

OEC ANNUAL MEETING

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Oakdale Electric
Cooperative

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Chris Tackmann
General Manager/CEO

When? Where? How? These questions have been extensively discussed by your Oakdale Electric Cooperative board of directors and management team concerning the planning of the annual meeting. Even as more vaccines are available, and CDC and governmental guidelines for events and gatherings are loosening, providing a safe environment remains our top priority. Please continue reading to learn more about the upcoming event and the safety plans in place.

WHEN: The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on June 17, 2021. Registration opens at 4 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 5 p.m.

WHERE: The garage at Oakdale Electric Cooperative's headquarters [489 N. Oakwood St, Tomah, WI] will once again be the site location for the annual meeting. By utilizing the garage, we're able to open the service doors to increase the circulation of outdoor air. The seating layout will follow social distancing guidelines, and allow members in attendance to remain at least 6 feet apart. If come June 17 additional safety measures are needed, we will work with local health officials and adjust plans accordingly.

HOW: Similar to last year, our 86th Annual Meeting will be streamlined. While in-person annual meetings are legally permissible, Oakdale Electric Cooperative has the utmost concern for the health and safety of our employees, directors, members, and community as a whole. To limit the total amount of time we're gathered together, in the event there are members not able to be fully vaccinated, only essential business will be addressed. This means there will not be formal presentations from the co-op's directors, or myself, regarding the operations this past year. There will, however, be bylaw amendments for members in attendance to vote on.

For more information on future plans for the cooperative in terms of construction, electric vehicles, rates, and renewables, please continue to read the upcoming local pages in the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*. I also encourage you to follow us on our social media channels, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, to learn more about current co-op activities.

VOTING: Oakdale Electric Cooperative board of directors authorized mail-in voting again for this year's director election. Ballots will be arriving by mail in late May. Completed ballots can be returned by mail, or placed in the drop box at the cooperative. **Members attending the annual meeting are able to vote in-person.** A separate voting ballot will be provided at the annual meeting on June 17, 2021.

ANNUAL REPORT: There will be a different delivery method for this year's annual report. In years prior, the report was a separate mailing; however, to save on costs, this year the annual report will be printed in the June *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*. Watch for its delivery in early June to review director reports, the cooperative financials, picture highlights, and more.



It is my sincere hope and wish that life for all of us will be back to normal soon and we can meet in person at next year's annual meeting with a more traditional agenda.

To make this annual meeting look a little more familiar, all members in attendance will receive a door prize upon registering, and will be provided a to-go Jimmy John's box meal [sandwich, chips, pickle, and cookie] following the business meeting.

We appreciate your participation in this year's annual meeting and cooperation in ensuring a safe and productive meeting. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact our office Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 608-372-4131 or email info@oakdalerec.com.

MY CO-OP

Policy Updates

- 6.01 Line Extension Policy, Single Phase – Updated
- 6.02 Line Extension Policy, Three Phase – Updated
- 6.03 Line Extension Policy, Large Three Phase (51 – 300 kW) – Rescinded



Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients

Each of these students received either a \$1,500, \$1,250, or \$1,000 scholarship from Oakdale Electric Cooperative. Winners were selected based on their essays.

Since 1988, Oakdale Electric Cooperative has awarded over \$471,250 in scholarships. The scholarship program does not affect electric rates; it is funded with unclaimed capital credits.

Visit oakdalerec.com for information on the 2021-2022 scholarship program.



NATHAN AMERMAN
Mauston High School
Parents: Kimberly and
Richard Amerman
Concordia Univeristy
Actuarial Science



SABRINA BAUMGART
New Lisbon High School
Parents: Wendy and
Ron Baumgart
Ripon College
Chemistry



MEGAN FROH
New Lisbon High School
Parents: Jennifer and
Mike Froh
UW-Stevens Point
Education



CIERA HENDRICKSON
New Lisbon High School
Parents: Donna and
Terry Hendrickson
UW-La Crosse
Psychology



WILLIAM KORBEIN
New Lisbon High School
Parents: Michaelae and
Keith Korbein
Southwest Wisconsin
Technical College
Electromechanical Engineering



ERICA LEWERENZ
Royall High School
Parents: Sheryl and
Todd Lewerenz
North Dakota State University
Psychology and Equine Studies



BAYLEE JUDD
Reedsburg Area High School
Parents: Karen and Jamie Judd
MATC-Reedsburg
Vet Technician



WESTON BOETTCHER
Tomah High School
Parents: Shannon and
Travis Boettcher
Mid-State Technical College
Civil Engineering Technician



KEITH CLARK
Tomah High School
Parents: Michelle and
David Clark
Western Technical College
Agri-Business Science
Technology



KYLIE BROCKMAN

Mauston High School
Parents: Mandy and Mark Brockman
UW-Whitewater
Business



HAILY DUDZINSKI

Mauston High School
Parents: Paris and Larry Dudzinski
University of North Texas
Emergency Administration and Planning



HALEY HEATH

Mauston High School
Parents: Tammy and Luke Heath
UW-Platteville, Baraboo
Zoology



LUKE KATTENBRAKER

Mauston High School
Parents: Jane and Dan Kattenbraker
Arizona State University
Computer Engineering



KRISTA COOK

New Lisbon High School
Parents: Rhonda and Todd Cook
Western Technical College
Nursing



ASHER FIALA

Pittsville High School
Parents: Dana and David Fiala
UW-Stevens Point, Marshfield
Business Management



PAIGE BRITZMAN

Royall High School
Parents: Kathy and David Britzman
Chippewa Valley Technical
College/UW-Eau Claire
Psychology



EMMA GRUEN

Royall High School
Parents: Sarah and Mark Gruen
UW-Eau Claire
Elementary Education/
Special Education



KADE GNEWIKOW

Tomah High School
Parents: Tonya and Michael Gnewikow
Western Technical College
Electromechanical
Technology



KALE GNEWIKOW

Tomah High School
Parents: Tonya and Michael Gnewikow
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Sports Management



EMMA VAN TREESE

Tomah High School
Parents: Tonya and Robert Van Treese
Western Technical College
Nursing



SAMANTHA GEITZ-TAYLOR

Wonewoc-Center
High School
Parent: Jennifer Geitz
UW-Platteville
Psychology



OAKDALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NAMES FIRST SELFLESS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Oakdale Electric Cooperative [OEC] believes in the power of individuals stepping forward and using their talents for the benefit of others. In an effort to thank these outstanding individuals for their selfless service to their community, the co-op is recognizing one nominated individual quarterly for his or her volunteer work with a Selfless Service Award.

Sara Moseley is a staple in the Warrens area. She loves the community where she was born and raised, and still lives and works today. Nine to five, Sara is employed by Ocean Spray, but it's not uncommon to find her working after hours at her brother's family farm stand, Moseley's Roadside Market, or selling their famous sweet corn at the Tomah Farmer's Market.

To most, these jobs alone would be enough to keep them plenty busy. But Sara Moseley is not most people.

Sara has a philanthropic approach to life, and finds great joy in giving back. Close friend Maribeth O'Dell stated, "Sara's parents instilled the value of community kindness in her. For as long as I have known Sara, that passion to give back has never lessened."

The list of Sara's community service endeavors is extensive, as well as inspirational. She is proof that one person can make a positive difference.

For over 30 years, Sara has led Warrens Cranberry Bus Tours during the annual CranFest festivities. She now co-chairs the program, and volunteers over 100 hours

during the year to teach individuals about cranberry growing and the rich history of the Warrens area.

Sara is the current contact for the free Warrens Community Meals. Coordinated by Cranberry Country Lioness, of which she is a member, and Warrens Lions, the groups serve over 200 meals monthly to community members. Recently, an Easter breakfast, complete with a visit from the Easter bunny, was offered.

The Warrens Yak Club, a group of outdoor-loving individuals, was founded by Sara and her friends. Upcoming kayaking and canoeing events around Warrens are shared on their Facebook page, along with Sara's "The Commodore" stunning nature photography, to encourage love of the outdoors. This fun-loving group participates in activities on land, too, including local parades and community fundraisers.

The annual Warrens Memorial Day service at the Warrens Mills Cemetery is yet another event Sara has taken under her wing to organize for the community.

Sara helps keep the love of reading alive by "stuffing and hauling books" for the Warrens Little Free Libraries.

Maribeth stated, "Sara is always thinking of new ways to improve our community, and recruit others to help with her endeavors." Last May, she recruited a group of community members to help deliver 515 hand-potted flower arrangements to 13 elderly care facilities. Local elementary students assisted by



creating handmade cards to accompany each plant. "Another clever idea included the Warrens Red Neck Christmas Tree Contest to encourage family and outdoor activities in the midst of COVID this year," explained her lifelong friend. "Sara has the ability to bring together people from all different walks of life to give back for the greater good. She is truly a special person."

Actively participating and showing support for community non-profits and organizations is another essential in Sara's life. This includes, but is not limited to, Wine into Water, to benefit clean water and food in Uganda; Team Tomah, an organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer; The Boys and Girls Club; Future Farmers of America [FFA]; The Tomah Tractor Pull; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

General Manager & CEO Chris Tackmann stated, "Sara Moseley embodies the spirit of community service. You can't help but be inspired by her generosity, warmth, and her can-do positive attitude. Oakdale Electric Cooperative is honored to recognize Sara Moseley as our very first Selfless Service Award recipient."

Do you know an individual who engages in community volunteerism that benefits and improves quality of life within the communities served by OEC? Nominate them for a Selfless Service Award by June 15. The nomination form is available by clicking on oakdalerec.com/selfless-service-award, or a form can be requested by calling Oakdale Electric Cooperative at 608-372-4131 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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