



WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Chris Tackmann, General Manager & CEO



Oakdale Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Years ago, neighbors came together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. In doing so, Oakdale Electric Cooperative (OEC) helped the community thrive.

Today, we are continuing to power the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today's energy landscape and consumer expectations are far different than they were decades ago. That's why we are constantly evolving, to keep pace with changing technology, changing member needs, and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy partner means we want to help you save energy and provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics. For example, if you are looking for ways to save energy, check out www.oakdalerec.coop for energy-saving tips and ideas to increase the energy efficiency of your home. Consider scheduling a free energy audit with one of our energy experts to identify ways you can save energy at home.

If you are considering a solar installation, our energy services department would be happy to give you an unbiased view of the pros and cons. Investing in a solar system is a major decision, and it's important to fully understand the costs, responsibilities, and potential energy savings. Unlike a solar company that has one objective—to sell their products

and services—we will look at the total energy picture and help you determine the best options for your home. We understand that homeowners must undertake their due diligence, and we are here to help you through that process.

In a similar vein, we recognize that members are considering electric vehicles (EV). OEC provides

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information about EV charging and electrical requirements to our members so you can make informed decisions about EVs. We can provide a candid assessment of residential and business charging requirements for all types of EVs. Later this summer, OEC will

also offer ways to save on EV charging. No matter what our members drive, we want to help you achieve energy savings.

Service is deeply ingrained into who we are. We continue to evolve with the times, and in return, we have found additional ways to work with you and provide more options to power your life.

We are here whenever you need us. Connect with us online, in person, through SmartHub, or our social media channels.



Breaking Ground

Construction began for the two new solar gardens off US Highway 12 and 16, near New Lisbon and Mauston. The two projects combined will have 10,010 solar panels. Including the SunnyOak solar garden by Necedah, the three gardens will power approximately 856 homes annually.

Oakdale Electric Cooperative is installing a level two (2) electric vehicle (EV) charger on the northside of the office parking lot. This charger will be able to charge two vehicles simultaneously and will be open to the public.

MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

“Life in Rural Wisconsin”

Oakdale Electric Cooperative (OEC) is bringing back the photo contest for members' photos to be featured in our 2024 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications. Contest runs until September 1, 2023.

\$25 bill credit to photo winners & \$50 bill credit to cover winner!

Photo Contest Criteria:

- Photos must be taken within OEC's service area.
- Photos should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, power lines, people, etc.).
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Only high-resolution photos can be used. Photos must be at least 300 dpi.

Photo Contest Rules and Details:

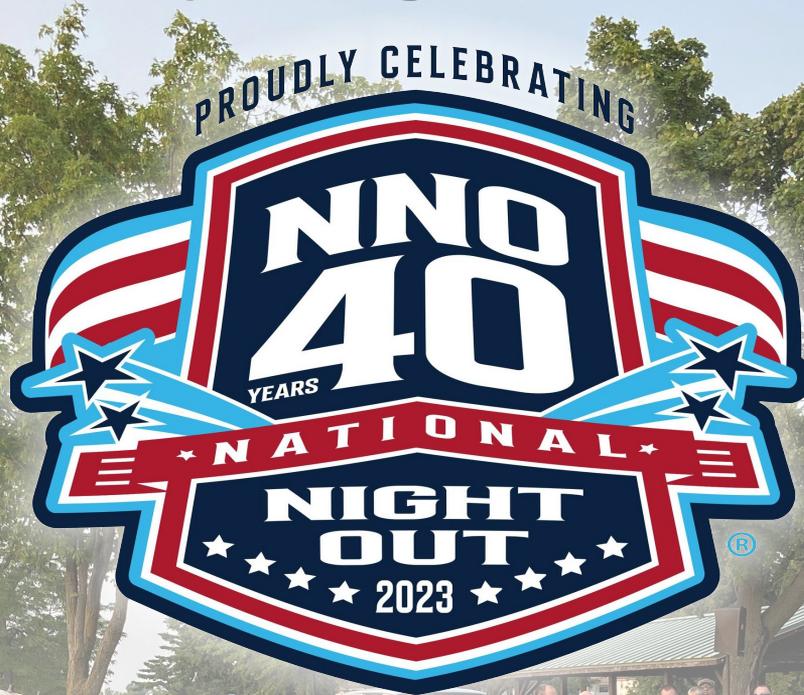
- Contest will run from July 1, 2023, until September 1, 2023; however, submitted photos can be taken outside of this date range.
- Three (3) photos per member will be accepted.
- All OEC members 18 years old and over are eligible to submit photos.
- An OEC member under the age of 18 years old is eligible to participate, but must submit a parent/guardian form with entry.
- A completed entry form must accompany each photo.
- Member must own rights to photo.
- OEC employees will determine the winning photos.

Photo Contest Entry Options:

- Upload using the Photo Contest Entry Form, found on www.oakdalerec.coop, under the Member Benefits tab.
- Mail to P.O. Box 40, Oakdale, WI, 54649. (photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size and at least 300 dpi)
- Drop off at Oakdale Electric Cooperative Office – 489 N Oakwood St., Tomah. (photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size, and at least 300 dpi)



Tuesday, August 1, 2023

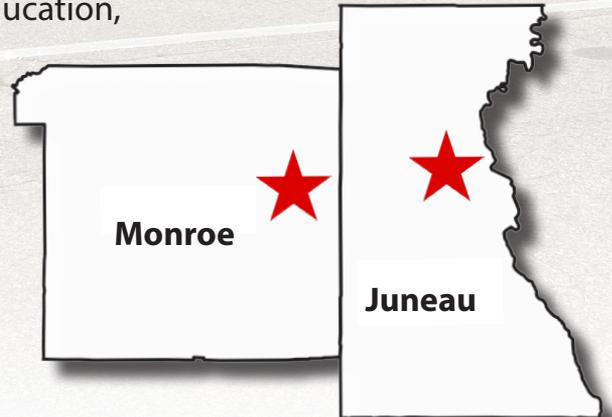


National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police, community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie through education, exhibits and more.

Join Oakdale Electric Cooperative **Tuesday, August 1,** at one of the following closest to you.

Monroe County
Tomah Recreation Park
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Juneau County
Necedah Lions Park
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.



NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Cody Lenz
Journeyman Line Worker



Triston Riedesel
IT Intern



Vern Stayton
Chief Mechanic

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- > Log in to SmartHub
- > Click Billing & Payments
- > Choose Auto Pay Program



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Grill up some Energy Savings!

To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen or the backyard.

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Toll-free Online Bill Payment 833-526-0293

Diggers Hotline: For underground cable locates and power line clearance information, call 800-242-8511.