

CONGRATULATIONS

to our 2015 Scholarship Winners



Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship from Oakdale Electric Cooperative. Winners were selected based on their essays on the topic of “Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World” following their attendance at the Youth Leadership Congress in UW–River Falls in 2014. Scholarships are funded directly through the Federated Youth Foundation by unclaimed capital credits. ■



JORDAN BROWN

*Reedsburg Area High School
Jim and Kristi Brown
Ferris State
Professional Golf Management*



DAMON GNEWIKOW

*Tomah High School
Michael and Tonya Gnewikow
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Physical Therapy*



MCKENZIE HORZEWSKI

*Reedsburg Area High School
Tami and David Horzewski
UW–Madison
Biology/Pre-Med*



LOGAN LARSEN

*Tomah High School
Jeff and Lori Larsen
UW–Milwaukee
Chemistry/Pre-Dentistry*



EMILY NELSON

*Royall High School
Brian and Jodeen Nelson
UW–Oshkosh
Business*



ADDISON SCHEEL

*Pittsville High School
Toni and Robert Scheel
Chippewa Valley Technical College
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Associate*



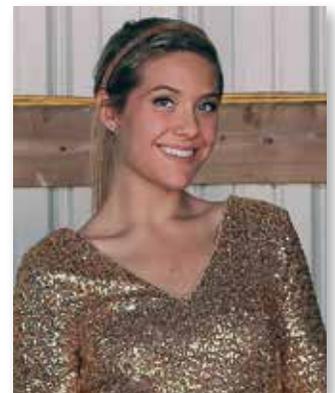
JUSTIN SHIE

*Tomah High School
Scott and Sue Shie
UW–Milwaukee
Biology/Pre-Med*



MCKENZIE SKOLOS

*Royall High School
Rich and Mary Skolos
Viterbo University
Nursing*



EMILY SOLINSKI

*New Lisbon High School
Joe and Cindy Solinski
Madison College
Liberal Arts*



EMMA BUNKER
*New Lisbon High School
Todd and Kristie Bunker
UW-La Crosse
Business & Marketing*



TIFFANY CHALLONER
*Necedah High School
Phillip and Diane Challoner
Winona State University
Elementary Education*



TRISTAN GARDNER
*Pittsville High School
Tom and Janeen Gardner
UW-Madison
Food Science*



EMILY GREENWOOD
*Reedsburg Area High School
Mark and Lisa Greenwood
UW-Whitewater
Accounting*



OLIVIA NOKOVIC
*Necedah High School
John and Sharon Nokovic
UW-Stout
Mortuary Science*



DANA OSTHOFF
*Mauston High School
Dawn and Richard Osthoff
Edgewood College
Accounting*



TRENTON PASCH
*Royall High School
Shelly Lunde and Jerod Pasch
UW-La Crosse/UW-Madison
Mathematics and Engineering*



KYLIE RUETTEN
*Wonewoc High School
Jim Kast and Bridget Ruetten
UW-Baraboo
Criminal Science*



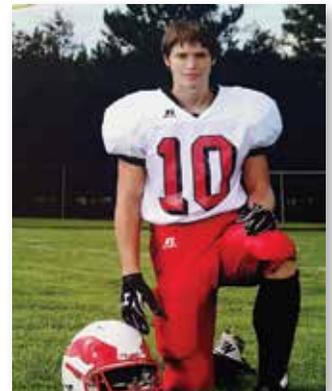
MAKALA TESKE
*Mauston High School
Don Teske and Maryanne
Marose
UW-Stout/Viterbo Education*



ALLYSSA WEITKUM
*Mauston High School
Chris Weitkum
Western Technical College/
Blackhawk Technical*



LAUREN WOGGON
*New Lisbon High School
Tim and Chris Woggon
Western Technical College
English Education*



DAKOTA ZINGRAF
*Necedah High School
Jerry and Naomi Zingraf
Western Technical College-La Crosse
Welding*

Take a Vacation from High Power Bills

Soaring temperatures and sultry summer nights can cause electric bills to skyrocket. This summer, take a vacation from high electric bills by making your home—and your family’s habits—more energy efficient.

Beat the Heat

Air conditioning helps most Americans beat the sweltering summer heat. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), air conditioning accounts for as much as 50 percent of the average household electric bill. Proper maintenance and smart use of your home’s cooling system will help keep your electric bill in check.

First, make sure your air conditioner’s external unit is clean and free of debris. Clear away dead leaves or overgrown plants and weeds to enable the unit to perform as it should.

Second, change all of the air filters inside your home quarterly, or more often in homes with allergy sufferers or smokers. Fresh filters not only reduce the strain on your cooling system, but improve the air quality in your home.

Third, the DOE recommends that you set your home’s thermostat as high as possible, while still maintaining a comfortable environment for your family.

Bumping the thermostat up at least two degrees can make a noticeable difference on your power bill. Investing in a programmable thermostat can lead to even greater savings by automatically adjusting it so that the cooling system runs more often when you are at home and less often when you are away.

Made in the Shade

Windows are not only great sources of natural light in your home, but also great sources of heat during the summer. Curtains, blinds, and shades are some of the most cost-effective ways to make your windows and home more energy efficient. These window coverings offer low-cost, stylish solutions to shield the sun’s rays and keep the interior of your home cool and comfortable. Proper weather stripping and caulking around window panes and casings will also improve the function of your windows by keeping the cool air in and the hot air out. Solar film applied to your home’s existing windows will further repel the summer heat.

Daily Grind

Today’s appliances are more energy efficient than ever, performing better and using less electricity than

they did in the past. But despite their functionality and efficiency, most major household appliances give off heat when in use. During peak daytime temperatures, the residual heat from appliances can put an unnecessary strain on your home’s cooling system and send your power bill soaring. Cooler temperatures in the early morning or late evening make these ideal times for running the dishwasher or washing and drying clothes. When possible, turn off your dishwasher’s dryer cycle. This prevents even more residual heat from warming your home and saves on your power bill. Washing your clothes in cold water and hanging them out to dry are also great strides in reducing your household energy consumption.

As summer heats up, call on Oakdale Electric Cooperative for more ways to lower your power bill. Also, visit TogetherWeSave.com to find out how little changes can add up to big savings.—Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, EnergySavers.gov, TogetherWeSave.com ■



**What would you do
with an extra \$50?**

Members signing up for paperless statements between April 1 and May 31, 2015, were entered into a drawing to win one of two \$50 bill credits.

The winner of April’s paperless billing statement drawing was **CAROL BERNHARDT**.

Here's a Way to Control Your Costs!

Apply for the Central Air Unit Credit

The central air conditioner at your home may be shut off during peak periods of electrical demand via a radio signal emitted from Dairyland Power Cooperative in La Crosse. During those peak periods, your air conditioner may be cycled, 15 minutes on – 15 minutes off, in an effort to lower electrical demand.



The load management equipment installed is not a time clock and control does not occur on a daily basis—only during peak demand periods.

- There is no charge for the load management hardware.
- A \$8 credit will be applied during the months of June, July, and August.
- The credit begins after the load management equipment is installed. Oakdale Electric Cooperative guarantees installation within 90 days.

Availability

Available under established rules and regulations for service to central air conditioners of cooperative members subject to the following:

- The air conditioner must be a central system and not a window unit, wall unit, or mini-split system.
- Usage pattern must be such that the load can be cycled, 15 minutes on – 15 minutes off, during peak demand periods.
- Cooperative personnel will be given access to the load management equipment for maintenance and inspection purposes.
- A monthly credit will be paid during the billing months of June, July, and August, when energy usage is 400 kWhs or higher.
- Necessary load management equipment will be installed and maintained by a representative of the cooperative. ■

LED Area Lights Shining Green

Out with the well-known high pressure sodium (HPS) area lights, in with the new light-emitting diode (LED) area lights. Oakdale Electric will no longer be offering, nor servicing, HPS area lights. For any new work order requesting an area light, an LED light will be installed. If an HPS area light needs to be serviced, it will be replaced with an LED area light.



The installation of LED area lights will save the cooperative in area light repairs and labor costs. Due to the increased life expectancy of the LED bulbs, it is anticipated the service calls to the cooperative will decrease. In addition, LED area lights are expected to use less energy than the HPS bulbs.

If you have any questions regarding the LED area lights, please contact Oakdale Electric Cooperative. ■

HPS vs. LED Area Light Comparison

HPS	LED
100 watt bulb	57 watt bulb
3 to 4 year life expectancy on bulb	20 to 22 years life expectancy on bulb
Not rodent proof	Sealed – Rodent proof
Yellow light	White light



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