

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 19**  
7:30 – 11 a.m.

Hwy. PP, just north of Interstate 90/94

# MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

*So much fun, you're never  
going to want to Lego!*

## For All:

- Breakfast by Tomah Lions Club
- Co-op Educational Tables
- Flu Shots
- Gift Bags
- Oakdale Credit Union
- Operation Round Up®
- Photo Booth
- Popcorn
- Prizes
- Touchstone Energy®

## For Kids:

- Bounce Houses
- Jumbo Legos
- Balloon Artists
- Craft Time Studios
- Face Painting
- Giant Games



## CHECK OUT OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!

When visiting the co-op this fall for Member Appreciation Day, check out the newest addition by the front entrance—a Little Free Library! This take-a-book, share-a-book free book exchange provides access to books for readers of all ages. Access to books is essential,

especially for children, to help improve their reading achievement.

Oakdale Electric Cooperative is proud to provide the first, and only, registered Little Free Library in the Oakdale vicinity. Take a book or share a book when you visit on October 19, or earlier!



# FARMERS MARKETS ARE MY FAMILY'S JAM!

**S**hopping in one place to purchase fresh, seasonal products directly from the hands of the producers is my jam. I can think of no sweeter way to start the day than with a morning trip to the market to fill up on farm-fresh products for the week. Making this experience even more delightful is the time spent with my family. My boys are developing a healthy appetite for supporting our local farmers at the market, and I'm hand selecting five fresh lessons for them along the way.

**Meet the People.** There is no better way to help children better understand where their food comes from than by meeting the people who produced it. And you only need to look as far as behind the booth at a farmers market to do just that! Encourage your kids to engage in

the art of conversation, a necessary life skill, by asking questions, making eye contact, and actively listening. Farmers are proud of what they sell and love to share their knowledge.

**Fresh is Best.** Vibrant red radishes, crisp Swiss chard, vine-ripened tomatoes, and free-range eggs. Food tastes better from a farmers market because it's sold at the peak of the growing season. Plus, a short commute from farm to market, shortly after being picked, ensures foods keep their delicious flavors and dense nutrients. Your kids will be able to taste the difference, as fresh, and local, is always best.

**Taste Testing Approved.** The "look but please don't touch" rule doesn't apply at farmers markets. Touching

and tasting are allowed, assuming permission is granted. Many times samples are offered at booths, but don't be afraid to politely ask for one if it's not. Most farmers will be tickled green to have a youth ask for a taste test of the fruits, and vegetables, of their labor.

**Try Something New.** Picky eaters beware! Kids are more likely to try something new, even green, when they are included in making food shopping choices. Farmers Markets are the ideal place to diversify palates because booths are piled high with bright, colorful, fresh produce, appealing to both young eyes and tummies. Allow kids to pick out new fruits and/or vegetables, and be amazed when they take a bite out of something new.

**Let's Get Cooking.** Children of all ages love to help in the kitchen. Work as a team to prepare a farm market-to-table meal using gathered produce by assigning age-appropriate tasks to all helpers. Cooking helps develop fine motor abilities and hand/eye coordination, improves math and reading skills, and builds strong family relationships. Although the process may require extra clean-up and patience, the benefits outweigh the mess.

There's no doubt about it, Farmers Markets are definitely my jam, and my kids' as well. Their preference is homemade strawberry jam topped on a toasted English muffin!

Celebrate National Farmers Market Week with your kids, August 4–10, by visiting a local market in the Oakdale Electric service territory to purchase fresh, locally grown vegetables, fruits, flowers, meats, and other specialty items.  
—Deana Protz



**ELROY'S FARMERS MARKET**

April – October  
 Wednesday 3 – 7 p.m.  
 202 Main St.

**LA VALLE FARMERS MARKET AND FLEA MARKET**

May – October  
 Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Hartje's Travel Center, Market & Hardware |  
 S1428A State Road 33

**MAUSTON FARMERS MARKET**

May – October  
 Saturday 7 a.m. – sold | Tuesday 2 – 6 p.m.  
 Juneau County Courthouse

**NECEDAH FARMERS MARKET**

July – October  
 Saturday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
 Village Parking Lot at Fire Station

**NEW LISBON FARMERS MARKET**

May – October  
 Sunday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Thursday 2 – 6 p.m.  
 Heritage Park

**PITTSVILLE FARMERS MARKET**

July – October  
 Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Baum's Mercantile Parking Lot | 5307 2nd Ave.

**Reedsburg**

**REEDSBURG CITY PARK MARKET**

May – October  
 Monday & Thursday 12 – 5 p.m.  
 222 N Park St.

**PARK PLAZA MARKET**

May – October  
 Monday & Thursday 12 – 5 p.m.  
 1355 E Main St.

**CONCERT IN THE PARK MARKET**

June – August 14  
 Wednesday 6 – 8 p.m.  
 City Park | 222 N Park St.

**REEDSBURG AREA MEDICAL CENTER FARMERS MARKET**

May – October  
 Friday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
 2000 N Dewey Ave.

**SPARTA WISCONSIN FARMERS MARKET**

May – October  
 Saturday 8 – 12 p.m. | Wednesday 3 – 6 p.m.  
 Mueller Square | North Water St

**TOMAH FARMERS MARKET**

May - October  
 Wednesday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Saturday 6 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Gillett Park | E. Holton St.



MY CO-OP



# CAN YOU HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE?

The following are former members who have capital credit checks that were not cashed. If you know the current address of someone listed here, or of a relative or benefactor who may have rightful claim to the capital credits if the former member is deceased, please contact us at 608-372-4131 or info@oakdalerec.com. Any unclaimed checks will revert to the Wisconsin Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. a charitable tax-exempt trust established by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association for educational purposes.

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