

BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY



To show our appreciation for our members, Oakdale Electric Cooperative is holding the second annual Co-op Comes to You II contest in honor of Cooperative Month. This year 200 bushel baskets are being given away for both youth and adults who enter the contest. Learn more on pages 17–18.

Pictured: Members Lois and Arden Eberhardt from Kendall won a giveaway from last year's Co-op Comes to You contest.

Arden remembers when our farm was electrified back in the early 1940s. He flipped a switch and there was light—it was magic! Our service has now been converted to underground. We had fun watching the linemen use the machinery to plow the wire in the ground, and underneath our driveways. Those fellas give so much of their time to make everyone happy, that is for sure, including us!

All of the cooperative employees, including the board of directors, do a terrific job. We'd like to give them all a pat on the back! Oakdale Electric Cooperative's support of youth, through educational scholarships, and our communities is just fantastic! We are proud members of Oakdale Electric Cooperative.—Lois Eberhardt

October is National Co-op Month

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween, and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason—it's National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Oakdale Electric Cooperative, celebrate who we are and more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different from other types of businesses. When the market declines to offer a product or service, or does so at a very high price, co-ops often intervene to fill the need. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to you. Equally important is our vision to enhance the quality of life for our members, while exceeding member expectations.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Oakdale Electric Cooperative's leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

We know our members have a valuable perspective. That's why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels, the annual meeting, or member surveys, we want to hear from you.

Our close connection to the community ensures we get a firsthand perspective on local priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as potential high-speed broadband, solar programs, equipment and technology upgrades, and electric vehicle programs.

We hope you will think of Oakdale Electric Cooperative as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you—because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.

—Chris Tackmann, General Manager/CEO

ENTER THE CO-OP COMES TO YOU II CONTEST



Oakdale Electric Co-op is coming to you again this October in celebration of Cooperative Month!

“We had such great feedback from last year’s *Co-op Comes To You* contest, our board of directors unanimously agreed to bring it back. To make a bigger impact, more prizes are being awarded this year to show our appreciation for our members,” stated organizer Deana Protz.

Oakdale Electric will draw names to give away 200 bushel baskets filled with local items, along with co-op promotional items, to active members who enter the contest. New this year, kids to get in on the fun, with 100 of the baskets designated for youth members.

We really do come to you! A representative from Oakdale Electric Cooperative will drop off the baskets to each winning member during the week of October 25.

ADULT ENTRY FORM

CO-OP COMES TO YOU II CONTEST

Name

Account No.

Phone No.

Service address


Return to Oakdale Electric Cooperative,
489 N. Oakwood St., Oakdale, WI.


Must be fully completed to be eligible.





HOW TO ENTER:

Choose one of the following options. Members must provide their name, phone number, account number, and service address to enter.

 Visit www.oakdalerec.com/co-op-comes-to-you and complete the correct form, **ADULT** or **CHILD**.

 Call 800-241-2468 during the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

 Mail: PO Box 40, Oakdale, WI 54649.

 Drop off the completed entry form at the co-op administrative building, 489 N. Oakwood St., Tomah, 54660, or place in the 24-hour secure drop box.

CONTEST RULES:

Adult: ONE entry per account number.

Employees, directors, as well as immediate family of Oakdale Electric Cooperative, are not eligible.

Youth: ONE entry per child.

Child must be under 18 years of age to be eligible. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of child(ren) entered must be an active member of Oakdale Electric Cooperative and must submit the child entry form.

DETAILS:

The Co-op Comes to You II contest begins September 15, 2021 at 12 a.m. and ends on October 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Names will be randomly drawn on October 22 at 9 a.m., and those winning members will be notified by phone that same day. Bushel baskets will be delivered October 25 – October 29, between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. If available, a picture will be taken of each winner. By entering the contest, member agrees to the rules and details.



YOUTH ENTRY FORM

CO-OP COMES TO YOU II CONTEST

Youth Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

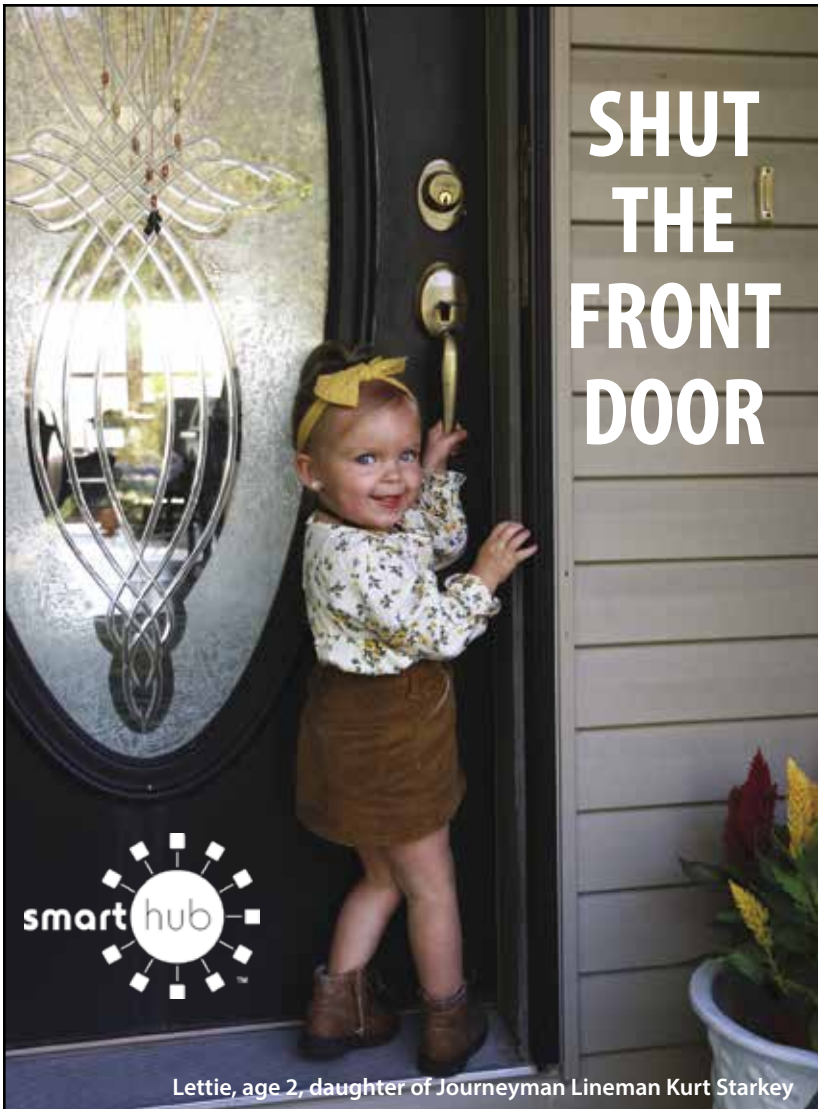
Account No. _____

Service address _____

Phone No. _____

*Return to Oakdale Electric Cooperative,
489 N. Oakwood St., Oakdale, WI.*

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Lettie, age 2, daughter of Journeyman Lineman Kurt Starkey

Old, uninsulated, and improperly installed exterior doors can waste energy and money. Shut the door on wasted energy by weather stripping and sealing all exterior doors. If you have an old exterior door, consider replacing it with a newer, energy efficient model.

Find more energy savings tips by logging into SmartHub's My Usage. Members have access to tools that analyze past and present usage, as well as plan and conserve in the future. Learn more by visiting <https://oakdalerec.smarthub.coop>

Board approves recent policy updates

#6.01 Line Extension Policy Single Phase [revised]

#6.02 Line Extension Policy Three Phase [revised]

"In order to ensure that an underground service may be completed before winter conditions arrive, all necessary paperwork and any amounts due as discussed in Section 5 Construction Requirements must be received at the Cooperative by November 1st. The Cooperative will continue to install underground services as weather and conditions permit after November 1st until the Cooperative decides to end the underground season. If a member has turned in the proper and complete paperwork and amounts due before November 1st but due to weather conditions the underground service cannot be completed, the Cooperative will waive the \$300.00 fee for a temporary service as described in Section 3 Temporary Service to facilitate a Permanent Service, or the member may choose to wait until the spring construction season.



For any underground service where the completed paperwork and amounts due is turned in after November 1st, the construction of the service will be placed on a waiting list to be completed after the above described services which may or may not get completed based on the weather conditions. For these services the Cooperative will not waive the temporary service fee."

#7.08 Prepay Billing Program [new]

#7.09 Prepay Billing Disconnections [new]

Chris Tackmann, General Manager/CEO


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24-Hour Emergency Power Restoration: 800-927-6151
Toll-free Online Bill Payment 866-392-4307

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