



# MEET THE 2019 OEC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year Oconto Electric Cooperative is very pleased to award 13 \$2,500 scholarships to area students whose parents or guardians are members of the co-op. Scholarship money comes from unclaimed capital credits. Recipients are selected by a committee of seven cooperative members who are not employees or directors of OEC.



## Kaelyn Allen

**Graduate of:** Oconto Falls High School  
**College Plans:** University of Minnesota or UW-Madison for biology

**Parents:** Dan and Robin Allen

engineering

**Parents:** Jeff and Cindy Engebretsen



## Barret Gohr

**Graduate of:** Pulaski High School  
**College Plans:** Northeast Wisconsin Technical College for welding

**Parents:** Rusty and Kathy Gohr



## Dylan Nelson

**Graduate of:** Oconto Falls High School  
**College Plans:** College of Letters and Science at the UW-Madison studying to be a

neurosurgeon

**Parents:** Alan and Robin Nelson



## Jake Baldwin

**Graduate of:** Coleman High School  
**College Plans:** Northeast Wisconsin Technical College for electrical power

distribution program

**Parents:** Jay and Nicole Baldwin



## Emma Huberty

**Graduate of:** Oconto Falls High School  
**College Plans:** UW-Madison for engineering

Mary Huberty

**Parents:** Mark and



## Joshua Reed

**Graduate of:** Suring High School  
**College Plans:** UW-Green Bay for a bachelor of science nursing degree

**Parents:** Timothy Reed and Sherrie Zenk-Reed



## Seth Brooks

**Graduate of:** Oconto High School  
**College Plans:** UW-Madison for a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering

**Parents:** Aaron and Starlet Malczewski



## Jada Janiak

**Graduate of:** Oconto Falls High School  
**College Plans:** UW-River Falls for a bachelor's in animal science and minor in

Spanish

**Parents:** Jim Sylvester and Dawn Janiak



## Andrea Waschbisch

**Graduate of:** Oconto Falls High School  
**College Plans:** St. Norbert College to pursue a career in counseling

**Mom:** Sue Waschbisch



## Emily Cudnohosky

**Graduate of:** Coleman High School  
**College Plans:** Fox Valley Technical College to study diesel technology

**Parents:** Alvin and Donna Cudnohosky



## Calab Lally

**Graduate of:** Suring High School  
**College Plans:** UW-Green Bay for accounting

Jennifer Lally

**Parents:** David and



## Kieran Wusterbarth

**Graduate of:** Oconto High School  
**College Plans:** Northeast Wisconsin

Technical College for the electrical power distribution program

**Parents:** Chad and Bonnie Wusterbarth



## Justin Engebretsen

**Graduate of:** Gillett High School  
**College Plans:** UW-River Falls for agricultural



# PETERSON'S DAIRY, LLC TO HOST BREAKFAST ON THE FARM



## *Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm*

**When:** Sunday, June 9, from 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Where:** Peterson's Dairy LLC  
6370 Goatsville Road, Lena

**Cost:** Adults \$8, Children (4–10) \$4,  
Children 3 and under free

**The Peterson family is hosting the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm. Back row left to right are Arne, John, and Jessica. Front row left to right are Judy, Sam, Isaac, and Matthew. (Photo credit, Photography By Karen)**

The Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm will be held Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Peterson's Dairy LLC, 6370 Goatsville Rd., Lena, WI 54139. A sunrise church service will begin at 7 a.m. with breakfast served from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. This year's hosts are Arne and Judy Peterson, John and Jessica Peterson, and their three sons, Sam, Isaac, and Matthew.

The dairy was started in 1973 when Arne and Judy Peterson purchased the Ernie Frye Sr. farm, which consisted of 196 acres. During the succeeding years, the Petersons modified facilities and dairy management practices to stay current in the industry.

In 2002, Peterson's Dairy LLC was formed, bringing in son, John. Through his involvement the dairy has continued to grow, and in 2013 planning began for a facility update. The update was started in 2016 and completed in 2017. The Petersons pride themselves on staying up-to-date in the industry, which is evident with their sand-bedded freestall barns, drive-through feeding, total mixed ration to meet the animals' needs, commodity sheds with feed storage pads, use of advanced cow-monitoring systems, and integrated farm computer technology.

The Petersons currently milk 1,100 cows, three times a day, and farm about 1,800 acres. The original philosophy of the Petersons has not changed in the last 45 years: to produce quality milk in a sustainable manner in a positive environment for both animal and worker welfare. All of this is made possible through the efforts of 15 full-time employees, seasonal tractor

drivers, and five exceptional high school students. Thanks in part to all the businesses and individuals who were involved in making Peterson's Dairy LLC updates a reality, Peterson's Dairy LLC will showcase their farm during the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm.



**In June of 2018, John Peterson accepted Focus on Energy Excellence in Energy Efficiency award for the recent completion of a new construction project. LED lighting was used throughout the project, along with high-efficiency fans, energy-free livestock waterers, variable frequency drives, and much more. Peterson's Dairy LLC will save more than \$43,000 a year in reduced energy costs thanks to steps the business took in 2017 and received a total incentive of more than \$28,000 through Focus on Energy's Business Incentive Program.**

## WE'VE BEEN BUSY IN THE SCHOOLS!



### Career Day

April 8, 2019, was the annual career day at Washington Middle School in Oconto Falls. Students were able to attend six sessions throughout the day that exposed them to various career opportunities.

OEC Journeyman Lineman Scott Bancroft and City of Oconto Falls Journeyman Lineman John Salscheider worked together to bring the students information about their careers.

Scott and John presented six times throughout the day. Their sessions were very interactive, with the students putting on the gear and using the equipment that is used every day in a lineworker's career.



### Safety Demonstrations

OEC lineman Scott Bancroft and Katie Jagiello took five days and educated elementary students in the area on electrical safety.

355 students learned about the hazards found inside and out, from climbing trees, flying kites, exposed cords, and what to do if a car hits a power pole.

Oconto Electric Cooperative enjoys (594202) going to our schools and being a part of our communities.

*Photo above: Elementary students at St. Anthony School in Oconto Falls.*



Celebrate June Dairy Month with us! Stop in at OEC's office from June 24-28 for a free ice cream treat!

### LOOKING FOR OEC MEMBER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The annual WECA Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders from across Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses.

#### Who is eligible to attend?

- Oconto Electric Cooperative (OEC) will sponsor up to four students to attend the 2019 YLC at UW-River Falls, July 24-26, 2019.
- Student must be a son or daughter (or under legal guardianship) residing in the same household of an active OEC member.
- Student must be entering his/her sophomore, junior, or senior year in the fall of 2019.

#### What does it cost?

All costs are covered by OEC, including transportation to and from UW-River Falls.

#### Interested? Here's how to apply...

Space is limited. Deadline to sign up is June 15, 2019. For details contact Katie Jagiello at OEC by calling 800-472-8410 or email [kjagiello@ocontoelectric.com](mailto:kjagiello@ocontoelectric.com).



## BUSINESS SHOWCASE

# THAT'S NEW TO ME RESALE SHOP AND GREENHOUSE



Chuck and Debbie Smet opened That's New To Me Resale Shop and Greenhouse on May 24, 2013. The shop was something that Debbie always wanted to do, so they turned an empty barn space into their shop and greenhouse. What started out as a part-time job for Debbie grew into full-time.

In the greenhouse you can find a beautiful assortment of vegetable plants, annuals, perennials, bushes, trees, and hanging baskets.

The shop sells new and slightly used home decor, furniture pieces, kids' items, lamps, candles, and so much more.

The shop is open May–November. Labor Day weekend they host a craft/vendor show, and the end of November they have a big wreath sale just in time

for Christmas.

Stop in today and find something wonderful and unique. They are closed Monday, open Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed Thursday, open Friday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., and open Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Follow them on Facebook; they are always posting pictures of new items that just arrived and upcoming events. Phone number is 920-590-0037.

That's New To Me Resale Shop and Greenhouse is located in the Kelly Lake area, 9945 County Road G, Suring. From Hwy. 141 turn left on County M, go to the end of County M and turn right onto County B. Take first left onto County G and cross over Parkway Rd. They are just west of Parkway Rd. Watch for the sign.



## 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 May account numbers belonged to Daniel Leanna, Little Suamico, and Richard and Sandra Flynn, Oshkosh.

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## Recipe Corner

### Easy Crock-Pot Swiss Steak

Submitted by Robin Banaszynski,  
OEC Employee (616703)

- 1 lb. minute or cube steaks
- 1 sweet green bell pepper, diced
- 1 sweet red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce

Dredge steaks in flour and brown in skillet. Place all ingredients in crock pot. Cook 1 hour on high, then 6 hours on low.

*If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please email [kjagiello@ocontoelectric.com](mailto:kjagiello@ocontoelectric.com) or mail it to Oconto Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 168, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. If your recipe is printed, you will receive a gift.*

## Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the A/C to run longer than necessary. Source: energy.gov

