

MEET THE 2020 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. (78501) Recipients are selected by a committee of seven cooperative members who are not employees or directors of OEC.



Brooklyn Bishop Graduate of: Pulaski High School College Plans: UW-Eau Claire for business Parents: Jeff and Sheri Bishop

Graduate of: Suring High School

College Plans: UW-Platteville for

Parents: Dan and Erin Hischke

Caitlyn Krejcarek

physical therapy

Graduate of: Oconto Falls High

College Plans: UW-La Crosse for

Parents: Doug and Correna

Ethan Hischke

engineering

School

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Jarod Parsons Graduate of: Oconto Falls High School College Plans: UW-Madison for chemical engineering Parents: Ron and Patti Parsons



Seth Seefeldt Graduate of: Coleman High School **College Plans: UW-Stevens Point** for chemical engineering Dad: Shane Seefeldt

Graduate of: Lena High School College Plans: St. Norbert Col-



Joseph Walters Graduate of: Oconto Falls High School

College Plans: UW-Madison for nursing Parents: Ryan and Lisa Walters

Olivia Waschbisch

Graduate of: Oconto Falls High School College Plans: St. Norbert

College for genetic counseling Mom: Sue Waschbisch

Janelle Wolford

Graduate of: Oconto Falls High School

College Plans: Edgewood College in Madison for nursing Parents: Jeffrey and Jackilyn Wolford

Travis Zielinski

Graduate of: Oconto Falls High School

College Plans: NWTC-Green Bay for the electrical power distribution program Parents: Anthony and Jean 7ielinski

To the Senior Class of 2020:

We are living in an unparalleled time in our history as we have not seen a pandemic of this degree for over (00 years. These trying times have left some of us feeling scared, confused, or sad.

You have worked so hard to get to this point and now must face the unexpected loss of your senior year activities. Please know that you are not forgotten. We are proud of you and wish you the very best in brighter days to come.

Congratulations!







Lvndsev Luebke Graduate of: Oconto Falls High School College Plans: Fox Valley Technical College for public safety Parents: Paul and Kristine Luebke



Lauren Osterberg Graduate of: Coleman High School College Plans: UW-Madison for elementary education Parents: Brian and Leah Osterberg





Lilia Shallow

EAT. DRINK. AND BE DAIRY.

This month we would like to say THANK YOU to our farmers.

Wisconsin is known as America's Dairyland, and it's June Dairy Month – a time to celebrate and honor our hardworking dairy farmers and their families. It takes a special kind of person to be a farmer. They work around-the-clock to produce fresh, great-tasting, wholesome milk products.

The coronavirus has delivered a hard blow to the already struggling dairy farmers. Milk prices have dropped to unprofitable levels this spring, at a time when money is needed for the upcoming planting season.

Dairy has been hit hardest from the loss of business from restaurants, schools, and the hospitality industry. About one-third of Wisconsin dairy products, mostly cheese, are sold in the food-service trade. Sadly, this has forced some dairy farmers to dump their milk. Our family farms and local businesses need our support more than ever right now. In 2019 about 820 Wisconsin dairy producers called it quits, a rate of more than two per day, and the trend continues. Continue to support our local dairy farmers and agriculture industry by purchasing the wholesome products

they produce: milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, cream cheese, and ice cream!



on the Farm is canceled due to COVID-19

Please save Sunday, June 13, 2021, for the 2021 Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, which will be held at Alsteen Farms, LLC, 9399 Belgian Rd, Lena, WI 54139.



Important Announcement

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN AND CEO

Dear Member(s),

We hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. We know these past few months have certainly been a roller coaster. Not only for our employees but for you, our members, and your families as well.

As you have been informed, OEC's second attempt at holding our 83rd Annual Meeting on May 16th was once again canceled, due to the Governor's extension of the Safer at Home order.

We wanted to reach out to you to let you know that your health and safety remain the utmost importance to us. The board of directors has decided to take a "wait-and-see" approach, allowing us to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic situation before setting another annual meeting date.

Should a date be able to be set, we would like everyone to make their attendance decisions based on what is best for you and your family. We greatly appreciate all of your support in attending our annual meetings. We remain positive and hopeful that we will be able to see each other soon once again.

Until then, please know that Oconto Electric employees continue working in the safest manner, while complying with the guidelines provided to employers, so that we may continue to provide you with the reliability and services you have come to expect from us.

We will continue to provide updates with future announcements concerning this year's annual meeting through our Facebook page, OEC's website www.ocontoelectric.com, and/or a bill insert.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact myself, our CEO Byron C. Nolde, or your district director with any questions or concerns you may have.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

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David Hischke, Chairman

Celebrate June Dairy Month with us!

There will be no ice cream in the lobby this year due to COVID-19.



Byron C. Nolde, CEO

Just complete this drawing ticket and mail or email it to Oconto Electric Cooperative, and you could win one of 25 gift certificates valued at \$10 to a local ice cream shop or cheese store.

Only one entry per membership. Entries must be received by June 30, 2020. Winners will be mailed their gift certificate.

Must be an OEC member to be eligible to win. Excludes OEC employees and directors.

Return this form to: Oconto Electric Cooperative, PO Box 168, Oconto Falls, WI 54154 kjagiello@ocontoelectric.com

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DAIRY PRO	DDUCT? 🗆 CHEESE 🛛 ICE CREAM

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BUSINESS SHOWCASE THE PATRIOT GOLF CLUB, LLC



The Patriot Golf Club, LLC, formerly known as Sandalwood Country Club, was purchased in January 2017 by Dennis Kaminski and his wife, Synthia. They have made many improvements to the 18-hole course. In addition, the clubhouse has been remodeled and is ready to be rented out for parties.

Dennis grew up in Pulaski, and after his high school graduation he joined the Marine Corps.

The course's mission is to serve the local community and honor the military service of all who have served and are currently serving this great nation. The Patriot will also recognize our police, fire, and emergency personnel who

protect every one of us every day with courage, dedication, and bravery.

The course will always be a great place to make memories with your friends and family. Bring your children and introduce them to this great game of golf, or enjoy a burger or a Friday night fish fry.

The Patriot Golf Club, LLC, is located at 2954 Sandalwood Rd., Abrams, WI, 54101. For more information you can call (920)-826-7770, go to their website www.thepatriotgolfclubllc.com, or find them on Facebook.

If you have suggestions for businesses that are on OEC's power lines, call Katie at 920-846-2816.



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. May account numbers belonged to Charles Rueckert, Gillett, and William Arndt, Lena.

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Katie Jagiello, Editor



1 package yellow cake mix (regular size) 4 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb 1 cup sugar Sprinkle of cinnamon (optional) 1 cup heavy whipping cream Whipped cream and fresh mint, optional

Prepare cake batter according to package directions. Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with rhubarb and sugar. Slowly pour cream over top.

Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with whipped cream and mint if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please email kjagiello@ocontoelectric.com or mail it to Oconto Electric Cooperative, PO Box 168, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. If your recipe is printed, you will receive a gift.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Home cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. Try to keep the difference between the temperature of your thermostat setting and the outside temperature to a minimum. The smaller the difference, the more energy you will save. (4203)

