



## WATCH YOUR OCTOBER BILL FOR YOUR CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND

Oakdale Electric Cooperative members will be experiencing one of the benefits of membership this month when capital credit refunds are applied to all active accounts. Refunds were applied to the October bills, which members should receive around November 1.

Capital credits represent your ownership of this non-profit, member-owned cooperative. Capital credits are created when the cooperative has earnings, income minus expenses. At the end of each year, these earnings are spread proportionately to all active cooperative members according to the amount of money each member spent at Oakdale Electric Cooperative that year.

Capital credits accumulate in an account in each member's name and are paid as a percentage each year. The size of the percentage is determined by Oakdale Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors according to the cooperative's financial condition.

Checks will be issued to those who no longer receive electric service from Oakdale Electric but are still owed capital credits. All current members will see a refund in their October bill.

## DUAL FUEL TESTING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14

Each year, a test of the load management system is conducted for members of the Dual Fuel program. This year, the test will take place on Wednesday, November 14. The electric heat will be turned off at 5 p.m. and will be turned back on starting at 8 p.m., with everyone's electric heat scheduled to be back on by 10 p.m.

The test is done each year to ensure that your backup system to the electric heat is working properly and also to make sure Oakdale Electric Cooperative's load management equipment is working properly. Please check your systems on Wednesday, November 14, during the test times and let us know if you experience any problems. Also, please contact us if you have any questions about the test, the load management equipment, or the Dual Fuel program.



## GOBBLE GOBBLE *Giveaway*

Just complete the drawing ticket below and mail it to Oakdale Electric Cooperative, *or enter online by visiting [www.oakdalerec.com](http://www.oakdalerec.com) and click on Gobble Gobble Giveaway entry*, and you could win a turkey for your holiday dinner.

Five lucky winners will be drawn from all entries received. You may submit up to two entries per family. Drawings will be once a day from November 12–16. There will be one winner per day, with only one winner per family during the drawing period. Turkeys will not be shipped or delivered and must be claimed by December 3, 2018.

Good luck! Hopefully, we'll be calling you soon!

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form to Oakdale Electric Cooperative,  
489 N. Oakwood St., P.O. Box 40, Oakdale, WI 54649.  
The form must be filled out completely to be valid.

# FALL FUN FOR EVERYONE

## at OEC's Member Appreciation Day

Member Appreciation Day is a fall tradition at Oakdale Electric Cooperative. Members are welcomed into the co-op by employees and treated to a pancake breakfast, educational booths and displays, kids' activities, prizes, raffles and giveaways. Thanks to all members who attended this years event! Mark your calendars for Oct. 19, 2019!



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1. Jason Gerke sketched caricatures. 2. The Rowan Family enjoyed a delicious breakfast and each other's company on Saturday, October 13. 3. Maribeth O'Dell explained SmartHub, the co-op's online payment processing system, to a group of interested members. 4. Al Taylor explained the saving benefits of Energy Star products to members. 5. Giant wooden table games were a popular activity. 6. Makenna Linenberg expertly painted faces. 7. Kids had fun diving into the corn pool. 8. Kids experienced a pedal tractor pull with the help from Hustler Booster Club.



1 & 2. Craft Time Studio provided wooden painting projects to members of all ages. 3. Cheri Ness and Kurt Spolum managed the Pick-A-Prize Table. 4. Todd O'Neil discussed the new electric vehicle charging station. 5. LED Lucy passed out gift bags that included jam from Black Bear Fruits. 6, 7 & 8. The Tomah Lions worked hard to cook and serve over 900 meals that included pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, and coffee. 9. Members registered for bill credit drawings after visiting booths.

# TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:

**1.** Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)

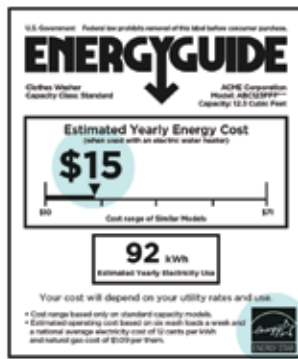


**2.** Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)



That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label. ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance. The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- Once you choose your make and model, compare prices. Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- Recycle or sell your old appliance. Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!



Source: Department of Energy



Are you planning to take advantage of Black Friday prices and purchase some new, energy efficient household appliances? We might be able to make some of those deals even better!

Oakdale Electric Cooperative offers rebates for qualified home energy-efficiency upgrades, including EnergyStar appliances, home heating systems, and energy-efficient lighting.

There's still time to take advantage of this incentive program for 2018, but you'll need to act quickly! Rebates are available through December 21, 2018, or until funds are depleted. Incentive forms.

For a complete list of rebates, go to [www.oakdalerec.com](http://www.oakdalerec.com).

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