

ENJOY A *Mouse-ful* WITH THE MOCHA MOUSE CATERING AND CONCESSIONS



If you're from the area, The Mocha Mouse name is not unfamiliar. Your mouth immediately waters at the thought of their signature homemade beer cheese soup and Friday night fish fry. Even though the physical Mocha Mouse restaurant is no longer, you can still satisfy your tastebuds through the business model of Mocha Mouse Catering and Concessions. "We cater almost anything, and we are able to provide items that are not on our menu to custom fit your needs," shares owner Dawn Guillaume, who is also a Jackson Electric member.

The Mocha Mouse originated in 2011, when Dawn and her mother purchased the building on Oasis Road formerly known as Del Bean Coffee and Cheese. Dawn had been working as a full-time police officer, serving the Town of Brockway. When the Town eliminated this position, she then worked part-time for the Village of Melrose. Meanwhile, Dawn's mother was employed at Del Bean, bringing with her over 27 years of experience in the food service industry from another area establishment. When the opportunity arose to purchase the Del Bean facility, Dawn thought, "My mom and I could purchase the business together and add a restaurant."

Mocha Mouse served the community with cheese, local wine, and a restaurant for many years, adding on catering services. They also navigated and survived the challenges of the COVID pandemic, which forced businesses to close their doors. "The take-home meals were very popular," shares Dawn. "Even though our doors were closed to walk-ins, I was still present long hours to make everything from scratch for take-home orders," she adds.

When you are an owner-operator, you often put in long hours each day to make sure your business is successful and running smoothly. Dawn is one of those business owners that is all-in and takes pride in her product. There was no slow-



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ing down with the restaurant's steady pace, and there comes a time when you realize you can't do everything. "With the venture into catering and additional contracts, I knew that it wasn't feasible to keep up with everything," Dawn explains. "That's when we decided to sell the restaurant building."

The transition to catering and concessions provides Dawn with more flexibility and versatility as a business owner, which also enables her to have time off. Mocha Mouse Catering and Concessions currently contracts to use the kitchen and food service space in the chalet at Bruce Mound Winter Sports Area. Bruce Mound is located in Clark County, just past the Jackson County

border. The kitchen is open during Bruce Mound's operating hours and features traditional concession stand-type appetizers and snacks, burgers and sandwiches, Clark pizzas, and the famous Mocha Mouse Friday night fish fry. "We've had customers lining up all the way to the door," Dawn says. "Many were here just for the fish fry."

Mocha Mouse continues to provide catering services, offering a menu with a variety of options to choose from: ham, chicken, ribs, lasagna, meatballs in gravy for main courses, vegetable side dishes, several potato options, and salads. Each catering order includes dinner rolls and a dessert. "If there's something you don't see on our catering menu, we can accommodate any reasonable request," Dawn says.

Grazing tables and charcuterie boards have become two of Mocha Mouse's most popular requests. A grazing table features items such as sliced meats, cheeses, pickles and olives, fruits, vegetables, dips, breads



Mocha Mouse Catering and Concessions owner Dawn Guillaume, left, and her longtime employee Tori Severson are ready to serve up some tasty food. Tori, born and raised in the Black River Falls area, is Dawn's right-hand woman. She has been a loyal full-time employee with Mocha Mouse since 2017. "I get along well with Dawn, and I enjoy the atmosphere of Mocha Mouse," Tori says. "Dawn does a great job of ensuring that you'll have more than enough food."

and crackers, and even desserts. “The themed grazing tables are the most fun to design, and I enjoy the feedback we get on them,” shares Dawn. “The largest grazing table we’ve done so far was for 300 people,” she adds.

Mocha Mouse caters hundreds of events throughout the year, with as many as three per week and even three per day. Catering keeps the business busy, particularly during the holiday season. Dawn caters anything from holiday parties, business meetings, community events, to local weddings. “It’s nice to hear that the community



Grab a bite to eat while you’re enjoying summer activities at Wazee Lake Recreation Area.

likes what we’re doing,” Dawn says.

Dawn does have to limit the catering availability during the summer months due to commitments in operating the Wazee Snack Shack at Wazee Lake County Park (Jackson County) and the Shiver Shack, a hand-scooped ice cream stand at Russell Memorial Park Campground (Clark County). The concession stand at Wazee features many of the same food items as the food stand at Bruce Mound, with the exception of pizza. There is also a full bar and ice cream. “Working the summer concessions is a lot of fun,” Dawn shares.



If you’re looking for hand-scooped ice cream while you’re out and about in the Hatfield area, the Shiver Shack near Russell Memorial Park is the place to go.

Now that Mocha Mouse has access to the chalet space year-round, Dawn looks forward to the endless possibilities to host events and to develop creative uses of the space. “One of my thoughts is to host local talent and feature local wine with a charcuterie board catered by Mocha Mouse,” shares Dawn. “Hosting events here is an opportunity for both Clark and Jackson counties,” she concludes.

—Brandi Shramek, Member Relations Advisor

Mocha Mouse hires seasonal help to operate the ice cream stand in Hatfield and the concessions stand at Wazee.

Check their Facebook page @ **The Mocha Mouse Catering and Concessions** for job postings and updates.



WHAT ARE THOSE CHARGES ON MY BILLING STATEMENT

Throughout the next few months, we’ll provide explanations of the charges on your monthly billing statement. Last month, we touched on the monthly facility charge. This month, we’ll explain why some of our members have two facility charges on their electric billing statement. Read on to find out why.

Monthly Facility Charge Review

Every member who receives electricity from Jackson Electric has a facility charge on their monthly billing statement. The facility charge helps to recover the infrastructure costs required to provide electricity to the member’s location.

Why Does My Billing Statement Show Two Facility Charges?

There are some member accounts that have a second facility charge because they have more than one meter registering usage at their location. Member accounts with a second meter are those with dual fuel, electric thermal storage heat, solar or other distributed generation, and electric vehicle chargers.

Typically, if a member account has a second meter, they are most likely receiving a special rate for the usage on that meter because those devices on the second meter can be interrupted during periods of high demand. With solar, production is measured on the second meter. The second facility charge accounts for the additional costs associated with a second meter. These costs include meter reading technology, load interruption system, billing, administrative, and ongoing maintenance.

The Cooperative incurs extra costs to offer this optional add-on rate, and a portion of those costs is recovered through the second facility charge.

Current Service Detail

Facility Charge		35.65
Facility Charge		5.00
Commitment To Community		1.40
Energy Charge	859 kWh @ 0.1188	102.05
DF Energy Charge	1120 kWh @ 0.0825	92.40
Demand Charge	9.424 kW @ 0.0	0.00
PCA	1979 kWh @ 0.0	0.00
Area Light (Qty: 1)		12.00
Total Current Charges		248.50

JACKSON ELECTRIC YOUTH AMBASSADORS

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Alma Center – Humbird – Merrilan (Lincoln)

Luke Anderson



Why did you join youth ambassadors?

“I thought it was a good way to participate in the community while spending time with my friends. I was excited to come back for another year to do some of the similar activities.”

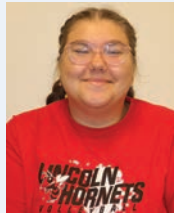
Future career interest/career path: School Undecided—Culinary Arts

Hobbies: Sports, video games, weightlifting, reading, cooking, baking, watching movies, LEGOs, and music.

Extracurricular activities/jobs: Football, basketball, baseball, student council president, National Honor Society (NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).

What’s something you are most proud of? “My movies and LEGO collections.”

Dea Jacobson



Why did you join youth ambassadors? “I joined youth ambassadors to become more active in the community through the different activities they are involved in. I also want to learn more about how a cooperative works.”

Future career interest/career path: Winona State University—Accounting/Education—High School Math

Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family, reading a good book, going to the lake, and discovering new places.

Extracurricular activities/jobs: National Honor Society (NHS), student council, Hope Squad, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Farmer’s of America (FFA), team manager for volleyball and basketball, Sunday school teacher, assistant for local First Responders/fire department banquets and fundraisers.

What’s something you are most proud of? “The person I have become. I was very shy growing up, and now I am comfortable enough to talk in front of and with people.”

Jace Paul



Why did you join youth ambassadors? “I first joined youth ambassadors because my two older sisters both participated. I came back because I enjoy being active in the community and collaborating with others in surrounding schools.”

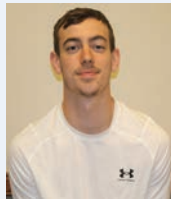
Future career interest/career path: Milwaukee School of Engineering—Mechanical

Engineering

Extracurricular activities/jobs: Basketball, baseball, student council, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and National Honor Society (NHS).

What movie title represents the story of your life? “Clueless.”

Ben Ross



Why did you join youth ambassadors? “I joined youth ambassadors to make a difference in the community and meet new friends from other schools.”

Future career interest/career path: UW-Whitewater or University of Indiana—Business Management and Marketing

Hobbies: Sports, video games, hanging out with friends, LEGOs.

Extracurricular activities/jobs: Basketball, football, baseball, track, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), student council, Hope Squad.

What’s something you are most proud of? “My sports card collection.”

Blair-Taylor

Jake King



Why did you join youth ambassadors? “I joined youth ambassadors to learn more about cooperative principles and gain leadership skills. I also love the volunteer opportunities and being a role model for my community.”

Future career interest/career path: UW-River Falls—Agricultural Business

Hobbies: Hunting, snowmobiling, showing cattle, football, and farming.

Extracurricular activities/jobs: Future Farmer’s of America (FFA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National Honor Society (NHS), 4-H, Blair-Taylor Letterman’s Club, youth group, Big Cats/ Little Cats, football, track, family’s 500 cow dairy farm.

What’s something you are most proud of? “I am most proud of being a positive role model for my school and community.”

Jessica Waldera



Why did you join youth ambassadors? “I joined youth ambassadors because I wanted to learn more about leadership skills and possible leadership opportunities to help me with those leadership skills.”

Future career interest/career path: School Undecided—Marketing

Hobbies: Scrapbooking, reading, playing board games.

Extracurricular activities/jobs: Volleyball, softball, teller, volunteering.

What’s something you are most proud of? “I am most proud of being able to learn from my mistakes. I had a problem last year with my school assignments, which after learning from my mistake, I am now getting good grades.”

Homeschool

Wyatt Hammond



Why did you join youth ambassadors? “I joined youth ambassadors because I saw the opportunity of learning leadership skills and learning how to work well with others.”

Future career interest/career path: Enter the workforce.

Hobbies: Strategic thinking activities like chess.

What would your warning label say? “Warning! Easily Distracted.”

Youth Ambassador Senior Spotlights Continued Next Month

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

- Awarding up to ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships
- High school seniors planning to continue their post-secondary education



Student must be a child (or under legal guardianship) of an active member (primary residence) of Jackson Electric and reside in the same household.

Application Deadline:

Monday, March 17, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

No late applications will be accepted.

Applications can be downloaded at www.jackelec.com/scholarships-0

RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

These rules are set in accordance with Jackson Electric Cooperative Bylaws, Article II, Section 7. Jackson Electric Cooperative’s annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Lunda Theatre in Black River Falls.

Annual Meeting Rules

1. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised Edition.
2. Any speaker must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
3. Only members and duly registered guests will be recognized by the Chair; each person so recognized must give his or her name.
4. Unless otherwise approved by the Chair, those recognized are to limit their questions and comments to three minutes, with any rebuttal limited to two minutes.
5. Questions and comments from members and duly registered guests will be in order during old and new business sessions, and at the conclusion of the officer reports, if invited.
6. No resolution affecting Jackson Electric Cooperative may be submitted by any member, unless written copies have

- been received by Jackson Electric Cooperative by March 19, 2025. This will permit time for review by the Jackson Electric Cooperative Board of Directors to make its recommendation to the meeting as to approval or rejection.
7. No signs or handouts will be permitted within the building of the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting. No handouts made available outside of the building will use the name of the Cooperative, its letterhead or logo to imply that the Cooperative supports or opposes any resolution.
 8. No demonstrations shall be held within the building of the place of the meeting.

Annual Meeting Voting Procedures

- Members in Districts 1, 6, and 9 will be eligible to vote for their district representative. If the district seat is contested, voting will be done by in-person ballot vote.
- Seats that are non-contested will be conducted by voice vote.
- All other business requiring membership action, will be conducted by voice vote.



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