobee, and Google Nest are the brands available, with pricing starting at \$49.99!



View the variety of thermostats and place your order at focusonenergymarketplace.com



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