

SAFETY MESSAGE

As colder temperatures approach and you reach for your space heater to help you get cozy and warm, make sure you consider the potential dangers of using one. If misused, it can cause electric shock or fire.

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from flammable items.
- Never leave a space heater unattended while it's running. Turn it off when you leave the room.
- Avoid placing space heaters on rugs or carpets, and keep them on a flat, level surface.



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • December 2023



Briefing of the Board Meeting

September 26, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Approved to reinstate Bill Taylor, Billy Ensor, Thomas Klappstein, Director Olson, and Director Jones for the Rules Committee
- Approved patronage capital general retirement for \$3,419,183
- Approved August's expense vouchers

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



Employee Spotlight

Paul Craddock
Mechanic

Paul is one of our mechanics at our Friendship office and has worked for ACEC for a year and a half.

"I like fixing things. Not every job is fun, sometimes they are not easy but need to be done. I have it easy compared to others here that put their life on the line every day. It's very different working here where people say good morning and genuinely ask how you are."

Thanks for keeping our fleet safe and on the road, Paul!



CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER

We received over 40 entries for this year's Christmas coloring contest. We're proud to announce this year's winner is Ellie Frega, age 8 from Lombard, IL. Ellie's artwork is featured on the cover of our Christmas card.

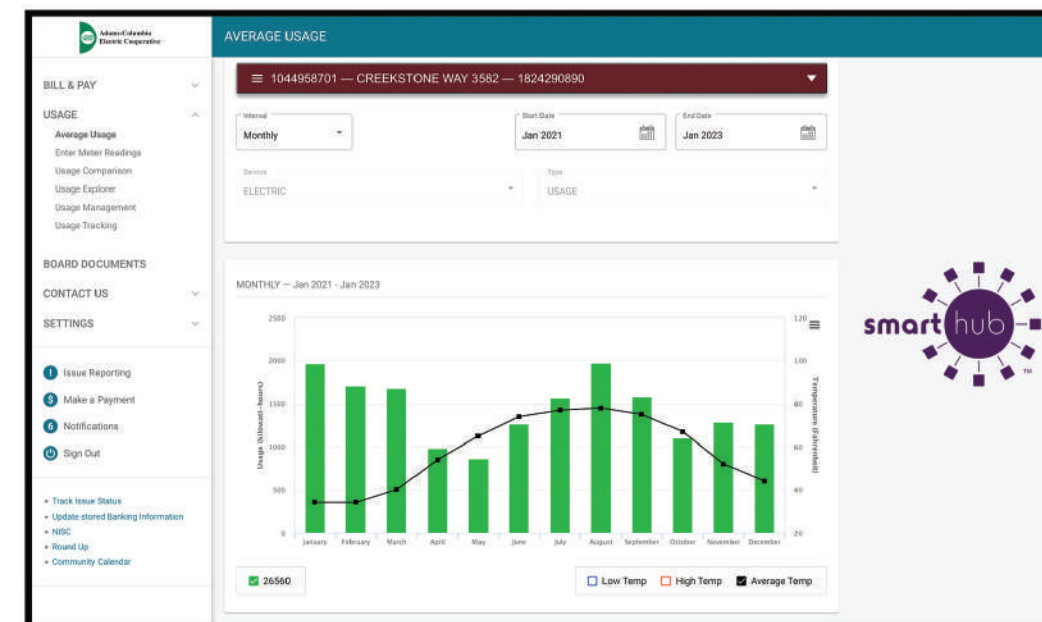
Thank you to everyone who participated in our coloring contest this year!

DEMAND INCREASE

We mentioned in last month's issue of *The Wire* that members can expect to see a rate increase in 2024 due to increased demand costs. Residential and seasonal members may see this increase through the PCA on their bill and other members may see an increase in their demand charge. More details on rates to come in future publications.

SMARTHUB - NEW LOOK!

The new look for SmartHub will go into effect January 2 and will only impact the desktop version. If you access SmartHub through a mobile app, you won't see any changes. If you have questions navigating the new SmartHub layout, give us a call at (800) 831-8629 and one of our customer service representatives can assist.



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE BARS

PREP TIME - 30 MINS | COOK TIME - 25-28 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 16.5 oz packages of sugar cookie dough
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1/4 c sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 oz cool whip
- 2 pints strawberries, sliced

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and spray a 9" x 13" pan. Press room temperature dough into the bottom of pan. Bake for 25-28 minutes until golden brown. Let cool.
2. Beat together room temperature cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla extract until a creamy consistency. When creamy fold in thawed cool whip. Spread mixture over the dough. Top with sliced strawberries and press into cream cheese. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.



Recipe from Joy Krahn of Arkdale, WI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 6 & JANUARY 18 & 19

Visit our website for locations and times at each office for discussion days as we transition general managers.

DECEMBER 22 & 25

Our office will be closed these dates for Christmas. Happy holidays!

JANUARY 1

Our office will be closed for New Year's Day. Have a safe holiday!

JANUARY 15

Applications are due for our Operation Round-Up grant. Spread the word about our program to support our communities.

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date

 **7:30 - 10:00 a.m.**
 **Saturday, May 11, 2024**
 **Adams-Friendship High School**

Run for a Board Seat

Districts 1 and 2 are up for election in 2024. If you live in one of these districts full time, you have the opportunity to represent your neighbors and fellow co-op members on our board of directors.

Our bylaws outline the procedure by which director candidates are nominated and state that the nomination of candidates for director shall be by petition. A petition shall be signed by not less than 25 memberships and turned in to our office by February 10. Visit www.acecwi.com/nomination-by-petition to review the director qualifications and for more details on our nomination by petition process. If you live in one of the townships below and are interested in running for a board seat, contact Stacey McManus at (800) 831-8629.

District 1

● Plainfield ● Saratoga ● Grant
● Leola ● Grand Rapids ● Rome

District 2

● Buena Vista ● Deerfield ● Dayton
● Pine Grove ● Wautoma ● Oasis
● Almond ● Mount Morris ● Rose
● Belmont ● Springwater ● Marion
● Richford ● Dakota



Deadline to submit nomination by petition and advisory resolutions:
Saturday, February 10, 2024



Get Involved

Join our board of directors



Advisory Resolutions

Do you have an idea for the co-op to consider?
Submit an advisory resolution!

Submit an advisory resolution by Saturday, February 10 to be considered by the Rules Committee. Visit www.acecwi.com/about-advisory-resolutions to learn more about the process and how to get started.

STOP THE SNOWBALL EFFECT & SAVE ENERGY THIS WINTER

Lower the thermostat & get cozy with layers.

Use LED bulbs to make your home merry & bright.

Take advantage of natural sunlight. Open blinds & window coverings during the day for extra warmth.

Close the fireplace damper when a fire is not burning.

When using the dryer, clean the lint filter after every load.

Seal drafty windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping.

Unplug chargers and other electronics when not in use.

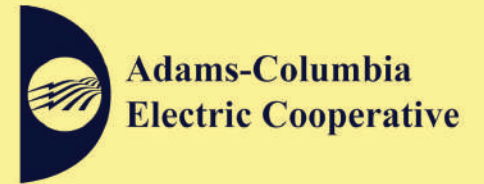
Rotate ceiling fans counterclockwise to circulate warm air.

When possible, cook meals with smaller countertop appliances, like slow cookers.

Install a smart or programmable thermostat.

Wash clothes in cold water to reduce water heating costs.

Lower your water heater temperature to 120 degrees.



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