

SAFETY MESSAGE

March is Ladder Safety Month. Most people at some point will find themselves climbing up a ladder for home projects. Whether you're a contractor doing daily work or a weekend warrior trying to complete a DIY project, we want to make sure you take the proper steps to stay safe.

- Long ladders may be hard to carry alone, so ask for help in carrying and setting them up.
- Make sure the area above the ladder is clear before placing it upright.
- Always make sure that your ladder is on a solid, level surface before attempting to climb.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

December 19, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved board policy 2-32
- Approved rates
- Approved November board vouchers

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Lengthen the life of your clothes dryer with regular cleaning. Clean the lint filter after every load, which improves the air circulation and safety. Check the lint trap opening to ensure it's clean. Use a vacuum to remove any lint that's fallen inside the opening.

If you use dryer sheets, check the lint filter for residue buildup. Remove any residue with hot water and a nylon brush or toothbrush. Overtime, dryer sheets can leave a film on the filter, which can affect the performance of the motor.

Consider using a clothes line to air dry clothing.



CORNEO BEEF

PREP TIME - 30 MINS
COOK TIME - 3 HOURS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 corned beef brisket (3-4 lbs)
- 14.5 oz can of beef stock
- 1 1/2 lbs baby potatoes
- 3 large carrots
- 1/2 head cabbage, cut into wedges
- 3 Tbsp butter
- salt and pepper
- 2 Tbsp pickling spice
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 c fresh parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the corned beef in a large stock pot. Add spice packet if your corned beef came with one, or add 2 Tbsp pickling spice and 2 bay leaves.
2. Add beef stock and water to cover beef completely.
3. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cover. Simmer 45-50 minutes per pound (until meat is fork tender). Approximately 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 hours.
4. Once tender, remove meat from the pot and cover (reserve the cooking liquid, this will flavor your vegetables). Place corned beef in a 250°F oven to keep warm.
5. Bring the corned beef water back up to a boil. Add in vegetables and cook an additional 20-30 minutes or until tender.
6. Place vegetables in a large bowl and toss with butter. Add parsley to taste.
7. Slice the corned beef against the grain.

Recipe from spendwithpennies.com

THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • March 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Adams-Friendship High School
1109 E North St, Adams, WI

JOIN US!

All members are invited to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, May 11. Start your day with a pancake breakfast by Uncle Pancake from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., check out the co-op booths, giveaways, and more! The annual meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Districts 1 and 2 are up for election this year. Candidates for district 1 are Bruce Rokke and Derek Alexander, and the candidate for district 2 is Adam Jones. To read their full biographies, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/director-candidates. Full biographies will be published in April's issue of *The Wire*.



DISTRICT 1

Bruce Rokke



DISTRICT 1

Derek Alexander



DISTRICT 2

Adam Jones

VOTING OPENS APRIL 1

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Beginning April 1, members can request an absentee ballot and must have them turned in by May 10 at noon. To request an absentee ballot, fill out our online absentee ballot request form, email us at acec@acecwi.com, or give us a call at (800) 831-8629 to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

EVOTE

Online voting opens on April 1 and closes on May 10 at noon. To vote online, log in to your SmartHub account and click the "Vote Now" button. Members can cast a vote through the mobile app or desktop version of SmartHub. Step-by-step instructions on how to evote is available on our website.

IN PERSON

Members can cast a ballot the day of our event, May 11, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at our voting booth. Ballots will not be collected during our annual meeting.

Yum!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 7

Our general manager, Jon, will be hosting discussion days from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. at our Wautoma office, and 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at our Pardeeville office.

APRIL 15

Submit individual and organizational applications for Operation Round-Up.

APRIL 1


Voting for director candidates opens! Learn about our voting options to get involved.

WHAT IS THE PCA?


The power cost adjustment (PCA) on your bill is an amount per kilowatt-hour that will either be a charge or a credit each month based on the actual cost to generate power.



We pay our electric bill to Alliant Energy every month at a set rate.




The actual cost of that power fluctuates from month to month.



Whether we pay more or less for the actual cost to generate and deliver power, that is a direct pass through to our members in the PCA.

Visit our website for an understanding your bill guide at www.acecwi.com/billing/understanding-your-bill, or give us a call at (800) 831-8629 and our customer service representatives can assist with your billing questions.

ENROLL IN OPERATION ROUND-UP



Did you know you can round your bill up each month and donate your spare change to our Operation Round-Up program?

The most a member can contribute in a year is \$11.88, which is cheaper than most fast food meals these days.

With your contributions, our Operation Round-Up program can make an even bigger impact for individuals and organizations in need.

Operation Round-Up funds are used for local projects and charities within our service area. Examples of recently awarded grants includes equipment for fire departments, technology upgrades, quilting supplies, playground equipment, AED's, and more.

HOW TO ENROLL

There are four ways members can enroll their account to contribute to Operation Round-Up:

- Visit our Friendship office to enroll.
- Give us a call at (800) 831-8629 and one of our customer service representatives can enroll your account.
- Check the box on the back of your payment stub if you mail in your payment.
- Log in to your SmartHub account to enroll yourself.

Learn more about Operation Round-Up on our website at www.acecwi.com/operation-round-up.



BADGER 4-H CLUB
Picnic Tables



TREEHOUSE OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN
Sports Equipment



WAUTOMA AREA FIRE DISTRICT
Handheld Radios

FOCUS ON HEATING & COOLING



Before you start your spring home projects, visit our website to learn about rebates that can save you money and make your home more energy efficient.

Check out the rebates available and find a trade ally at: focusonenergy.com/residential/heating-and-cooling



SCAN QR CODE

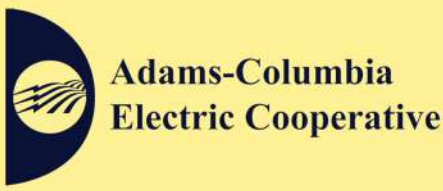
Smart Thermostats	Standard	
• ENERGY STAR Smart Thermostat	\$50	

Natural Gas Furnaces	Standard	Income-Qualified
• 97%+ AFUE Furnace	\$150	\$550
• 96% AFUE Furnace	\$100	\$450
• 95% AFUE Furnace	\$50	\$350
• ECM Blower Fan Replacement	\$25	\$25
<i>Must replace existing PSC motor</i>		

Natural Gas Boilers	Standard	Income-Qualified
• 95%+ AFUE Combination Boiler	\$500	\$700
• 90-94% AFUE Combination Boiler	\$400	\$600
• 95%+ AFUE Standard Boiler	\$400	\$550
• 90-94% AFUE Standard Boiler	\$300	\$450
• Indirect Water Heater	\$100	\$150
<i>Installed at the same time as a qualifying boiler</i>		

Heat Pumps*	Standard
*All ducted air source heat pumps and geothermal heat pumps can be dual-fuel heat pumps.	
• Air Source Heat Pump (existing primary heating fuel: natural gas or electric resistance)	\$1,000
<i>Minimum requirements:</i> Ducted 15.2 SEER2 10.0 EER2 8.1 HSPF2 1.75 COP at 5o Ductless 16.0 SEER2 9.0 EER2 9.5 HSPF2 1.75 COP at 5o	
• Air Source Heat Pump (existing primary heating fuel: propane, oil, existing heat pump, etc.)	\$400
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• Certified Geothermal Heat Pump (with natural gas service)	\$1,000
• Certified Geothermal Heat Pump (with no natural gas service)	\$750

Multifamily Style Equipment	Standard
• Single Package Vertical Unit <i>Natural gas unit, 90%+ Thermal Efficiency, 11.0+ EER</i>	\$150
• Single Package Vertical Unit <i>Natural gas unit, 90%+ Thermal Efficiency</i>	\$100
• Packaged Terminal Heat Pump	\$100



CONTACT US

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Monday - Friday,
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Voting for director candidates
opens April 1! Make your voice
heard by voting through SmartHub.

