

THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • August 2023

FALL TAILGATING EVENTS

Save the date for a new twist on our fall member appreciation events. Join us at any of these area football games to tailgate with us before the game starts. We'll have snacks and drinks, tailgate games, giveaways, and more. From the power lines to the side lines, we love the communities we serve!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

@ Adams-Friendship Middle School
420 N Main Street
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(A-F vs. Westfield)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

@ Wautoma High School
514 S Cambridge Street
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Wautoma vs. Mauston)

Visit our website at www.acecwi.com/events to stay up to date on this exciting upcoming event. Information is also posted on our social media pages, so be sure to follow us online.

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WE WANT YOUR RECIPES!

Did you know we feature a monthly recipe on the back page of this newsletter? It wouldn't be possible without the help of our members who submit their recipes on our website.

We're currently seeking recipes for any season to feature. Member's whose recipes are selected will receive a thank you package in the mail with ACEC items as a token of appreciation for being involved in your local electric co-op.

HOW TO SUBMIT RECIPES:

Visit www.acecwi.com/submit-your-recipes, or scan the QR code to enter your recipe information and upload any photos. We have limited space in our newsletter, so shorter and more concise recipes are ideal.



We look forward to seeing what you're cooking in your kitchen so we can share it with your fellow co-op neighbors. We accept recipe submission all year long.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 9 & SEPTEMBER 20

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

AUGUST 11

We recognize this date as 8-11 day, to remind members to call Diggers Hotline at 811 to locate underground facilities prior to digging.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & YOUTH TOUR RECAP

Four local students recently attended Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at UW-Stout July 11-13. During their time, students met youth from other electric cooperatives throughout the state, with roughly 75 students attending the conference.

Students experienced life on a college campus, listened to motivational speakers, including Gilbert Brown of the Green Bay Packers, watched a hypnotist show, and participated in leadership and team-building activities. During their three days at YLC, students learned interviewing and public speaking skills, along with self development and learning about the opportunities that start at YLC.



2023 YLC ATTENDEES FROM ACEC

Elizabeth Kulmann of Nekoosa
Mayghan Kemnitz of Westfield
Shauna Lauritzen of Friendship
Andrew Anderson of Oxford



Molly Damm of Columbus, who attended YLC in 2022 and was elected to the youth board, recently took a trip to Washington D.C. for Youth Tour in June.

"I recently had an amazing experience attending the NRECA Youth Tour 2023! I had the honor to represent rural Wisconsin and network with over 1,200 youth that came from 44 different states. I learned so much about the structure and impact cooperatives make in the lives of so many. As well as learning more about what it means to be a member of my electric cooperative. This was a momentous opportunity, and I am so grateful to learn more about American history, culture, electric cooperatives, and meet so many youths that have grown up in rural communities like me. Thank you so much ACEC for sponsoring and supporting me in this opportunity."



MOLLY DAMM



4 KEY FACTORS

That Impact Energy Bills

You pay for the electricity you consume each month, but there are additional factors that impact your energy bills.



Fuel Costs

Before electricity can be delivered to your home, it must first be generated at a power plant or from a renewable source. The cost of fuels used to generate electricity fluctuates, which is why you see a power cost adjustment on your monthly bill. This monthly calculation may be a charge or a credit, and covers cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure rates.



Service Costs

Your bill includes a monthly facility charge, which recovers part of the ongoing investments in poles, wire, meters, system maintenance, and additional costs necessary to provide electric service.



Weather

When temperatures soar or dip, your cooling or heating equipment must run longer and at maximum capacity, which greatly increases your energy usage. Extreme temperatures can also affect electricity market prices. When the need for electricity increases due to extreme heat or cold, the price of power typically rises.



Energy Consumption

This is the amount of electricity you use each month to power your home's cooling/heating system, appliances, lighting, electronics, and more. The amount of electricity you consume is measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh. You have control over how much energy you use, which can ultimately help manage your monthly costs.



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Business Hours
Monday - Friday,
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Friendship Lobby Hours
Monday - Friday,
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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contact information through your
SmartHub account?



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SAFETY MESSAGE

Harvest will be starting soon for many farmers in our area. Be aware of where tractors are at in relation to our equipment, including overhead power lines, poles, and underground equipment. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind while harvesting crops this year:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance
- Look up & use care when moving equipment, such as raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead lines

Briefing of the Board Meeting

May 23, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Conducted reorganizational meeting and voted directors to officer positions
- Approved West and Congdon as voting delegates for the CRC annual meeting
- Approved Skolarz as voting delegate for WECA district meeting
- Approved board vouchers

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



Employee Spotlight

Liz Hendricksen
Finance Manager

Liz is the manager of our finance department and has been employed at ACEC for nearly eight years.

"Managing the finances of the Cooperative involves working with all departments. Our talented and dedicated employees are truly the heart of what makes this Cooperative run efficiently and make our financial stability possible. I am especially grateful for my team of employees that I have the honor to lead every day!"

Thanks for serving our membership, Liz!

august is peach month

EASY PEACH COBBLER

INGREDIENTS

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| • 6 large peaches, thinly sliced | • 1/4 c sugar | • 1/4 c melted butter |
| • 1 1/2 tsp lemon juice | • 1/4 tsp cinnamon | • 1 tsp vanilla extract |
| • 3/4 c flour | • 1/4 tsp baking soda | • Vanilla ice cream, for serving |
| | • 1/4 tsp salt | |

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F and grease a 9" x 13" baking dish.
2. Layer the peaches into the bottom of the baking dish and drizzle the lemon juice over the peaches.
3. In a medium bowl, mix the flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt. Add the melted butter and vanilla extract, and combine until the mixture forms a crumbly dough. Sprinkle over the peaches and bake for 30 minutes, or until the mixture is just lightly browned on top and the peaches are juicy.
4. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



Recipe from www.loveandlemons.com/peach-recipes