

SAFETY MESSAGE

Today's college student uses many electronics for school, work, and play. When used improperly, these helpful gadgets can become electric hazards. If you or a loved one is heading off to college, review these tips:

- Never tack or nail an electrical cord to any surface or run cords across traffic paths, under rugs, or furniture.
- Consider purchasing power strips with an over-current protector, which will shut off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.
- Keep all electrical appliances and cords safely away from bedding, curtains, and other flammable items.
- Extension cords are only for temporary use. If you must use extension cords, use them temporarily and unplug them when not in use.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

June 27, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Approved board vouchers
- Approved commitment to community program
- Approved to discontinue the DSM rate

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

FROZEN YOGURT BARS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb plain yogurt
- 1/4 c honey or maple syrup
- 1Tbsp lemon juice
- Lemon zest from one lemon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 c strawberries, fresh or frozen
- 1/4 c blueberries, fresh or frozen
- 1/4 c walnuts, almonds, or granola

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Line the bottom of an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl mix yogurt, honey or maple syrup, lemon juice, lemon zest, and vanilla extract.
3. Pour the yogurt mixture into the prepared pan and spread evenly.
4. Sprinkle desired toppings; strawberries, blueberries, nuts, or other toppings that you like.
5. Freeze for at least four hours or until set.
6. Cut into bars and serve frozen. Keep in the freezer.

Recipe from Michelle Harrison of Friendship, WI



Employee Spotlight

Bill Kearns
Journeyman Line Technician

Bill works out of our Pardeeville office and has dedicated nearly 30 years of his career to ACEC.

"I work with a great group of people who make coming to work enjoyable and fun. It's been 30 years of looking forward to coming to work every day."

We're proud to have you represent ACEC, Bill!



THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • September 2023

2025 PHOTO CONTEST - SUNRISES & SUNSETS

It's time to start snapping photos for our 2025 member calendar! The theme is sunrises and sunsets. We appreciate submissions that showcase each season of the year. Photos can be in color or black and white and should be horizontally-oriented. All photos submitted may be used in future newsletters, cooperative publications, or other marketing materials.



Be sure to submit photos by July 31, 2024 to be considered for our 2025 calendar. Submit photos on our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-your-photos or scan the QR code.



UNCLAIMED PATRONAGE CAPITAL

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're unable to contact them about their patronage capital.

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



If we're unable to make contact with former members, their unclaimed patronage capital will be donated to the Federated Youth Foundation, which funds our scholarship programs, STEM Grant program, and other charity donations.

To learn more about the patronage capital process, the difference between allocations and retirements, and keeping your address current, take a few minutes to watch our explainer video on our website at www.acecwi.com/news-information/patronage-cap.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 20 & OCTOBER 11

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.

OCTOBER 1

The on-peak period for our Time-of-Day rate changes.

OCTOBER 15

Deadline to submit individual and organization applications for Operation Round-Up.

Community Support

Whether you contribute to Operation Round-Up each month on your bill, make a donation to our Stuff The Bus or Toys for Tots programs, spread the word about our STEM Grant, or have a free hotline demonstration and safety presentation, you help us make a difference in our local communities.

We're proud to be a cooperative and emphasize supporting our communities as a part of our business model. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. As a reminder, all of the co-op programs and events mentioned in this issue of *The Wire* are available for everyone, regardless of if they get electric service from us or not. We invite everyone to get involved in our community engagement programs.

Tailgate Event

Join us for our first-ever tailgate events at Friday night football games within our service area. We'll have snacks and drinks, tailgate games, giveaways, and more!



Friday, September 22 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adams-Friendship Middle School
420 N. Main St., Adams, WI
Adams-Friendship vs. Westfield



Friday, October 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wautoma High School
514 S. Cambridge St., Wautoma, WI
Wautoma vs. Mauston



**FROM THE POWER LINES TO THE
SIDE LINES, WE LOVE THE
COMMUNITIES WE SERVE!**

Operation Round-Up

We have about 7,000 accounts that are enrolled in our Operation Round-Up program, and your contributions are how this program is funded. Operation Round-Up grants are available for individuals and organizations throughout our service area, requesting funding for a specific need.

To date, Operation Round-Up has awarded 545 grants, totaling nearly \$940,000 since the beginning of this community program. Visit our website at www.acecwi.com/operation-round-up to learn more, review grants that have been awarded, and apply.



STEM Grant

Our STEM Grant program provides funding to classrooms and organizations that teach curriculums in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Almost \$75,000 has been awarded through our STEM Grant program. Funding for this program comes from the Federated Youth Foundation, which is funded by unclaimed patronage capital from members who have moved off of our lines.

Help us spread the word about our STEM Grant program to educators you know throughout our service area. More information is available at www.acecwi.com/stem-grant.

Stuff The Bus Donations

Thank you to those who made donations at our Friendship office, or who contributed to the \$1,036 received for monetary donations! We donated over 40 backpacks filled with school supplies to get students prepared for the upcoming school year.

Donations were given to three programs in our service area:

- Adams-Friendship Stuff The Bus
- Pardeeville Lions Club Stuff The Bus
- Waushara County Back-To-School Bash

Each organization is extremely grateful for our donation, and these backpacks full of supplies wouldn't be possible without your support.

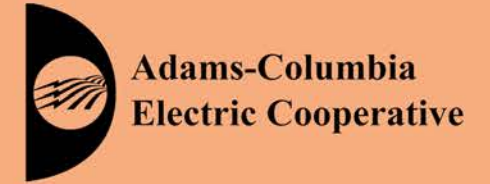


Hotline Demonstration & Safety Presentations

Did you know you can schedule a free hotline demonstration and safety presentation for your organization or school? We educate the public on the dangers of electricity and how to stay safe near our equipment. Our truck and trailer travel to you, we customize presentations for all age groups, and show examples of what happens when something touches power lines.



If you're interested in scheduling a hotline demonstration or know an organization that would benefit from this presentation, give us a call at (800) 831-8629 or email us at acec@acecwi.com. This is available for members and non-members.



CONTACT US

Customer Service & Billing
(800) 831-8629

IVR Payment
1(844) 219-1223

Power Outages
(888) 928-2232

Diggers Hotline
(800) 242-8511 or 811

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acec@acecwi.com

Website
www.acecwi.com

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@ACECWI

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.

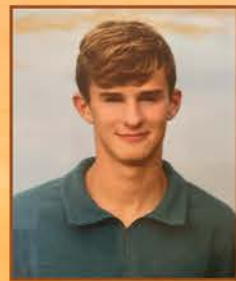
Friendship Office
P.O. Box 70
401 East Lake Street
Friendship, WI 53934

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 update your phone number or email through your SmartHub account?





Noah Daliege
Lincoln 2021



Nolan Drews
Randolph 2022



Olivia Ruis
Central Wisconsin
Christian 2022



Paige Gindt
Hortonville 2023



Parker Stelter
Montello 2019



Paul Schulz Jr
Wisconsin Dells 2020



Peyton Duce
Middleton 2022



Rebecca Schwarz
Westfield 2023



Riley Danowski *
Adams-Friendship 2023



Samantha Nickell
Mukwonago 2018



Savannah Brooks
Wild Rose 2020



Sean Bollinger
Princeton 2022



Sean Gillett
Sun Prairie East 2023



Seth Schmucki
Randolph 2020



Sophie Willihnganz
Wayland Academy 2015



Abby Edwards
Neuqua Valley 2022



Alison Stangler
Monona Grove 2018



Anikah Richter
Markesan 2023



Anna Dahlke
Adams-Friendship 2022



Autumn Koopmans
Columbus Senior 2023



Spencer Garbacz
Wisconsin Dells 2023



Talya Wenger
Nekoosa 2023



Taryn Smits
Cambria-Friesland 2023



Taylor Konopacki
DeForest 2023



Teagen Treutel
Lincoln 2023



Ava Butt
Wautoma 2023



Ava Gravunder
Wild Rose 2020



Bailey Blader-Lucht
Wautoma 2022



Benjamin Schmucki
Randolph 2021



Benjamin Truehl
Tri-County 2022

Not pictured:

Abigail Katsma
Adelaide Jachthuber
Aidan Livingston
Alexa Guelig
Alyssa Raley
Anna Caswell
Anna Breneman
Ava Endres
Ava Nankervis

Bradley Truehl
Brett Wilbert
Caleb Williams
Cameron Guelig
Carson Beach
Chase Masticola
Clara Kubis
Delaney Agnew
Eden Blader

Elijah Williams
Elizabeth Balthazor
Emilee Wegner
Emma Brooks
Emma Hamilton
Gage Anderson
Gavin Ghys
Genna Garrigan
Gracie Mast

Grant Cook
Jade Graebel
Kaelynn Schwantz
Kevin McCarthy
Kinsey Reynolds-Eilers
Lane Steinhaus
Maia Vander Werff
Molly Soda
Noah Cupery

Rachel Olp
Ryan Mast
Stacey DeMunck
Taylor Wentland
Taylor Flyte



Braelyn Pionke
Tri-County 2023



Braelynn Pica
Wautoma 2023



Brett Hirst
Wisconsin Dells 2023



Brett Salm *
Wautoma 2023



Brooke Beardsley
Baraboo 2023

2023 Scholarship Recipients

Our fifth cooperative principle is Education, Training, and Information, and our two scholarship programs make an incredible impact for local students. Whether students are newly graduated from high school, or have decided to go back to school after a few years off, we're here to support them with their education costs. We'd like to congratulate all scholarship recipients and wish them the best in their future educational endeavors.

Names with stars (*) indicate they are a Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarship recipient. These students are enrolled in an Electrical Power Distribution (EPD) program to pursue a career as a lineworker.

Our Educational and Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarship programs open at the beginning of each year. Visit our website to learn more at www.acecwi.com/co-op-programs/scholarships.

\$133,000
awarded
to 125
scholarship
recipients



Brooke Blader-Lucht
Wautoma 2020



Bryanna Budzinski
Randolph 2020



Caitlyn Budzinski
Randolph 2018



Caleb Hooks
Westfield 2023



Calli McManus
Adams-Friendship 2023



Hayley Moore
Wautoma 2022



Hayden Masters
Omro 2023



Hoyt Keller
Wautoma 2022



Jacob Betz
Germantown 2022



Jody Simenson
Wautoma 2023



Callie Brouette
Pardeeville 2020



Carson Ghys
Warren Township 2020



Charlene Wendt
Pardeeville 2023



Chayce Osterhaus
Markesan 2023



Cole Carter
Adams-Friendship 2016



Jordan Schwoerer
Kettle Moraine 2023



Kaitlyn Tebon
Deerfield 2021



Karissa Rettler
Tri-County 2023



Kelsey Wigand
Muskego 2016



Kelson Warner
Gibraltar 2010



Courtney Isselmann
Roncalli Catholic 2022



Craig Ward
Marshall 2022



Danielle Cour
Lincoln 2023



David Young *
Hartford Union 2023



Delaney Salm
Wautoma 2021



Klocy Daliege
Assumption 2022



Kyler Fenske
Wautoma 2022



Kylie Kearns
Montello 2021



Kylie Kline
Wautoma 2023



Lauren Meyers
New Berlin West 2018



Dylan Kubasta
Wautoma 2022



Ella Stelter
Montello 2020



Emilie McFadden
Columbus 2010



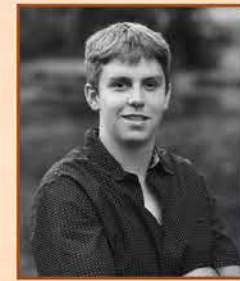
Emma Hamilton
Adams-Friendship 2020



Emma O'Keefe
Waupaca 2023



Lindsay Drews
Cambria-Friesland 2023



Logan Cook
Wisconsin Dells 2023



Madeline Peterman
Wautoma 2018



Madelyn
Junion-Sherman
Tri-County 2013



Madysun Selthofner
Tri-County 2023



Erin Ruis
Central Wisconsin
Christian 2023



Ethan Hughes
Edgewood of the Sacred
Heart 2020



Ethan Isselmann
Roncalli Catholic 2022



Faith Kindschuh
Wild Rose 2021



Greta Plummer
Lincoln 2021



Mary Shirley
Westfield 2023



Maxwell Kindschuh
De Pere 2019



Molly Damm
Columbus Senior 2023



Natalie Gneiser
Baraboo 2022



Natalie Jackson
Adams-Friendship 2023