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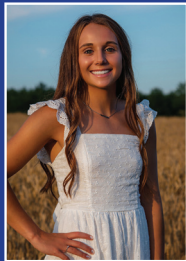
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# Congratulations

Oconto Electric Cooperative is proud to announce our 2023 scholarship recipients. This year OEC was able to award 12 scholarships each in the amount of \$2,500. Scholarships are made possible through unclaimed capital credits.

**Mackenzie Bailey**, daughter of Gerald and Trista Bailey, senior at Suring High School, will be attending UW-Stevens Point for business administration.

**Caden Haag**, son of Matthew and Gina Haag, senior at Pulaski Community High School, will be attending UW-Madison for mechanical/aerospace engineering.

**Reed Hosking**, son of Jeff and Raachel Hosking, senior at Lena High School, plans attend St. Norbert College to major in business administration and a minor in art/design.

**RaeAnnah Kissinger**, daughter of Scott and Tammy Kissinger, senior at Pulaski High School, plans to study psychology at St. Norbert College.

**Breanna Koslowsky**, daughter of Jim and Angela Koslowsky, senior at Lena High School, plans on attending UW-Green Bay to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

**Hanna Krejcarek**, daughter of Doug and Correna Krejcarek, senior at Oconto Falls High School, will be attending Northern Michigan University for nursing.

**Ethan Lally**, son of David and Jennifer Lally, senior at Suring High School, will be attending UW-Eau Claire majoring in biology.

**Corrin Liptak**, daughter of Joseph and Ellen Liptak, senior at Coleman High School, will study veterinary medicine at UW-La Crosse.

**Chaela Rabas**, daughter of Chad and Angela Rabas, senior at Lena High School, will be attending North Dakota State University to study agricultural engineering.

**Mason Sobeck**, son of Timothy and Michele Sobeck, senior at Lena High School, will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering.

**Austin Vande Corput**, son of Ken and Sarah Vande Corput, senior at Gillett High School, will attend NWTC to become an electrician.

**Megan Wagner**, daughter of Shaun and Monica Wagner, senior at Gillett High School, plans on attending UW-La Crosse to study nuclear medicine.



# FARM BREAKFASTS ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY ON THE FARM

Kohls Dairy in Oconto County is hosting Breakfast on the Farm on June 11. In 1942, Kohls Dairy Farm began with 13 cows and two horses. It is currently a fourth-generation dairy run by Curt and his daughter Michelle, along with seven highly dedicated, full-time employees. This will be the third time that the farm has hosted Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm.

Kohls Dairy prides itself on being stewards of the 1,300 acres of land they manage. Herd health, with a focus on optimum cow comfort and nutrition, is top priority. Cows relax on waterbeds, walk on rubber floors, and spend their days in climate-controlled conditions. Their new barn, built in 2022, features the latest in cattle-housing technology. The energy-efficient barn is regulated by four thermostats that will control the automatic curtains, fans, and water sprinklers.

The Kohls primarily raise Holsteins with a few Brown Swiss mixed in. They are currently milking 500 cows three times a day in a double 12 parallel parlor. All cows are given an Allflex Electric Identification Ear Tag to monitor the herd. The ear tag watches each cow 24/7, and reports changes instantly ranging from reproduction, health, and nutrition.

Curt Kohls wants visitors to see what really happens on a Wisconsin dairy farm and what it takes to get milk onto their tables. He hopes that visitors will learn at least one new positive thing about the dairy industry that day.

Local residents and visitors to the area will have the opportunity to view much of the dairy's operation on



Kohls Dairy is a consumer member of Oconto Electric Cooperative. Photo credit: Photography by Karen

Sunday, June 11. A sunrise Catholic Mass will be held at 7 a.m. and breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Entertainment will be available for all ages, including live music, a petting zoo, children's games and activities, and much more.

Oconto County is home to more than 929 farms, with an average size of about 160 acres. Of those farms, 154 are dairy farms. The county ranks 26th in the state and among the top 100 U.S. counties in the value of dairy production. Oconto County farmers own and manage 189,389 acres (30 percent) of land in the county.

## Sunday, June 11 — Rain or Shine!

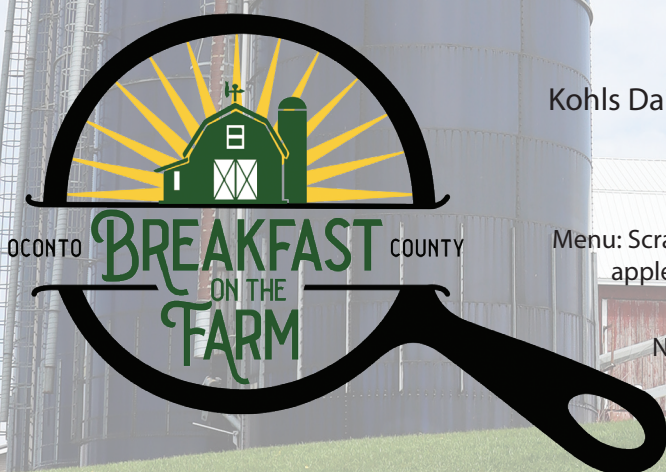
Kohls Dairy Farm LLC — 6214 Klaus Lake Rd, Gillett, WI 54124

Catholic Mass: 7 a.m.

Breakfast served: 8 a.m.–1 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, Kelly Lake Kwik Stop, Pat's Market in Gillett)



### Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm

Sunday, June 25, 2023

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

Host Farm: Van De Walle Farm

Address: W8303 W 22nd Road, Crivitz, WI

### Shawano County Brunch on the Farm

Sunday, June 25, 2023

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

Host Farm: Synergy Family Dairy

Address: W2285 County Road S, Pulaski, WI



# June is National Dairy Month!

*Thank you dairy farmers.*

Stop in at OEC's office  
June 19-23  
for a free ice cream treat!



Employee Charity  
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## HELP SUPPORT OUR 2023 EMPLOYEE CHARITIES

### Basket Raffle: June 19-30 in the OEC Lobby



Watch our Facebook page  
for basket details.  
We have a great assortment of  
family-friendly baskets.

Proceeds benefit:  
Oconto County Youth Fair, Oconto River Kids,  
Oconto Falls Youth Baseball & Softball

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. (162301) Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

Source:  
Dept. of  
Energy





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

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



L to R: Dan Ruid, tree trimmer, and Cal Kilmer, lead tree trimmer.

## Autism Acceptance Month

**A**pril is Autism Acceptance Month. Nine years ago, a similar picture was arranged by two teachers at Oconto Falls Elementary School. At the time, the symbol for Autism Awareness was a puzzle piece awareness ribbon.

In recent years, a new symbol has emerged within the community and movement toward acceptance—a rainbow-colored infinity symbol.

All students and staff were asked to be part of the group photo. Each grade level was assigned a color to wear for the photo. Approximately 558 staff and students were in the photo.

4K, office staff, title staff, ENCORE teachers and therapists wore purple. 5K – orange. 1st grade – red. 2nd grade – light blue. 3rd grade – yellow. 4th grade – green. 5th grade – dark blue. (1142900)



OEC Lineman Ron Friedman takes Mike Kallies from MK Photography up in the bucket to take the photo.

## Congratulations

The Shawano Optimist celebrated law enforcement in Shawano County by bestowing the honor of Officer of the Year to a deserving member of the Shawano Police Department. The mission of the Optimist organization is the betterment of youth in our community. Please congratulate Officer Brandy Hoffman (daughter of our line superintendent Jack Parady) who has been selected as the 2023 Optimist Officer of the Year.

## 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 William and Melody Dolan, Abrams, and Ryan and Aimee Wise, Little Suamico.

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