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JUNE DAIRY MONTH,
LIVE AND IN PERSON

ANOTHER BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

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BEFORE GOING SOLAR

OEC MEMBER HOSTS OCONTO COUNTY
BREAKFAST ON THE FARM



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Congratulations

Oconto Electric Cooperative is proud to announce our 2022 scholarship recipients. This year OEC was able to award twelve scholarships each in the amount of \$2,500. Scholarships are made possible through unclaimed capital credits.

Joseph Adams, son of Donald and Laura Adams, senior at Oconto Falls High School, plans to pursue conservation law enforcement at UW-Stevens Point.

Olivia Anderson, daughter of Carrie Marquardt, senior at Lena High School, will be attending UW-Green Bay for law.

Karson Casper, son of Kevin and Kelly Casper, senior at Coleman High School, plans to major in pre-med at Augsburg University.

Griffin Geiken, son of Jamie and Jennifer Geiken, senior at Bay Port, plans to pursue a degree as a physical therapist at UW-La Crosse.

Kayle Hines, daughter of Chris and Michele Hines, senior at Oconto Falls High School, plans to major as a physician assistant at University of Minnesota Crookston. (117901)

Amanda Jenerou, daughter of Jesse and Janalee Jenerou, senior at Gillett High School, will be attending UW-Stevens Point for natural resources.

Emmie Magnin, daughter of Duane and Danna Magnin, senior at Oconto Falls High School, will be attending Carroll University to study health sciences and neurodiagnostic technology.

Sara Seefeldt, daughter of Shane Seefeldt, senior at Coleman High School, will study at UW-Green Bay to become a mental health counselor.

McKenna Seidl, daughter of Ronald and Michelle Seidl, senior at Oconto High School, will be attending Michigan Technological University for biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Megan Shallow, daughter of Jason and Kari Shallow, senior at Lena High School, will attend UW-River Falls for horticulture and habitat specialist.

Maggie Sohrweide, daughter of Brian and Tracey Sohrweide, senior at Oconto High School, plans to major in education at UW-Madison.

Ryann Wagner, Shaun and Monica Wagner, senior at Gillett High School, plans on attending UW-Eau Claire to major in actuarial sciences.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED

OEC members host Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm

June Dairy Month is about showing people how hard farmers work, and, how rewarding that hard work is. Attending a local breakfast on the farm is a tradition for thousands of people. This year attendees will have the chance to tour Blaser Farms, Inc. The Blasers hosted breakfast on the farm 35 years ago, and are looking forward to sharing their farm again.

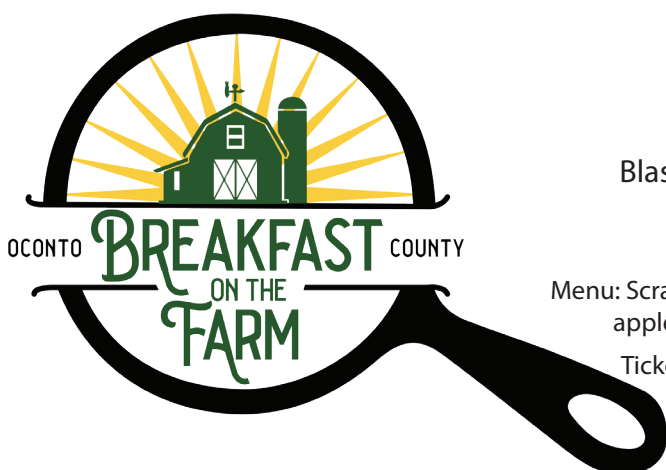
A fourth-generation dairy started in 1945, Blaser Farms has always had a priority of cow health and comfort. From the first free stalls in the early '60s to the current barns, their 600 holstein cows enjoy mattresses with plenty of bedding, while being cooled with fans and sprinklers, groomed with spinning brushes, and fed a well-balanced ration. Alleys are kept clean with automatic scrapers.

The farm milks 600 cows three times a day in their double eight parlor. The milk is then sent to Agropur, a cooperative owned by dairy farmers who process and market high-quality dairy products.

During the tour you will also see the additional 250 head of cattle that are on the farm. This includes their young stock that they raise until they are 5-6 months old. They are then shipped to a grower where they will be raised until they are pregnant. At that time they will return back to their farm to calve and then start milking. In total the farm owns around 1,100 cows.

They farm 1,600 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans, and wheat. Their team consists of family members (Roger and Karen, Josh, Andy, and Trisha) and nine full- and part-time employees. The Blasers are proud to be a part of the dairy

industry and a family tradition where they strive every day to be more sustainable and provide the best care for the cows, farmland, and employees. They look forward to serving as the host this year for the 2022 Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm!



Sunday, June 12 — Rain or Shine!

Blaser Farms, Inc. — 9267 Hwy 22 East, Gillett, WI 54124

Sunrise Mass Service at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast served: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Menu: Scrambled eggs with cheese and ham, pancakes, sausage, yogurt, applesauce, cheese, milk, orange juice, coffee, water and ice cream.

Tickets are \$10 (Pre-sale tickets \$9 available at: N.E.W. Credit Union Branches, Peshtigo National Bank Branches, Lena Fast Stop)

Entertainment: Live music, antique demonstrations, kids activities

Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Time: 7:30 a.m. to Noon (Rain or Shine)

Host Farm: Finger Family Farm, LLC

Address: 8831 Old 41 Road, Oconto, WI 54153

Shawano County Brunch on the Farm

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Host Farm: Triple D Dairy, LLC

Address: N12098 County Rd D, Clintonville, WI 54929



Celebrate
June Dairy Month
with us!
Stop in at OEC's office
June 20-24 for a free
ice cream treat!

HELP SUPPORT OUR 2022 EMPLOYEE CHARITIES

Basket Raffle June 13-30 OEC Lobby

Watch our Facebook page for basket details.

Proceeds benefit: Sportsmen with Heart, Inc. and New View Industries

Right-of-Way Professionals Week (June 12-18)

Thank you to our right-of-way professionals here at OEC, as well as those with whom we partner regularly.



Cal Kilmer — Lead Tree Trimmer



Dan Ruid — Tree Trimmer

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

If you're looking to add smart technology to your home, consider smart plugs. Smart plugs are inexpensive and can be used to control lighting and other electronic devices through a smart phone app.

With smart plugs, you can conveniently manage lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. By powering off unused devices when you're away, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: energystar.gov
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ELECTRICITY: YOU CAN'T SEE IT, SMELL IT, HEAR IT, OR TASTE IT

TEACHING CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF ALWAYS TREATING ELECTRICITY WITH RESPECT

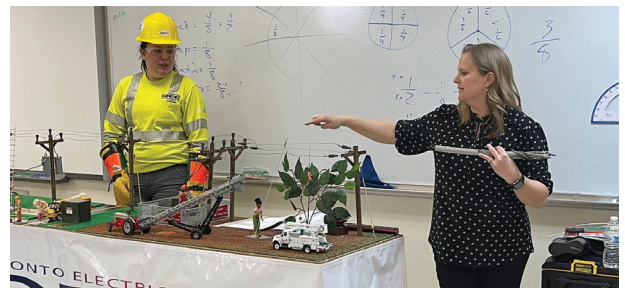
Oconto Electric Cooperative was super excited to be able to go back into the schools throughout our service area to put on electrical safety demonstrations for the students. Demonstrations were held in the Oconto, Oconto Falls, Suring, Abrams, and Lena school districts for students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. OEC would like to thank both the staff and students for allowing us to take time out of their busy schedules to teach students the importance of staying away from electric utility equipment.

The live presentations, with an interactive display, are a valuable tool to demonstrate the importance of always treating electricity with respect. "Safety is our number one priority. Electricity is unforgiving and you usually don't get a second chance. At the end of the day our crews want to go home to their families," OEC communications and marketing specialist Katie Jagiello said.

The display showed students what could happen if antennas, kites, branches, ladders, farm equipment, shovels, and a backhoe were to come into contact with a power line. During the demonstration we also explain what a substation is, a pad-mount transformer, and overhead lines and the dangers that each present.

Additionally, OEC demonstrates how to properly handle a situation in which an automobile crashes into a power line or pad-mount transformer. Lastly, we use a hot dog to simulate what could happen to human skin that comes in contact with a live wire—it made a memorable impression on the students.

The time spent in the classrooms is our way of making sure someone doesn't get hurt because they didn't know better. All 464 students were sent home with a bag that contained information about electrical safety. Students were asked to share the information with their families and to talk about the things they learned.



May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Samantha Dey (L) and Katie Jagiello (R) presented a live demonstration to students to teach them about the dangers associated with electricity and how to be safe around power lines.

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 Kevin & Jill Hayes, Gillett, and Mark & Brenda Possley, Lena.

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