

## Co-op Program Spotlight:

# Personal Emergency Response Systems

*Meet the employee behind the program!*

Dale Ludeking has installed personal emergency response systems in hundreds of homes for Oakdale Electric Cooperative over the past 17 years. We believe there could not be a more kind-hearted employee to be the face of this program, and Phyllis Miller, Reedsburg, would agree. She fondly referred to Dale as “Mr. Oakdale” the last time he visited her home.

“Dale truly is a one of the nicest, most genuine people I have had the privilege to know and work with,” said Rose Bartholomew, finance manager. “He shows each individual the respect and compassion they deserve, while also ensuring their confidence in operating the pendant.”

“This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly,” Ludeking stated. “Individuals, and their family members, put their trust in me to install the emergency response system correctly to help them stay safe in their homes.”

“As we age, independence and security are two things we begin to appreciate more,” said Ludeking. A monitored personal emergency response system from Oakdale Electric can help individuals and their loved ones achieve both. Access to help in an emergency situation is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the simple push of the pendant alert button. Trained Cooperative Response Center employees respond immediately and send medical assistance if needed.

Installation is easy. The system only requires a regular telephone jack and electric outlet, and Dale handles the set-up during a scheduled appointment. You



Phyllis Miller was the first member to have the new Caretaker Sentry installed at her home.



can count on the cooperative to have a prompt arrival, as well as provide a step-by-step walk-through of the operation and maintenance procedures. If requested, Dale will perform additional pendant tests from different locations in the home to ensure all parties involved feel safe, secure, and confident in the system. Should any questions arise down the road, members can contact the cooperative directly, and Dale will be right back at your home to assist. That is service you and your loved ones can trust in from your local cooperative.

Oakdale Electric now offers the Caretaker Sentry Emergency Response System. This new system features a base station and a water-proof pendant with two-way communication built in, allowing for individuals to speak directly to the Cooperative Response Center through the pendant. The pendant can be worn around an individual's neck, wrist, or can be attached to the waistband of pants. It has a range of up to 600 feet from the base unit, and will work inside or outside of the home. The co-op still services the Mainstreet Messenger, but will install the Caretaker Sentry for new customers. Those individuals currently using the Mainstreet Messenger can trust in the quality of their system, but understand the cooperative will eventually exchange for the Caretaker Sentry as pendants require battery maintenance.

It's important to note that an individual doesn't have to be a member of the cooperative in order to take advantage of this program. We will happily assist individuals in our local area in need of this additional safety service in their homes.

For more information, including pricing, about how the Caretaker Sentry and the Cooperative Response Center emergency system can benefit you or a loved one, simply call Oakdale Electric Cooperative at 608-372-4131 or email [info@oakdalerec.com](mailto:info@oakdalerec.com).



# Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship Recipients

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 Principles in Action” following their attendance at the Youth Leadership Congress in UW–River Falls in 2016.

Oakdale Electric’s scholarship program does not affect electric rates; it is funded with unclaimed capital credits that otherwise would be forfeited to the state.



**Dayonna Bolton**  
Mauston High School  
Brad and Suzanna Bolton  
Viterbo University, Elementary Education



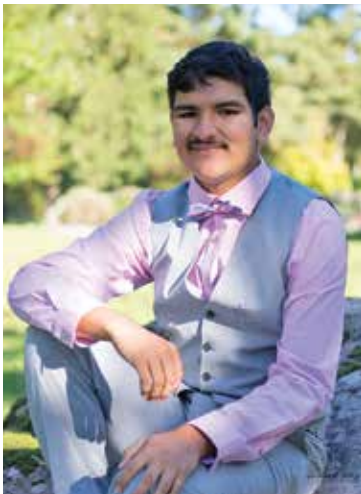
**Samantha Gellerup**  
Nekoosa High School  
Paul and Robyn Gellerup  
UW–Eau Claire, Undecided



**Hunter Crispell**  
Necedah Area High School  
Keith and Michele Crispell  
UW–La Crosse, Economics



**Elijah Harris**  
Pittsville High School  
Roger and Kathleen Harris  
UW–Platteville, Civil Engineering



**Jorge Ontiveros**  
Nekoosa High School  
Jorge and Marcelina Ontiveros  
UW–Eau Claire, Business



**Jarrett Parr**  
Tomah High School  
Tracy Parr and Tracy Pierce  
UW–Madison, Finance



**Jessica Patton**  
Mauston High School  
Dan and Karen Patton  
Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota,  
Business: Finance & Management



**Carson Laridaen**

Mauston High School  
 Dave and Denise Laridaen  
 UW–Stout, Mechanical Engineering



**Kade Lancour**

Nekoosa High School  
 Bill and Lisa Lancour  
 Ripon College, Sports Management



**Marissa Miller**

Reedsburg Area High School  
 Mike and Dawn Miller  
 UW–Stevens Point, Special Education



**Emma Herek**

Royall High School  
 Lee and Melissa Herek  
 Winona State University, Nursing



**Jenna Jereb**

Tomah High School  
 Amy and Jeffrey Jereb  
 Macalaster College, Anthropology



**Dalton Staller**

Necedah Area High School  
 Douglas and Marjorie Staller  
 Midland University – Fremont, NE  
 Human Performance, Emphasis Exercise Science



**Brittany Steele**

New Lisbon High School  
 Mike and Tasha Steele  
 Winona State University, Nursing



**Erica Stott**

Tomah High School  
 Paul and Debra Stott  
 University of St. Thomas, Neuroscience  
 with Pre-Chiropractic Focus



## CAREERS ON WHEELS at Necedah School District

Oakdale Electric Cooperative participated in Necedah School District's first-time event, Careers on Wheels & Wings, on May 3. Over 500 students had hands-on learning experience with different careers involving "Wheels & Wings" while learning what each provides for our community and surrounding areas. Other participating organizations included the Camp Douglas EMT, Necedah Wildlife and Refuge, Wisconsin DNR, Lynxx, Zeman Excavating, Necedah Police and Fire Departments, Volk Field Air National Guard, Juneau County Highway Department, and Spirit Medivac.

This event brought knowledge and awareness to the many careers and occupations in Necedah and surrounding areas!



# WATERFEST WEEKEND

## in the Castle Rock Lake area

## August 4 – 6, 2017!

One of the biggest weekends of the year  
in the Castle Rock Lake area!

### Friday:

- Family Movie Night  
*Starting at approximately 8:30 p.m. at Castle Rock County Park.*

### Saturday:

- 5 K Walk/Run, Bike Parade, Historic 40et8 Train Rides, Food Vendors, Live Music, Light Your Campsite Contest, Super Hero Visitors, and more!  
*At Castle Rock County Park*
- Venetian Light Boat Parade  
*Departs from O'Dells Bay on Castle Rock Lake at dusk, and ends at Castle Rock County Park.*
- Fireworks  
*Following the Boat Parade, approximately 10 p.m. View from park, shorelines, or your boat!*



For more information, visit <http://www.juneaucounty.com/waterfest-on-castle-rock-lake.html>, or contact the Juneau County Economic Development Corporation at 608-427-2070.


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