



Oakdale Electric
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STORM SAFETY

National Lightning Safety
Awareness Week is June 24–30

We've entered the season of lightning and thunderstorms, which can be dangerous if safety precautions aren't followed. To mark National Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 24–30, we offer these tips for staying safe when lightning strikes:

Outdoor Safety

Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the area in which it is raining and you do not have to see clouds. This means that if you can hear thunder, you're within striking distance, and it is time to take safe shelter. When the storm is over, wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike you see before going back outside.

If you're caught outdoors during a thunderstorm and unable to take shelter in an enclosed building, take the following precautions:

- Try to take shelter in a vehicle with a solid metal roof. Close the windows, and avoid contact with electrical conducting paths—such as the steering wheel, ignition, gear shifter, or radio.
- Do not seek shelter under tall, solitary trees; canopies; small picnic or rain shelters; or in any open-frame vehicles such as jeeps, convertibles, golf carts, tractors, or mowers.
- Avoid water, high ground, or open spaces.
- Do not stand near power, light, or flag poles; machinery; fences; gates; metal bleachers; or even other people. If you are in a group, spread out so that you are at least 20 feet apart.
- If your skin tingles or your hair stands on end, lightning may be about to strike. Squat down low to the ground with your head between your knees making yourself the smallest target possible.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being electrocuted by the victim.

Indoor Safety

The safest place to be during a lightning storm is indoors, but even then steps can be taken to ensure your safety. A direct strike is not necessary for lightning voltage to enter your home through phone lines, electrical wires, cables, and plumbing.

Avoid water, electric appliances, and other objects that could conduct electricity, and use only cordless or cell phones to make emergency calls. Other recommendations include:

- Turn off and unplug appliances before a storm nears—never during. Do not expect a surge protector to save appliances from a lightning strike; unplug it as well.
- Stay away from electrical outlets, appliances, computers, power tools, and TVs. Take off headsets and stop playing video games.
- Turn off your air conditioner to protect the compressor from a power surge and avoid a costly repair job.
- Avoid water and contact with piping—including sinks, baths, and faucets. Do not wash dishes, shower, or bathe during a thunderstorm. Also avoid washers and dryers since they not only connect with the plumbing and electrical systems, but they also contain an electrical path from the outside through the dryer vent.
- Do not lie on the concrete floor of a garage as it likely contains a wire mesh.
- Basements typically are a safe place to go during thunderstorms, but avoid concrete walls that may contain metal rebar.
- Bring your pets inside. Doghouses are not lightning-safe; dogs chained to trees are particularly vulnerable.

Source: SafeElectricity

Congratulations

to our 2018 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 on the topic of "Cooperative Principles in Action" following their attendance at the 2017 Youth Leadership Congress at UW-River Falls.

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.



Nolan Buss
Mauston High School
Dr. Rob & Carrie Buss
UW-Eau Claire, International Business/Spanish



Erich Heath
Mauston High School
Luke & Tammy Heath
UW-Baraboo, Computer Engineering



Tyler Reichel
Necedah High School
Aaron & Sheri Reichel
UW-La Crosse, Education



Kayden Yoss
Necedah High School
Ronald & Linda Yoss
UW-Whitewater, General Management - Economics



Conor O'Donnell
Nekoosa High School
Hugh & Tami O'Donnell
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Dentistry



Allison Colwell
Reedsburg Area High School
Brian & Becky Colwell
UW-Baraboo, Elementary Education & Theater Technical Arts



Cheyenne Grundahl
Reedsburg Area High School
Jeff & Rebecca Grundahl
UW-Baraboo, Meteorology



Ben Horzewski
Reedsburg Area High School
David & Tami Horzewski
UW-La Crosse, Exercise & Sports Science



Logan Judd
Reedsburg Area High School
Jamie & Karen Judd
UW-Baraboo, Computer Science



Nick Murray
Royall High School
Tom & Denise Murray
UW-La Crosse, Education



Zack Trepes
Royall High School
Joseph & Melissa Trepes
UW-Eau Claire, Marketing



Kaylee Hanson
 Brookwood High School
 Gary & Deb Hanson
 Western Technical College, Medical Lab Technology



Preston Shields
 Mauston High School
 Robert & Meagon Shields
 UW-Madison, Engineering



Lea Britzman
 Royall High School
 David & Kathy Britzman
 Marian University, Biology



Tristan Welchin
 Royall High School
 Dana Welchin
 UW-La Crosse, Biololy - Physical Therapy



Brandon Scholl
 Sparta High School
 Jim & Jodi Scholl
 Western Technical College, Automotive Technician



Trey Gnewikow
 Tomah High School
 Mike & Tonya Gnewikow
 Wisconsin Luther College, Exercise & Sports Science



Kim Rhinehart
 Wonewoc-Center High School
 Kurt Rhinehart & Rebecca Towne
 UW-Baraboo, Nursing



Abbey Larsen
 Tomah High School
 Jeff & Lori Larsen
 UW-Milwaukee, Pre-Dental



Mallory Pierce
 Tomah High School
 Mike & Renee Pierce
 UW-Eau Claire, Nursing



Ariel Rezin
 Tomah High School
 Faye Moseley
 UW-Madison/ UW-Platteville,
 Computer Science



Lexi Wohrab
 Wonewoc-Center High School
 Cory & Kimberly Wohrab
 UW-Baraboo, Health Care



MONROE COUNTY JUNE DAIRY BREAKFAST



Saturday, June 2

Brian Friske—Valley Hill Farm
25635 Morningside Rd., Kendall, WI

Serving starts at 7 a.m. and runs until 11 a.m.

Menu consists of:

Ham & Cheese Omelets	Cheese
Pancakes	Milk
Toast	Coffee
Coffee cake	Culver's Sundaes



\$5 per person • \$3 for ages 6 to 10 • 5 & under free

We will also be having:

Educational Displays	Antique Tractor Displays
Children's Activities	Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
Dairy Farm Viewing	Animal Education Area



Enjoy a fun-filled morning with friends and family as you enjoy a delicious, fresh-made breakfast on a dairy farm!

After your breakfast, enjoy some of the many activities and displays at the Valley Hill Farm!

Some parking will be available on the farm, with more parking available at various Kendall locations with bus shuttles picking you up and dropping you off near the food tent and also delivering you back to your car when ready. Door-to-tent service!

HERE'S A WAY TO CONTROL YOUR COSTS!

Apply for the Central Air Unit Credit

The central air conditioner at your home may be shut off during peak periods of electrical demand via a radio signal emitted from Dairyland Power Cooperative in La Crosse. During those peak periods, your air conditioner may be cycled, 15 minutes on – 15 minutes off, in an effort to lower electrical demand.

The load management equipment installed is not a time clock and control does not occur on a daily basis—only during peak demand periods.

- There is no charge for the load management hardware.
- A \$8 credit will be applied during the months of June, July, and August.
- The credit begins after the load management equipment is installed.

Availability

Available under established rules and regulations for service to central air conditioners of cooperative members subject to the following:

- The air conditioner must be a central system and not a window unit, wall unit, or mini-split system.
- Usage pattern must be such that the load can be cycled, 15 minutes on – 15 minutes off, during peak demand periods.
- Cooperative personnel will be given access to the load management equipment for maintenance and inspection purposes.
- A monthly credit will be paid during the billing months of June, July, and August, when energy usage is 400 kWhs or higher.
- Necessary load management equipment will be installed and maintained by a representative of the cooperative.


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