



WE HONOR ALL WHO SERVED

Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms!

Each year, we set aside November 11, Veterans Day, to honor all the men and women who have served our country in uniform. We honor all veterans from generations past to our veterans who are just returning home from war. We thank those

who are currently serving and will one day be a veteran.

Oconto Electric Cooperative would like to thank its employees who have served our country one way or another. (1376001) Thank you!



Chuck Wellens
U.S. Marines
Served: 1967 through 1969



Terry Farrar
National Guard and Army Reserves
Served: 1969 through 1975



Ronnie Kruse
U.S. Navy
Served: 1975 through 1979



Jack Pardy
U.S. Army
Served: 1979 through 2009



Chris Adams
U.S. Army
Served: 1985 through 1997





TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WAYS TO USE ENERGY SMARTER!

Focus on Energy wants to help you use energy smarter. The new Simple Energy Efficiency Program is offering FREE packs with energy saving products for your home.

Please visit focusonenergy.com/simple to select which pack is best for you!

Available Energy-Saving Products:

LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE LIGHT BULBS (LEDS)



ENERGY STAR® qualified LEDs use at least 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs, producing less heat and more light per watt. Plus, they have an extremely long life span, typically 15,000 hours or longer.

HIGH-EFFICIENCY SHOWERHEAD



Efficient showerheads lower the gallons of water used per minute, without compromising performance – allowing you to use less water, and potentially lowering water and heating bills.

WATER-SAVING BATHROOM FAUCET AERATORS



These simple screw-in aerators reduce water use in your sinks while providing the pressure you need to wash. Reducing your water use will save you money on the cost of heating your water.

ADVANCED POWER STRIP (APS)



Advanced Power Strips are designed primarily for home entertainment centers and home office areas. They work by preventing electronics from drawing power when they are off or not being used.

PIPE INSULATION



Pipe Insulation may be used on domestic cold and hot water pipes. Pipe insulation will help to reduce heat loss by up to 80% through hot water pipes and will stop sweating on cold water pipes.

HOW DO I RECEIVE MY FOCUS PACK WITH ENERGY SAVING PRODUCTS?

To order your products, sign up at: focusonenergy.com/simple

Please have your electric and gas utility account number available prior to ordering.

If you have any questions, please call 800.230.4701.

Live in an apartment or condo with 4+ units?

Have your property manager call 866.486.0832 for information on eligible programs.

ELIGIBILITY

Resident must be a customer of a participating Wisconsin utility company. Must be a resident of a single-family or multifamily residence of three or fewer units and have not participated in the Express Efficiency Program within the last three years. One pack per household. Residence can be owner or renter occupied. Renters must obtain permission from their landlord. *One pack per household

Focus on Energy, Wisconsin utilities' statewide program for energy efficiency and renewable energy, helps eligible residents and businesses save energy and money while protecting the environment. Focus on Energy information, resources and financial incentives help to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that otherwise would not be completed.

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Shop Local This Christmas

Give the Gift of Energy

Do you have a friend or family member who is hard to buy for at Christmas? Try the gift of energy. If they are members of Oconto Electric you can pay their electric bill for a month, a year, or any amount in between. Go to www.ocontoelectric.com and click on billing and choose gift certificates, or call Oconto Electric at 1-800-472-8410.



Give the Gift of Technology

Oconto Electric RadioShack located in Oconto Falls has a wide selection of electronics and is a certified Cellcom dealer. You'll find gifts for all ages. (245406)

- Power banks
- Tablets
- Wireless speakers
- Drones
- Cell phones
- Batteries

Oconto Electric RadioShack is located at 323 E Highland Dr. • Oconto Falls • Phone: 920-848-1234

Give the Gift of Chocolate



OEC and RadioShack in Oconto Falls have Vande Walle's candy bars available for \$1.00. Proceeds go to the 2018 OEC Employee Charity. They make a great stocking stuffer or teacher gift.

Flavors: English Toffee, Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Mint Truffle, Chocolate Truffle, Caramel Nut, Peanut Butter Meltaway, Caramel.

Give the Gift of Independence

Do you have an aging family member who lives alone and you worry about all the time? Never know what to get them for Christmas? OEC offers MainStreet Messenger, an emergency response service that helps make independent living a reality while giving peace of mind to the families whose loved ones prefer to stay in the comfortable surroundings of their own home.

- They're never really alone with this personal emergency response system
- Help is only moments away with the push of a button
- Fall detection buttons available
- Installation within days
- Serving parts of Oconto, Marinette & Shawano Counties

For more information call Oconto Electric at 1-800-472-8410.

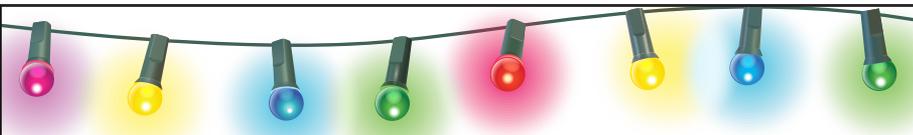




Happy Thanksgiving

Oconto Electric Cooperative will be closed on November 23 and 24 to celebrate Thanksgiving.

RadioShack will be closed on November 23 but will be open on November 24 to kick off the holiday shopping season.



MERRY, BRIGHT AND EFFICIENT HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Decking the halls doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bill! Keep your holiday lighting merry, bright and energy efficient with LED light strands.

- Consider replacing older light strands with new ENERGY STAR LED® lights. LED strands are 70 percent more efficient and last 10 times longer than the age-old standard bulbs.
- You can get the look of cozy lighting with LEDs. Just look for "warm white" on the label.
- Unlike older light strands, LED lights give off virtually no heat, making them safer for kids and pets (and reindeer).
- Save energy by setting a timer for outdoor lighting and decorations. Program the timer so the lights turn on in the evening and turn off later at night when you typically go to sleep.

Source: Dept. of Energy



HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Oconto Electric Cooperative hides two account numbers in the local pages of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* each month. If you spot your account number, call our office before you receive the next issue, and OEC will give you a \$15 credit on your electric bill or a \$25 credit if you have a load management receiver. The October account numbers belonged to Wesley Durand, Lena and Tiffannie Mouford, Abrams.

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OEC INSIGHT

Director Ron Kruse Earns Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate



The Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) curriculum consists of five courses designed to provide essential knowledge and skills required of cooperative directors. Directors have several opportunities to attend courses, including NRECA's Pre-Annual Meeting Education, Pre-Directors Conference Education, Summer Schools, Pre-Regional Meeting Education, statewide association sponsored programs and on-site training.

Certificate Requirements

The CCD is earned by attending all five (5) required courses and successfully completing a learning assessment for each.

CCD Courses

- Director Duties and Liabilities
- Understanding the Electric Business
- Board Operations and Process
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Decision-Making

