

CONGDON ANNOUNCED AS FUTURE GENERAL MANAGER



Effective January 1, 2024, Jon Congdon will serve as the general manager of your electric cooperative. This position is currently held by John West, who will serve in this position until December 31, 2023. West will continue to support Cooperative projects and assist where needed for a smooth transition into 2024.

Congdon has 26 years of experience with ACEC, including his current position as the assistant general manager/manager of operations. Prior to this, Congdon's experience at ACEC included assistant manager of operations, operations supervisor, staking technician, and line technician.

"My goal is to build trust and collaboration to develop future leaders and improve the organization. I look forward to this opportunity to serve our members in this new role," said Congdon.

"The Board is confident that with the efforts of the management team and employees, the transition will be a success and in the best interest of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative and our members," stated Board Chairman Aaron Hoernke.

HAPPY CO-OP MONTH

Each October, we celebrate our cooperative principles to show how we're different from other utilities and to recognize cooperatives in all industries. These principles give us direction in how the co-op operates on a daily basis.

1. Voluntary & Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy & Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community



We're proud to be a cooperative. This business model allows us to support our community and other electric cooperatives, return profits to members, elect members to our board of directors, and provide educational opportunities for our members and employees. To learn more about the cooperative principles, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/cooperative-principles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 11 & NOVEMBER 8

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.

NOVEMBER 1

Our next quarterly deadline for our STEM Grant is approaching soon! Visit our website for more details and to apply.

NOVEMBER 23 & 24

Our office will be closed these dates in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



CO-OP MONTH DEALS

Focus on Energy has a special offer from October 1 - 31 for co-op members.

Members have the chance to win one of twenty prizes through their Energy Awareness Month Sweepstakes, purchase home weatherization items at a discounted price of \$0.99 each, and order their free home comfort pack!

Beginning October 1, visit **focusonenergymarketplace.com/coop** to enter the sweepstakes and purchase discounted items for your home.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

As we approach the heating season, some members may need assistance with their electric bills.

There are agencies in each county that may be able to help. If you need assistance, please contact the agency in your county.

A full listing of agencies is available on our website: **www.acecwi.com/billing/energy-assistance**.

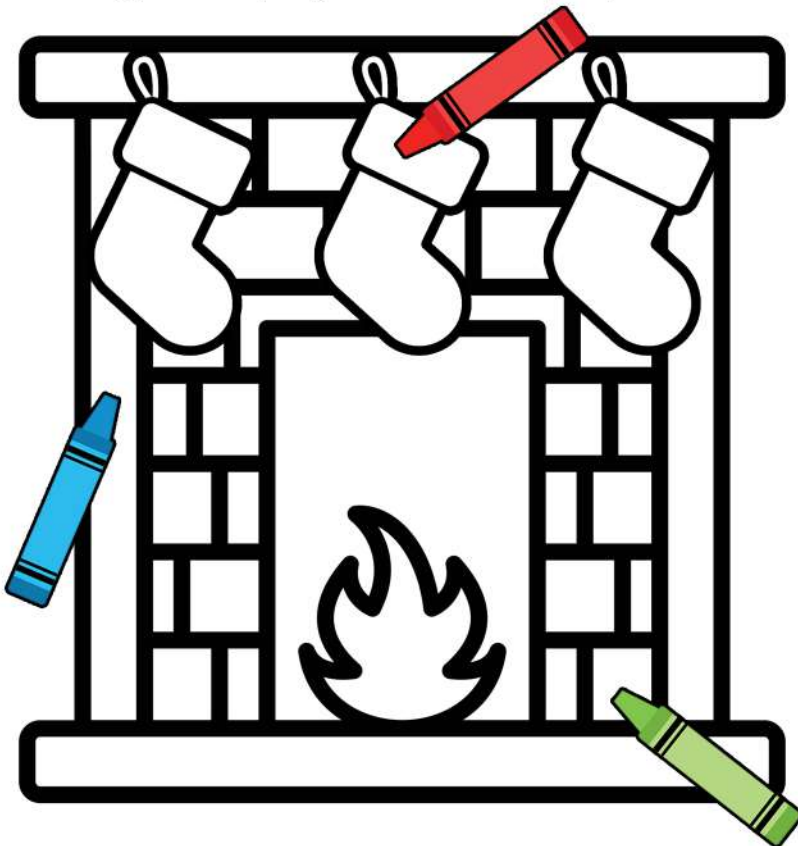
did you know?

All members contribute to the Focus on Energy and energy assistance programs. This is the WI Non-Taxable Program line item on your bill and is required by the state of Wisconsin. We encourage members to participate in these programs. Remember, these are YOUR funds! **Take advantage of Focus on Energy incentives and assistance if you qualify.**

CHRISTMAS CARD COLORING CONTEST

HEY KIDS!

We need your help in coloring the image below for a chance to have your artwork featured on ACEC's Christmas card this year. To download a coloring sheet, visit our website at **www.acecwi.com/coloring-contest**, or give us a call at (800) 831-8629 to have coloring sheets mailed to you.



CONTEST DETAILS:

The winner will receive a prize package in the mail. By submitting coloring sheet(s), you acknowledge that your child's submission may be used in ACEC marketing materials. The deadline to submit coloring sheets is Tuesday, October 31.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Coloring sheets may be mailed to:

ACEC
ATTN: Marketing
P.O. Box 70
Friendship, WI 53934

Coloring sheets may also be submitted on our website by uploading a photo of the coloring sheet at **www.acecwi.com/coloring-contest**. We can't wait to see your artwork!

APPLY FOR OUR STEM GRANT

Our STEM Grant is a great opportunity to get extra funding for your classroom in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math!

Educators can apply for a grant up to \$1,000 per calendar year. Application deadlines are quarterly, with the next deadline approaching November 1.



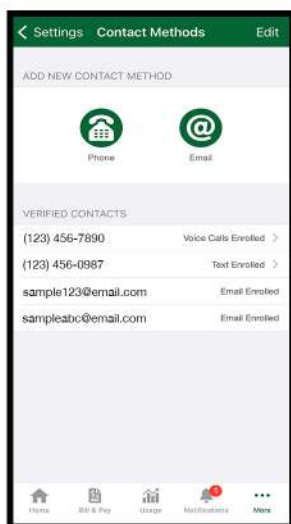
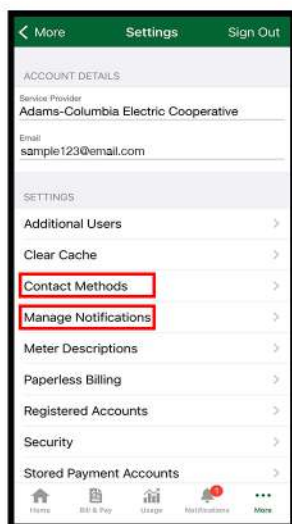
Pictured above is Mrs. Prochnow's kindergarten class at Rio Elementary. She was awarded a \$1,000 STEM Grant to purchase supplies for their STEM Lab.

To learn more about this grant, view examples of what grants have been awarded for, and to apply, visit www.acecwi.com/stem-grant.

SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS

Through your SmartHub account, you can sign up to receive text or email messages about billing, your electric service, power outages, and much more!

Under Settings in the app, manage your contact methods to ensure the messages will be sent to the correct phone number and email. From there, manage your notifications to sign up for a variety of messages about your electric service.



The SmartHub app appearance may vary based on your mobile device. If you have any questions or would like assistance, give us a call at (800) 831-8629 and one of our customer service representatives can walk you through the process.



**Adams-Columbia
Electric Cooperative**

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

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

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SAFETY MESSAGE

October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week. Electrical fires can be prevented by understanding your home electrical system and taking proper precautions. Get refreshed with these safety tips:

- Extension cords are only for temporary use. If too many electronics are plugged into an outlet or extension cord, the outlet can become overloaded and start a fire.
- Electronics, appliances and cords should be kept in good working condition. Damaged electronics; worn, cracked, or frayed cords; and power plugs with the third grounding pin removed should be repaired or replaced.



Briefing of the Board Meeting

July 18, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies, technical changes, and policy format
- Approved June's expense vouchers

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



Employee Spotlight

Jesse Klemetson
Journeyman Line Technician

Jesse is a lineman at our Friendship office and has worked for the cooperative for 16 years.

"My co-workers care about each other, look out for each other, and take the time to teach the next generation. I've had many careers in my life, but none of them compare to the team I have at ACEC."

We appreciate your hard work and dedication, Jesse!

TASTY ARIZONA CHILI

PREP TIME - 15 MINS | COOK TIME - 1 HOUR 30 MINS

INGREDIENTS

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| • 2 lbs lean ground beef | • 2-3 tsp salt | • 1 red pepper, diced |
| • 4 large yellow onions, diced | • 1/4 tsp pepper | • 1 20 oz can dark red kidney beans |
| • 4 cloves of fresh garlic, crushed | • 1/4 c olive oil | • 1 20 oz can light red kidney beans |
| • 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar | • 1/2 c chili powder | |
| • 1 28 oz can tomatoes | • 1 green pepper, diced | |

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sauté onions and peppers in a large heavy pot until golden, approximately 10-15 minutes.
2. Add the beef and brown until it's no longer pink. Add all other ingredients and cook over medium heat, stirring often, for 1 1/2 hours. Feel free to add more salt, pepper, or chili powder, if desired.

Recipe from Patricia Mullens of Friendship, WI

