

SAFETY MESSAGE

Hunting is ranked as one of the safer activities compared to other sports, including baseball, football, basketball, and jogging. However, hunters should put safety first, as incidents and accidents do happen.

- Remember to wear a full-body harness when in a tree stand to prevent falls.
- Watch for power lines in the woods, and never lean tree stands against utility poles or equipment.
- Have a full battery on your cell phone and share your hunting plan and location with others.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

June 24, 2025

Board Action Items:

- Approved May board vouchers
- Approved May GM expenses
- Approve resolution of appreciation
- Approved WECA voting delegate

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

READY TO INSULATE YOUR HOME?

Did you know that Focus on Energy offers rebates to bring down the cost of insulation and air sealing?

They also provide a list of Trade Ally contractors to help you complete your project with ease.



CATEGORY	STANDARD REBATES	INCOME QUALIFIED
ENERGY STAR® Qualified Air Sealing Energy assessment required*	\$675	\$1,125
Attic Insulation	\$525	\$675
Sill Box Insulation	\$75	\$110
Foundation Insulation	\$75	\$110
Wall Insulation	\$450	\$450
Duct Sealing & Insulation	\$75	\$75
Verified Duct Sealing & Insulation	\$1,000	\$1,000
DIY Attic Insulation & Air Sealing	\$200	\$200

Explore rebates and trade allies on their website at focusonenergy.com/residential/insulation-and-air-sealing.

CHEESY SAUSAGE & RICE CASSEROLE

PREP TIME - 15 MINS | COOK TIME - 1 HOUR

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb smoked sausage, sliced
- 1 c rice
- 1 10.5 oz can cream of chicken soup
- 1 10.5 oz can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 c chicken broth
- 1 c milk
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 c shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp paprika
- 2 Tbsp butter
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the sliced sausage, onion, and bell pepper. Cook until the vegetables are tender and the sausage lightly browned.
2. In a large bowl, combine the cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, milk, paprika, salt, and pepper. Mix well. Stir in the uncooked rice and sausage mixture. Pour everything into the prepared dish. Sprinkle with shredded cheese over the top.
3. Cover the dish with aluminum foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes until the cheese is bubbly and rice is cooked through. Let cool before serving.

Recipe from Gloria Mattice of Wisconsin Dells, WI



THE WIRE

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Empowering Our Communities

OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH

Member Appreciation Open House

OCTOBER 4

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

401 E LAKE ST, FRIENDSHIP, WI

All members are invited to attend our Member Appreciation Open House event to celebrate Co-op Month. Food and giveaways while supplies last.

Free beanie hat for the first 250 members.



Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Enjoy ice cream while learning about your co-op.



Visit with ACEC contractors, like **4-Control, Focus on Energy, Karcz Utility Services, and Zielies.**



Adams County Humane Society will be on site with animals available for adoption and will be accepting donations. Some of their most requested items include:



- Printer ink #952 black and color
- Paper towel
- Peanut butter
- Quality dog/cat food
- Clumping cat litter
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 19

Visit Jon, our general manager, at our Wautoma office from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m., or our Pardeeville office from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 1

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

OCTOBER 15

Deadline to submit applications for Operation Round-Up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Our seventh cooperative principle is Concern for Community, and once again, our employees and members came together to make a difference for students as they get geared up for the 2025-2026 school year. We collected approximately \$650 in monetary donations, along with many school supply donations. Monetary donations were used to purchase school supplies. All donations were split up and given to the following programs:

Adams-Friendship Area School District



Waushara County's Back-to-School Bash



Pardeeville Lions Club Stuff the Bus event



MONEY FOR FORMER MEMBERS

Some former members of our co-op have unclaimed patronage capital, and we need your help locating them. In many cases, the member may have moved off our lines and simply not informed us of their new address.

If you see a name you recognize, please ask either the individual member or the estate executor to contact us personally.

Funds that are not claimed are used for our scholarship program and other charitable purposes.

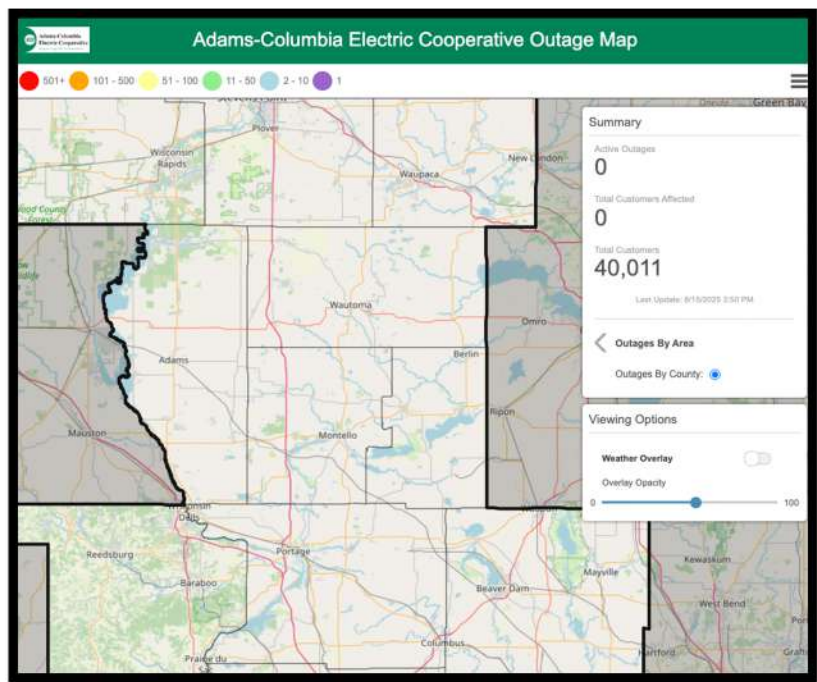
An alphabetical list of these former members is available on our website. Review the list online at www.acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital, or scan the QR code.



OUTAGE MAP GETS A FRESH LOOK

Our power outage map recently got a fresh look and a new website URL. The outage map now has a weather overlay feature.

Please update any bookmarks you may have on your phone or computer to this new URL: <https://acecwi.outagemap.coop>.



BIRDS: THE NEXT PHOTO CONTEST THEME

Attention bird watchers and enthusiasts!

Our next photo contest theme is birds of all shapes and sizes. If you have bird photos, we encourage you to enter our photo contest. For your chance at having a photo featured in our 2027 calendar, submit your bird photos on our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-your-photos.

We want to give a shoutout to all members who submitted photos for our Countryside Landscapes theme. Our 2026 calendar is currently in production and will be available at our open house event next month.



SCHEDULE A FREE SAFETY PROGRAM



We're proud to take an active role in providing safety education programs for all age groups. Electrical safety can be taught in the classroom, outdoors with our hotline demonstration trailer, or both. Our truck and trailer travel to you, and, we offer this safety program for free!

Fire departments, first responders, schools, and other organizations have benefitted from our safety program, and we strive to continue educating the public on how to stay safe around electricity.

We recognize that individual schools and other organizations have unique needs, so our presentations are easily customized for your group and age range.

Interested in scheduling a safety program? Give us a call at (800) 831-8629, or email us at acec@acecwi.com.



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